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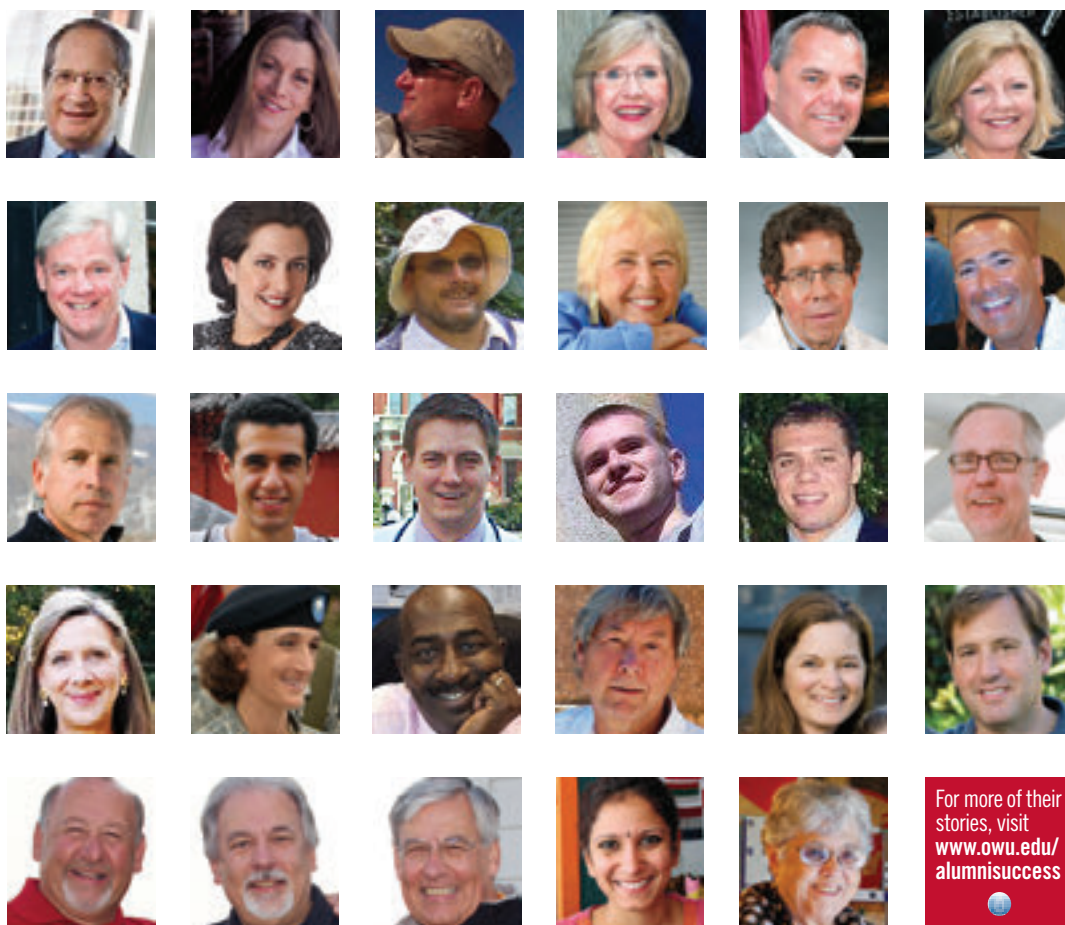
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Stuyvesant Hall at Night

Thanks to the generous support of OWU alumni and friends, Ohio Wesleyan's Stuyvesant Hall—our oldest residential facility—has undergone a 15-month restoration project and was rededicated during Family Weekend 2012. With many new amenities for students, “Stuy” exemplifies the strategic objective of renewing OWU’s residential campus.

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With his passing last June, award-winning jazz trumpeter, composer, and educator Abram Wilson '95, left a legacy of his phenomenal talent, success, and love for music that he shared with the world. Abram's former professor and mentor, Larry Griffin, shares special memories of his student and friend.

Connections That Matter

WE LIVE IN A WORLD OF CONNECTIVITY THAT ONLY A FEW YEARS AGO WOULD HAVE SEEMED TO BE THE STUFF OF SCIENCE

FICTION. When I stand at the foot of the JAYwalk with students waiting to cross Sandusky Street, I hear people talking on their phones to parents at home or friends halfway around the world. I see students looking at handheld devices to check the most recent Facebook posts or the latest weather forecast. On the first day of class this fall, a student on the JAYwalk handed me an iPhone and asked me to point on the campus map to the building where she was due in three minutes for a first period class. We live in a connected world where google is a verb, where tweeting rarely refers to the chirp of a bird, and where being linkedin has nothing to do with the cuffs on your shirt.

On campus, we encourage students to think about the connections that enrich their education. Our curriculum

challenges students to connect theory to practice by complementing classroom learning with real-world experiences. In the general education program, Course Connection networks invite students to take apparently unrelated courses that teach our students to explore complex problems from the perspectives of multiple disciplines. Technology connects students with an unimaginable volume of resources and brings guest lecturers to the OWU classroom from anywhere on the planet.

Connections are critical to our pedagogy and fundamental to the way the lives of our students are ordered. While these connections include the apparently abstract connections of interdisciplinary work in the curriculum and the real-time connections made possible by technology, there still is no substitute for the human connection.

When I visit with OWU alumni across the country, I am reminded over and over again of the impact that occurs when students and faculty are connected in the process

of teaching and learning on the OWU campus. Countless alumni have shared with me stories of particular moments in their student experiences when a professor or staff member spoke directly to them in ways that may have changed the course of their lives. Sometimes it was a word of encouragement, sometimes an admonition, sometimes a challenge, sometimes a suggestion, and sometimes a probing question. In every case, these interactions happened in the context of a relationship between human beings who were connected. I hear stories of equal significance related to the connections that OWU students establish with fellow students. Often, these are relationships that last a lifetime. These are connections that matter.

This year, I am engaged in a series of conversations with OWU alumni, parents, and friends across the country. These conversations are structured around the theme "Connections That Matter." As

we hear again the stories of connections within the OWU family, we have the opportunity to talk about ways to leverage those connections for the advancement of Ohio Wesleyan in the future. We are talking at length about the ways in which OWU alumni can utilize their personal connections to help attract the next generation of talented students to Ohio Wesleyan; about how those same connections can create opportunities for today's students to engage in undergraduate research, internships and apprenticeships, volunteer service, cross-cultural experiences, and global encounters arranged by alumni; and about how connections within the OWU family can generate philanthropic support to advance our mission and help prepare the next generation of moral leaders for a global society.

On campus, we embrace opportunities to share with our students the extraordinary accomplishments of OWU alumni and the ways in which connections with Ohio Wesleyan

prepared them for leadership and service. It is especially gratifying when those stories reflect times in which alumni are able to leverage connections with their alma mater, former professors, and fellow alumni in their professional lives and volunteer commitments.

In this issue of the *Magazine*, we share some of those stories. You will read about alumni from different generations who live in various parts of the world and have devoted their lives to a vast array of professional and personal commitments. They share in common their connections to Ohio Wesleyan University. Many of them speak specifically about how these connections have enriched their lives and advanced their abilities to achieve fulfillment and satisfaction. All of them would agree that these are connections that matter.

As you read their stories, I invite you to think about the connections that define your relationship with Ohio Wesleyan. Who are the people represented in those connections? How have they enriched *your* life? How, in turn, might you leverage the connections

in your life to support the continued advancement of OWU and the education of future generations of students?

In a world that is increasingly connected in ways too numerous to name or number, these are the connections that matter. Thank you for your connection to Ohio Wesleyan, and for all you do to make your connection matter.

Rock Jones

President of Ohio Wesleyan University



Happy Birthday, Ross Art Museum!

Recently celebrating its 10th anniversary of operation at OWU, the Richard M. Ross Art Museum is, in every way, fulfilling its mission: *to provide exhibitions of distinctive quality and content, stewardship, and growth of its permanent collection, and lectures and educational support for the benefit of the University and wider central Ohio community.*

“The primary goal of the Ross Museum is to mount exhibitions and conduct events that directly relate to the curriculum of the fine arts department,” says Justin Kronewetter, director of the museum. To accomplish that goal, he relies heavily on advice from several sources both on and off campus, as well as ongoing input from the museum’s National Board of Advisors, whose members serve three-year terms and attend meetings in the fall and spring of each academic year. “We certainly wouldn’t be where we are today without the board’s generous support and active involvement in almost every phase of our operation.” As Kronewetter reflects on several museum-related accomplishments, he highlights the ways in which he and his staff have been able to interface with the fine arts department and other components of the campus community, whether by maintaining a multifaceted exhibition program or co-hosting events with the admission office for high school counselors and prospective students; mounting exhibitions related to the Sagan National Colloquium themes or providing the locale for dance recitals and alumni events.

“The museum’s ever-expanding collection includes more than 2,500 pieces contributed largely by a broad spectrum of donors,” says Kronewetter. While works on paper comprise the majority of the works in the collection, the mediums of painting, drawing, ceramics, jewelry/metals, and sculpture are also represented. On several previous occasions,



New exhibitions in the Ross Museum are enjoyed by members of the OWU family and surrounding community.



works from the collection have been loaned to museums in Columbus, Oklahoma City, and Yonkers, and galleries at universities such as Denison and Kenyon. “Receiving loan requests is a testament to the quality of the collection,” says Kronewetter. His concerted efforts to attract members of the local community to the Ross Museum during Friday night Main Street Delaware events, by hosting programs for Delaware’s Chamber of Commerce and United Way organizations, and by planning an exhibition in tandem with the Central Ohio Symphony Orchestra, continue to bring new faces into the museum.

“We typically mount 12 feature exhibitions in the museum each year,” says Kronewetter, who also maintains the Alumni Gallery in Mowry Alumni Center and Gallery 2001 in Beeghly Library. This year’s museum exhibitions (a full

listing of exhibitions may be viewed online at ross.owu.edu) include photographs, lithographs, painted wood and painted aluminum sculpture, and mixed media art. The annual senior fine arts exhibition—including a reception with the artists—can be seen each year in the museum. In addition, the museum mounts a summer invitational art quilt exhibition that attracts visitors from near and far. These exhibitions do not, however, just magically appear in the museum or the two satellite galleries. Considerable planning is required far in advance of the mounting of the artwork itself. And the students enrolled in Kronewetter’s gallery practicum class learn valuable skills and mounting techniques while being actively engaged in the installation of each exhibition.

“Students get to handle original artwork and learn about the details that need to be

tended to in order to organize and mount an exhibition,” says Tammy Wallace, first assistant in the Ross Art Museum. Along with Kronewetter and second assistant Stephen Perakis, she is on hand to offer individual assistance to students as needed. “And when they’ve completed their work, the students have good reason to feel a real sense of accomplishment,” says Kronewetter. “During the course of the academic year, students learn to converse with people in a gallery setting – visiting artists, board members, faculty, and others. They get to see and be involved with all of the behind-the-scenes activities that bring an exhibition to life.” For Matthew Turner ’12, enrolling in the gallery course as a freshman opened up a new world of possibilities for the former biology major. During a two-dimensional design class visit to the museum, Justin suggested his possible enrollment in the gallery class, explains Turner. “I joined on the spot and was immediately made to feel that I was part of a team. Being involved with the Ross Art Museum gives students a good idea of the professional side of art.” In the case of Morgan Routson, documents registrar for the museum’s collection, it was “love at first sight” the moment she walked into the Ross Art Museum. A graduate of the Columbus College of Art and Design, Routson’s independent study with a former member of the museum’s National Board of Advisors put her in touch with Kronewetter. She then audited the gallery class while still enrolled at CCAD. After graduating in 2008, Kronewetter hired her to provide much needed help in the museum’s archives. “I’m inspired by Justin—his honesty, drive, and passion for the museum,” says Routson, who hopes to study museum archiving in graduate school.

Having concluded its 10th anniversary, the Ross Art Museum is now fully integrated into campus life and that of the surrounding community.

“We are proud of all that we have accomplished with regard to serving the campus, local, and regional communities,” says Kronewetter. “We need to think about our goals for the future and how we can branch out and even better serve our constituents.”

Pam Besel is Director of Internal Communications and Editor of the OWU Magazine.

OWU Newsbytes

Ohio Wesleyan Captures CASE Awards

Ohio Wesleyan won two Council for Advancement and Support of Education Circle of Excellence Gold Awards, capturing the Overall Category Grand Gold Award in the area of Fundraising Programs for “Rock’s Amazing Race,” a video and social media campaign from 2011 that helped drive end-of-year giving to the Ohio Wesleyan Fund. The entry also won a Gold Award for Creative Use of Technology in the same category. The video also earned a Pride of CASE V District award earlier in the year. Congratulations to the Ohio Wesleyan Fund and Marketing and Communications staffers who collaborated to develop an engaging, cutting-edge video and social media campaign that garnered international recognition.

National Colloquium: FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Ohio Wesleyan’s 2012 Sagan National Colloquium is all about food, as this year’s director, Chris Fink describes. How we interact, change, and are changed by food are core exploration points of the appropriately titled, semester-long colloquium: “Bite! Examining the Mutually Transformative Relationship between People and Food.”

“Just as each bite of food transforms the eater and the eaten, the relationship between people and food also has been demonstrated to be both transformative and reciprocal,” says Fink, who chairs the Department of Health & Human Kinetics at OWU. His research and academic interests include behavior changes in nutrition and health, as well as the relationship between the Mediterranean lifestyle and health behavior. He talks about a strong association between dietary behaviors and many costly diseases, so much so that food has become a major area of emphasis in a wide range of current initiatives—from the ‘Let’s Move’ program launched by first lady Michelle Obama to the recent United Nations high-level meeting of the General Assembly on non-communicable disease prevention. “This focus has developed because of an estimated 60 percent of global mortality attributed to chronic diseases such as cardiovascular disease and diabetes,” says Fink.

For a full listing of colloquium lectures and discussions, visit <http://snc.owu.edu>. The presentations also are scheduled to be streamed online at <http://stream.owu.edu>.



A panel of OWU professors discuss the importance of food at the first Sagan National Colloquium event on September 13.

Welcome, Class of 2016

OHIO WESLEYAN WELCOMED 570 STUDENTS, OWU'S CLASS OF 2016, THE LARGEST INCOMING CLASS IN MORE THAN FIVE YEARS.





STUDENTS
AND FAMILIES
GATHERED
IN PHILLIPS
GLEN FOR
CONVOCATION
—OWU'S 171ST
CEREMONY.



OWU Beefs Up Strength and Conditioning Facilities



THANKS TO A GENEROUS GIFT FROM BOB '59 AND BARBARA MORRILL AND THE HARD WORK OF THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS AND ATHLETICS STAFF MEMBERS, OHIO WESLEYAN STUDENTS HAD ACCESS TO A STATE-OF-THE-ART STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING ROOM BEGINNING THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASSES.

“The strength and conditioning room is the best in the NCAC,” says Athletics Director Roger Ingles. “It has all state-of-the-art equipment and flooring. This room is designed to make our students bigger, faster, and stronger. It will be a major recruiting piece and primary part of every athletic program.”

The new facility has been undergoing renovations since July. “Bob and Barbara Morrill provided funding for painting, new floor, mirrors, equipment, kettle bells, dumb bells, weight plates, and graphics,” notes Ingles. “Buildings

and Grounds provided a new fan ventilation system, lighting, and ceiling restoration. Athletics chipped in with some new equipment purchases and a lot of labor.”

The new strength and conditioning room is located in the basement of Edwards Gymnasium and can be reached via the northwest corner of the basement. Ingles notes that the room is designed for the serious lifter and can be used by anyone with a valid OWU ID and University Athletic Club Membership. All users must bring their ID to gain access to the facility. “This room is a complementary piece to the Welch Fitness Center,” he says. “It has primarily free weights and will balance the pin stack equipment in Welch. It also features some cardio machines, but not to the level of Welch.”

Ericka Kurtz is a freelance writer.



OWU'S NEW FOUNTAIN, A GIFT FROM THE CLASS OF 1962, IS PART OF A LARGER JAYWALK RENEWAL PROJECT. INTENDED TO CREATE A MORE INVITING SPACE FOR PROGRAMMING AND CASUAL GATHERING, THE RENEWAL ALSO WILL FEATURE ENHANCED LIGHTING AND NEW GREEN SPACES FOR SOCIALIZING.

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“What you do should have some utility to society.”

“If I were to offer advice about living a successful life, I would say to do what you’re passionate about and be sure to create a balance. For me, that balance is family.”

“Success is doing something you enjoy that also inspires you and allows you to take care of yourself financially.”

“Success is being gainfully employed in a job where most days, I’m surprised that it’s already noon!”

“Success means being able to do what I love for a career: Learning about nature and teaching others.”

“Working hard and with passion at what you do and making a difference with what you are doing.”

“Life is one big canvas/success to me is adding color—a base and texture within your job, your family, and your life’s actions.

“Success has different measures for people. My measure is when you set and achieve goals and are happy.”

In the end, you’ll have earned the respect of others for your accomplishments and created a vision for family and friends to remember you by, rather than a ‘painting by numbers’ visual.”

“Part of success is personal and professional achievement and happiness—and the ability to do things for others. Between success and failure, success is better, because without it you can’t take care of the other important people in your life.”

“Success is watching folks in my command excel on their own.”

“Success to me is being able to live life fully, generously, creatively, and in the company of those you love.”

“Success is being able and lucky to work with amazing directors, producers, artisans, and actors.”

“A business run well and seeing my kids be successful.”

“Success, for me, changes and evolves constantly as I change;

“At times, success is incremental. It is important to move forward and believe in the transformative power of education.”

“HAVING SELF-AWARENESS OF WHO YOU ARE AND BEING AUTHENTIC.”

in my work environment success cloaked itself with the glory of appreciation from a colleague or an artisan who was grateful to have someone listen to her story. As I grow into

“Enjoying what you do and having true passion for your work every day.”

“SUCCESS IS STANDING ON THE STAGE TO ACCEPT THE 1991 PULITZER PRIZE FOR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING.”

the person I am to be, I can only hope to always do what feels right, and somewhere along the process, know that I can call my journey a successful one.”

“The richest and most successful people are those who are surrounded by friends.”




TOM GOODMAN '76

Founder and CEO, Goodman Media International, Inc.
New York, New York

As founder and CEO of Goodman Media International, Inc., Tom Goodman has worked on publicity campaigns for the launch of three Harry Potter books; the rollout of the Neiman Marcus Christmas Book for 11 years; events for Joe Torre's "Safe at Home" Foundation; and his company's first, bold campaign—unveiling a half-sized model of the British Airways Concorde in Times Square. Goodman founded GMI in 1996 after establishing his reputation as a world-class publicist.

Upon graduating from OWU, Goodman began his career as a reporter-photographer for *The Delaware Gazette*. After a

year in the newspaper business, Goodman shifted gears and moved home to New York to work for J. Walter Thompson, one of the world's largest advertising agencies. Four years later he became a publicist for Peter Jennings and ABC's *World News Tonight*. In 1987, he switched networks and became director of communications at CBS News and later, headed up publicity for the entire network, where he stayed until launching GMI. As a leader in a business that celebrates and promotes stories of success, Goodman's perspective has changed over time.  For more: www.owu.edu/alumnisuccess



WENDIE MALICK '72

Actress/Activist

Thousand Oaks, California

Wendie Malick's extraordinary acting career has its roots in ordinary everyday experiences. "Studying human nature and observing the colorful people in my family like my grandmother, Helen Gucker, have helped immensely," says Malick. Complementing her love for entertaining people is an assortment of Malick's memorable experiences as a fine arts major and theatre minor at OWU, meeting professors who inspired her and long-time friends with whom Malick remains close to this day. The award-winning actress has won Cable ACE awards for Best Actress in a Comedy Series, performing as Judith Tupper Stone in the HBO comedy *Dream On*, and a Golden Globe and two Emmy Award nominations as Best Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series for her work in *Just Shoot Me*. Malick also has starred in several made-for-TV movies. She is currently shooting the fourth season of *Hot in Cleveland*, with co-stars Jane Leeves, Valerie Bertinelli, and Betty White. She also has continued to work in theatre and film including *The American President*, *Adventureland*, and recently, *50-Nothing*. Malick's other passion is animal welfare and our need to better protect and care for animals ... "our teachers and most loyal friends." As national spokesperson for the Humane Society of the United States, Malick also is an outspoken advocate for the preservation of our country's wild horses.

[For more: www.owu.edu/alumnisuccess](http://www.owu.edu/alumnisuccess)

A man in climbing gear, including a white quilted jacket, a tan cap, and sunglasses, stands on a snowy mountain peak. He has his right arm raised in a fist and is holding an ice axe over his left shoulder. The background shows a clear blue sky and distant mountain ranges.

DOUG PIERSON '92

Senior Solution Manager, Microsoft
Mountain Climber
Seattle, Washington

Mountain climbing is a deeply spiritual experience for Doug Pierson. But then, just about everything he has chosen to do during his life—from serving his country as a U.S. Marine to his experiences climbing and joining a mountain search and rescue team—has enlightened him while enabling him to help others. As a Marine, he has served in Iraq twice, Korea, Japan, Kuwait, Qatar, and currently commands a battalion. He shares his pride in having had the opportunity to serve his country for 20 years, but mountaineering is what really challenges Pierson. “You’re constantly checking yourself and the environment. It’s just you and the mountain, testing your skills in a place where you have to rely wholly on yourself and the strength of your team,” he says. In a climbing career that dates back to 1981, he has scaled three of the “seven summits”—the highest mountain on every continent, and leads teams on Washington State’s Mt. Rainier every summer, teaching novice climbers the skills necessary to become climbers in their own right. Pierson’s decision to tackle the “Himalayan giants” began in 2008 with a summit of Mt. Everest, located along the border of Nepal and Tibet. Measuring 29,035 feet high, it is the world’s tallest mountain and is about 60 million years old. Since then, Pierson returned to climb on Ama Dablam (22,467’) and is planning another Everest expedition next year. “Time is fleeting,” he says. “If you believe in yourself and your goals, you should make every effort to achieve those objectives, no matter what or who stands in your way. Never give up.”

 For more: www.owu.edu/alumnisuccess



Left to right: Chris '83, Trish (Doody) Elkind '83, Sue (Goetz) Doody '56, Rick '80 (standing), and Beth Doody Anderson

THE DOODY FAMILY

Entrepreneurs, Restaurateurs
Columbus, Cleveland, Ohio

If there's one thing the Doody family knows, it's entrepreneurship. And it's no surprise, certainly, that the business successes of Sue Goetz Doody '56 rubbed off on her children. As the owner of Lindey's, one of the most iconic restaurants in Columbus, Ohio, Sue has made a name for herself in the restaurant industry over the last 30 years. It is love and respect for people that gives Sue the greatest joy in her work. "For me, success is seeing a business run really well," she says. "And of course the biggest thing is seeing my kids be successful."

And succeed they have. Brothers Rick Doody '80 and Chris Doody '83 co-founded the Bravo Brio restaurant chain in 1992, which now operates more than 100 dining locations in 37 states. Rick is chairman of the chain, and like his mother, he loves working in a "people business." He finds happiness in it, and that's how he has achieved success, he says. "Success is all about enjoying what you do. It's having true passion for your work every single day."

Rick's brother, Chris, served as Chief Operating Officer for Bravo Brio until 2010, when he branched off to open Piada Italian Street Food, a fast, casual Italian eatery in Columbus, Ohio. His role as CEO is a big job, but it's worth it. "Hard work pays off, and success is really a constant evolution," Chris says. "Nothing could be successful without the people that help make it happen."

Rick and Chris' sister, Trish (Doody) Elkind '83, owns PetPeople Stores, selling natural pet food and pet supplies at locations around Ohio. "We want to stand out as a different pet shopping environment. We truly care, and we want that to show," she says of her company. Like the rest of her family, Trish thinks of success as something more than profits recorded. "Success is giving back to others," she says. "It's supporting others so that everyone can learn and grow as a part of what you've built." And that's exactly what the Doody family has done. [For more: www.owu.edu/alumnisuccess](http://www.owu.edu/alumnisuccess)

JONNA GALLO WEPPLER '93

Articles Director, *Family Circle* Magazine
Bronx, New York

As an undergraduate at OWU, Jonna Gallo interned at *Family Circle* Magazine in New York City. Twenty years later, Wepler is the Articles Director at *Family Circle*, where she has worked ever since. Wepler knows this makes her unique: "Twenty years at the same publication makes me an *extremely* rare species in the NYC publishing industry. Seriously." It's no surprise that she's found such success in the world of publishing because she absolutely loves what she does. "My role is all about helping to execute the editor-in-chief's vision for the magazine," she explains. "I produce pages, oversee our technology coverage, connect with other editors, and much more. For me, it's really the best job on the planet." Wepler says OWU prepared her for this dream job in many ways, including the strong journalism curriculum, her mentors, and leadership experience. It all adds up, she says, to make her as successful as she is today. "To me, success means that I managed to get myself gainfully employed in a job where most days I'm surprised that it's already noon, and then I'm surprised again when it's 4 o'clock. The days fly by, which I love. My magazine champions women and families, which has only become more meaningful to me over the years as I started my own family. On our cover by the logo is this phrase: "Where family comes first." For me, being a part of that means everything. Melding a career that was more than I could have ever hoped for with my family life—that's success. The ultimate success, really."

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DR. JEFF NORRIS '94

Teacher, United World Colleges, Conservationist, and Founder, Natural Solutions
Heredia, Costa Rica

What happens when an OWU graduate combines his interests in environmental education, conservation, and teaching? For Jeff Norris, it meant fulfilling his desire to teach biology in another country—Costa Rica—while pursuing his doctorate in ornithology and at the same time continuing to study how nature and ecosystems work. And in Norris' spare time, he runs a company called Natural Solutions, dedicated to environmental education and ecotourism. Norris started the company because of his love of nature and the outdoors and also to help fund necessary field work for his dissertation. He has accomplished all of

that by planning visits for people wanting to reconnect with nature and learn about Costa Rica.

Norris' interest in conservation is inspiring him to develop guidelines for urban development in Costa Rica based on observing birds. There are more species of birds in that country than in all of North America. By looking at species' traits, Norris is determining more specifically how urban development affects them and can thereby develop a predictive framework for the Neotropics.

 For more: www.owu.edu/alumnisuccess



JEAN CARPER '53

Author

Key West, Florida

Trailblazing author Jean Carper, one of the nation's most-respected writers about health and nutrition, is now bringing her expertise to making sense of the number one health and social problem looming on the horizon: the mystery of Alzheimer's disease.

After writing a recent book on ways to prevent Alzheimer's, she is producing and directing a full-length documentary she calls an "unconventional and enlightening portrait of the global phenomenon of Alzheimer's." It strives to understand how old-age cognitive decline or "senility," which used to be regarded as normal aging, has become a frightening worldwide catastrophe—medically, socially, culturally, politically, and economically. The documentary will explain both the failure of drugs to cure Alzheimer's and the recent optimistic groundswell among scientists to explore a healthy lifestyle as the most powerful way to slow and stop the disease. "We hope to alleviate some of the fear and hopelessness that makes Alzheimer's disease so universally terrifying to a world in a panic over the exploding aged population," she says.

As a carrier of the major gene for late-onset Alzheimer's disease, Carper has an intensely personal interest in her topic, and she is happy to say she "just passed a mental and physical fitness exam with the scores of a person who takes the advice of those on the frontlines of nutrition and health seriously." So far, at age 80, she shows no signs of Alzheimer's disease.

For more: www.owu.edu/alumnisuccess



GERALD MARX, M.D. '72

Medical pioneer
Dover, Massachusetts

Gerald Marx, M.D., looks into children's hearts—literally. As a trailblazer in the field of three-dimensional echocardiography, Marx and his team have made it possible for surgeons and other physicians to visualize more clearly the complicated kinds of problems children with congenital heart disease present. Armed with that knowledge, doctors can make more precise decisions about what kinds of interventions are most appropriate and when to make them.

Although Marx practices at the highest levels of medicine and is gratified to see so many of his pediatric cardiology patients go on to live normal lives, he says that some aspects of the American healthcare picture are distressing and disturbing.

“In spite of our socioeconomic advantages as a country, we

still have a relatively high infant mortality rate; we have too many people who have no health insurance; and we have an epidemic of obesity, which contributes to many associated dangerous health conditions,” he says. “In fact, this may be the first generation in recent memory in which parents will outlive their children. Smoking, alcohol, poor nutrition, and obesity continue to be major public health problems.”

With so many challenges facing the medical profession, Marx says his worst difficulty is “not to be usurped by my profession. I'm so fortunate to have been married for 34 years and to have two children. I've enjoyed going to their activities over the years and just being around for them.”

 For more: www.owu.edu/alumnisuccess



Rocco Donnino '84 (right) with Bill Hannigan (center), wellness and health director for the Wounded Warrior Project and Joe Hastings.


ROCCO DONNINO '84

Executive Vice President, AppRiver; Founder and President, Weekend Warriors Northport, New York

“They signed up and went to war on our behalf and now it’s our turn to serve them,” says Rocco Donnino ‘84. He talks about the 22 wounded servicemen and women in the tri-state areas of New York, Connecticut, and New Jersey who, along with their families and community members, attended the Cow Harbor Warrior Weekend festivities. This year, the event took place on September 7-9 along Long Island’s north shore in Northport, New York.

“They had our backs and now we have theirs,” says Donnino. Created to raise funds and awareness for the Wounded Warrior Project, the 3-day weekend includes a welcome parade, four-

mile warrior run, fishing and golf tournaments, adaptive water sports, clam bake, and farewell breakfast. Donnino and his team of volunteers organized the weekend, fundraising opportunities, and corporate sponsorships. As one of the founders of the OWU Friends group that formed after the devastating 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center—just an hour from Donnino’s home—he wanted to schedule the Cow Harbor Warrior Weekend both to honor and thank our wounded soldiers and to remember those who died on that fateful September day.

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FRED BARON '76

Executive Vice President of Feature Production at Twentieth Century Fox
Los Angeles, California

Part of Fred Baron's job involves getting bad news and complaints from any number of people who are involved with the making of a movie—from the studio chairman complaining about a performance, to a producer telling him the star won't come out of his trailer, to the sets being flooded when the Valtă overflowed in Prague for the first time in 200 years. Baron says, "It's a miracle any movie is made!"—with the less-than-glowing opinions of movie critics, the high cost of talent, and the drying up of the DVD market. But then ... there are the times when great scripts, directors, actors and budgets come together, and the eagerly awaited on-set directive, "Action," signals the beginning of a momentous scene and performance. Those are the miraculous moments of Baron's day when he remembers why he was so drawn to the film world.

Baron is responsible for the preparation, production, and delivery of a film so it can be exploited worldwide in all formats. Once a movie script is received, he works with the creative staff, hiring key people—producers, directors, actors, cameramen—and is the studio producer of the film. Baron was producer of the award-winning Cable TV series "Tales from the Crypt." His award-winning work as co-producer with Baz Luhrmann of *Moulin Rouge* (winner of a Golden Globe for Best Picture and PGA's Darryl F. Zanuck Producer of the Year Award) took him to film in Sydney, Australia, for two years, providing what he says was the "ultimate producing experience." Baron has overseen production of feature films including Ridley Scott's *The Day the Earth Stood Still*, *Live Free or Die*, *I Robot*, *Grand Canyon*, *Last of the Mohicans*, and *Romeo and Juliet*.

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Success is how much stronger, smarter, or faster you are than yourself a month ago or a year ago.



Sharif Kronemer '12 (left), London, England, with Guanyi Yang '13 in China



Success is using your own passions to help meet the needs of the world.

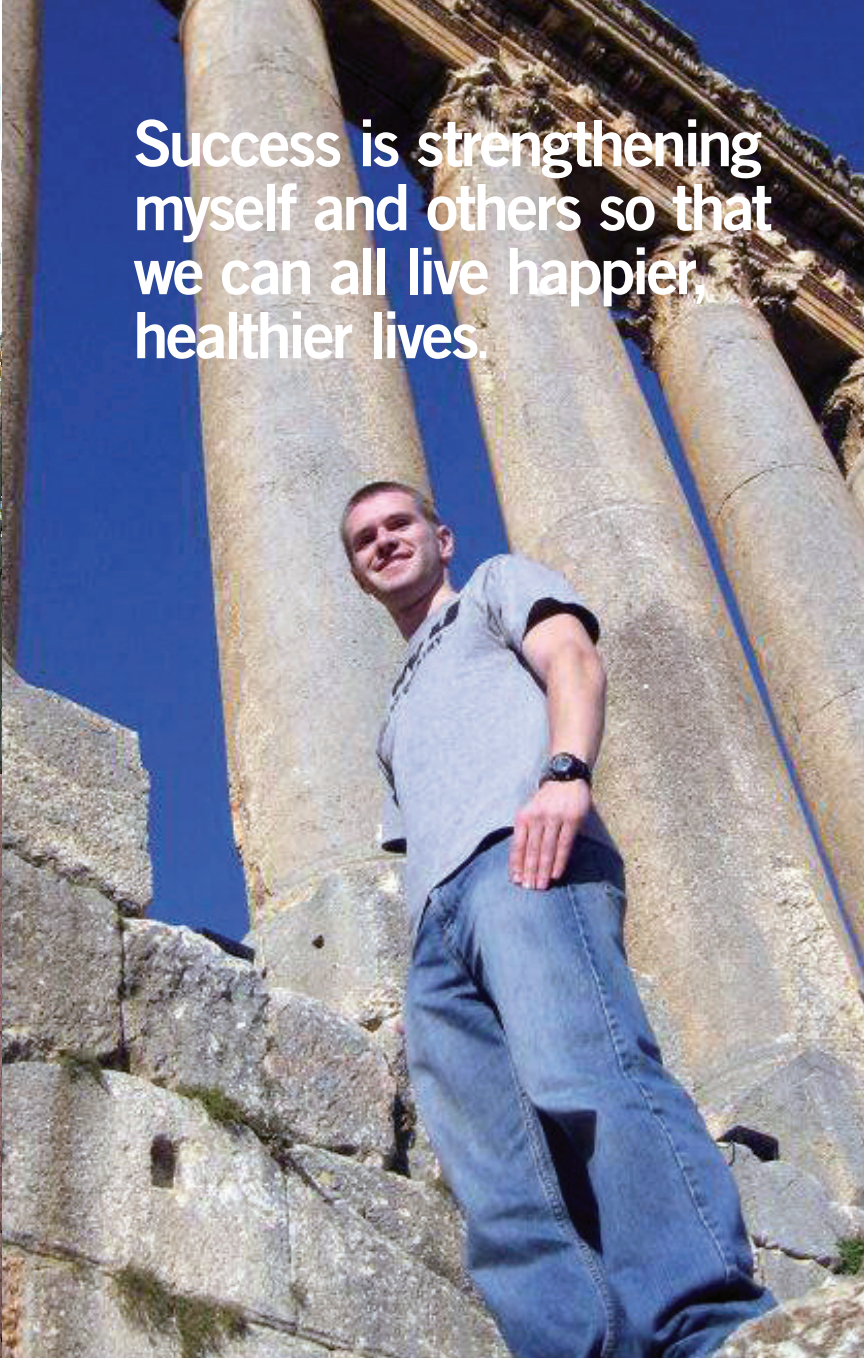
David Gatz '10, Baltimore, Maryland

DON HUNSINGER AWARDEES

A scholar-athlete has an intense drive, a great sense of competition, and a burning desire to be the best in the classroom, in the sports arena, and in the world. Today that same passion continues to fuel four Ohio Wesleyan alumni—all of whom were recipients of the prestigious North Coast Athletic Conference's Don Hunsinger Award—

to achieve success in their lives. While life has taken them down different paths, these former scholar-athletes all still expect excellence of themselves, they all still seek to distinguish themselves, and they all still have a desire to be the best people they can be and make the world a better place.

Success is strengthening myself and others so that we can all live happier, healthier lives.



Kyle Herman '11, Beirut, Lebanon

These were the traits that NCAC administrators and officials sought when identifying Kyle Holliday '09, David Gatz '10, Kyle Herman '11, and Sharif I. Kronemer '12 as winners of the Don Hunsinger Award during their senior years at OWU. The award, named in honor of the former Oberlin College administrator and coach, who had a far-reaching



Success is working as hard as you can to be the best person you can be and influence others.

Kyle Holliday '09, Lewis Center, Ohio

influence on the athletes he coached in a wide variety of sports, recognizes one male senior student-athlete who has distinguished himself throughout his collegiate career in academics, athletics, service, and leadership. The award has been won only by OWU students since its inception in 2009.

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JIM HENKE '76

Vice President of Exhibitions and Curatorial Affairs, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum Cleveland, Ohio

Jim Henke never imagined he would be a curator in a museum. But that was awhile ago during his days as editor of *The Transcript* at OWU. The journalism major from Cleveland always loved rock and roll music and became even more of a fan during the Beatles' invasion of the '60s. It was, however, his writing and attention to detail—skills honed while working on the newspaper and in several OWU classes—that prepared Henke for the professional challenges down the road.

As curator of the seven-floor museum, he oversees everything you see in the Hall of Fame—films, permanent exhibits, temporary exhibits, and interactives. Attracting around 500,000 visitors each year from the United States and 100 countries, the museum has enormous economic impact on the city. Henke's books include biographies of John Lennon, Bob Marley, Jim Morrison, and a history of rock and roll. The Hall of Fame has opened a new library and archives housed at Cuyahoga Community College.

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SUSAN HEADDEN '77

Senior writer and editor/communications consultant, *Education Sector*
Washington, D.C.

Standing on the stage to accept the 1991 Pulitzer Prize for investigative reporting still stands out to Susan Headden '77 as one of her most crystal-clear memories of being “successful” in a very public forum.

“It was the 50th anniversary celebration of the Pulitzer Prize,” Headden recalled, “and they invited all of the past winners to attend. So I’m standing there in front of legends like Norman Mailer, Neil Simon, and John Updike—it was one of those moments, being up there and collecting this prestigious award—that I felt truly successful.”

Headden remembers thinking onstage that three people would be proud of her achievement: her parents and OWU journalism professor Verne Edwards.

“Verne set the highest standards, but he gave us the tools to meet the standards,” Headden recalled fondly. “But all

of my professors at Ohio Wesleyan had that same quality. Lyman Leathers was wonderful. The place elevates you; there were fabulous professors who truly cared about my success. They gave me the confidence to raise my hand and participate, which I really needed.”

Headden’s career led to *U.S. News and World Report*, where she worked for 15 years, first as a writer and eventually as a managing editor. She now works as a communications consultant and senior writer and editor for *Education Sector* in Washington, D.C.

For younger alumni who are still awaiting that first taste of career success, Headden advises, “Be patient. And once you have succeeded, don’t stop. Savor it, but not too long.”

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DEYDRE SMYTH TEYHEN '93

Transitioning from Commander, Public Health Command Region-South, U.S. Army to Deputy Director of Telemedicine and Advanced Technology Research Center, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command Associate Professor, U.S. Army—Baylor University, Doctoral Program in Physical Therapy Frederick, Maryland

During her year in command of the U.S. Army Public Health Command, Lt. Col. Deydre Teyhen grew her unit from a battalion-size organization at a single facility with fewer than 50 members to a brigade-level scientific command with more than 600 members in 11 southeastern states; Puerto Rico; Guantanamo Bay Cuba, and Honduras. The vision of her organization was “to ensure a healthy environment, healthy animals, and healthy people.” Her mission remains constant: to support and help ensure a healthy and fit military, including their families and retirees. Teyhen’s work as a university professor allows her to develop collaborations with more than 20 universities, and she has helped to generate more than \$4 million in research funding

with agencies such as the National Institutes of Health. As Officer in Charge of the physical therapy clinic in Al-Kut, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Teyhen and her team evaluated and treated soldiers with neuromuscular conditions while executing the plan to upgrade the medical facility. Her new assignment in the fall enables her to find ways to fund innovative and important research to help the needs of Army medicine. “Developing new prosthetic arms for soldiers who lose their limbs under fire or placing sensors in the brain to help the injured soldiers control arm movements—these are the kinds of innovations we want to bring our soldiers,” explains Teyhen.


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GREGORY MOORE '76

Journalist and editor of *The Denver Post*
Golden, Colorado

Greg Moore today stands as one of the nation's premier journalists—and he credits Ohio Wesleyan for much of his success. “When I left OWU, I was very confident that I could succeed because the legacy of Ohio Wesleyan journalists was so strong,” he says. “And those journalists came back and talked to us about the world we wanted to enter. [CBS news correspondent and Emmy, Peabody, and Dupont award-winner] Betty Ann Bowser '66 would come and tell us what it was like to cover a war. [Associated Press executive] Larry Heinzerling '67 and others often were on campus sharing their experiences. Our senior seminar would have these journalists for a couple of hours. We could ask them anything we wanted to—and we saw that the training we were getting had led others to very successful careers.”

By the time he left Ohio Wesleyan, Moore already had completed two internships and had several job offers. “I thought I'd have a good career. Maybe not quite as good as I have had, but a rewarding one. I had 16 wonderful years at *The Boston Globe* and, now, 10 years of running a newspaper—*The Denver Post*—in this exciting era of news.” Today, Moore is also co-chair of the Pulitzer Prize Board.  For more: www.owu.edu/alumnisuccess



RICHARD NORTH PATTERSON '68

Author and attorney
Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts

Even though Richard North Patterson had great success with his first short story, his friend, mentor, and colleague Jesse Hill Ford told Patterson he was “a natural novelist.” Given that helpful perspective, Patterson gave up the short story to concentrate on writing novels. Millions of readers throughout the world are happy with his decision.

Patterson is a lawyer, but his books transcend the legal thriller genre. Nuanced, balanced, and compellingly written, Patterson’s novels explore the different points of view that constitute today’s often divisive issues. In a time of shrill rhetoric and the oversimplification of complex controversies, Patterson’s work stands apart because of its essential fairness—and its

assortment of fascinating characters and spellbinding plots.

In his research, Patterson finds articulate proponents of different point of views and those who have intimate knowledge of the subjects about which he writes. His sources have included presidents of the United States and experts of every stripe, including, for his novel *The Spire*, Ohio Wesleyan administration and faculty: David Robbins Hon. '08, Carl Pinkele, Erin Flynn, and Carol Neuman de Vegvar, as well as Delaware police and attorneys—and, as he says, “the wonderful Ohio Wesleyan community ... with whom I so enjoyed working during my tenure as a trustee.” [For more: www.owu.edu/alumnisuccess](http://www.owu.edu/alumnisuccess)



Photo by Chris Keeney

Gay, Lilly, and Steve Grossman

GAY JOHNSON GROSSMAN '88

Wholesale Stationer and Founder, Letters from Lilly Stationery
San Diego, California

OWU college sweethearts Gay and Steve Grossman '87 left Ohio Wesleyan never dreaming their lives would turn out as they did. The Grossmans settled in Cleveland for 16 years, in their dream home and in a city they loved. He specialized in healthcare software; she founded “Notable Expressions,” a retail stationery business. Later she started Letters from Lilly Stationery. They were blessed with daughter Lilly in 1997 and since then have faced a mystery illness that has kept Lilly awake with painful tremors every night of her life since the age of four. In 2005, with wheelchairs and walkers in tow, the family moved to San Diego for a better climate and life for Lilly. Never giving up, Gay, Steve, and Lilly moved forward with

persistence, looking for answers. For a decade, they waited for genome sequencing to be available, knowing it was the only testing that might lead to answers. “We had taken Lilly all over the country, to every specialist ever recommended to us. We were doing everything we could for Lilly,” Gay says. “I wanted her to have her whole genome sequenced; I was hopeful that would provide some answers.” Local alumni proved to be helpful in connecting the Grossmans to research that is key to unlocking Lilly’s genome and turning out to be a move in the right direction for Lilly and her loving parents.

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Left to right: Bob DiBiasio '77, Tony DiBiasio '74, and Dan DiBiasio '71

THE DIBIASIO BROTHERS

Cleveland and Ada, Ohio

From 1967 to 1977, OWU's DiBiasio brothers—one or more of them—were students at the University. Dan '71, Tony '74, and Bob '77, legacies incarnate of Ohio Wesleyan, are quick to share memories of favorite professors and mentors and friends who to this day remain within the DiBiasio family circle. The brothers, natives of Lakewood, Ohio, also share parents who were strong supporters of education and the importance of giving something back to their communities. And each of these OWU alumni has done so, within the higher education, professional sports, and children's mental health arenas. The DiBiasio legacy has continued in recent years, as Tony's son James '12, and Dan's son Michael '10, chose to enroll at OWU. After getting experience at a newspaper in Wyoming, Mike, a journalism major at OWU, decided to blend his love of the outdoors with work on a post-baccalaureate degree in outdoor education at the University of New Hampshire. James, who is finishing up his student teaching requirement this fall at OWU, plans to work in education and coach. He was a four-year starter in baseball and currently is playing for the Battling Bishops football team.

Dan describes an evolutionary process he experienced in deciding to be a college president. "I realized that I could

have a broader impact on the lives of students," he says. Prior to his appointment as Ohio Northern's president in 2011, Dan served as Wilmington College's president for 16 years. "The joys remain constant. I see so many students transformed as they become independent learners." For Tony, having the ability to understand people at the individual, personal level and to help them move forward with their lives empowers his life—and lives of the children and adolescents he treats as a psychotherapist in private practice and during his years as a counselor in the Fairview Park City Schools. Tony is currently an adjunct professor at Baldwin Wallace University. Bob, the youngest, knew early on in his life that he wanted to blend his love for sports and the Cleveland Indians professional baseball team, carefully planning his career journey involving stops at a newspaper in Fremont, Ohio, and earlier connections with the legendary Harry Jones, PR mogul for the Indians. "After Harry retired in 1981, I got his job," says Bob, who recently was promoted to Senior Vice President of Public Affairs. "I learned one of the most important aspects of life is knowing who you are."

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TAAPSI RAMCHANDANI '06

Graduate Student, Syracuse University
Syracuse, New York

Fascinated by what she learned about microfinance in her economic development course at OWU, Taapsi Ramchandani decided to find out more about this opportunity at the grassroots level. So began her post-OWU career journey, starting in Uganda, where she observed the power of documentary film being used to tell the story of people living in a remote community outside of Masaka. Their plight and issues plaguing the villagers—so visual and real when filmed—became “leverages to garner monetary support from NGOs in Kampala,” says Ramchandani, who then decided to return to her home in India for her first job at CNBC-TV18 as a features reporter and producer and later, freelance anchor. Joining a start-up company, MyMela, where online visitors could choose to lend money to artisans whose names were posted on an online loan list, Ramchandani explains how artisans are charged interest, yet lenders get an extra 10% back in the form of MyMela credits, enabling them to purchase handicraft items or re-lend to the artisans. “With MyMela, I married my love for microfinance with my media skills and economics degree to make for a great learning environment. And it is the kind of learning that never ends, as Ramchandani began her first semester as a Ph.D. student in cultural anthropology at Syracuse University.

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JULIA (JUDY) NORRELL '57

Expert on American Southern art
Washington, D.C.

Lobbyist and art collector: two words that don't naturally go together. But Judy Norrell has had success in both realms. The daughter of two members of the United States House of Representatives and a law school graduate in her own right, Norrell was drawn to lobbying for causes as disparate as Title IX and The National Arts Trust Fund. She served as Legislative Director for the National League of Women Voters and as principal of her own government relations firm, among other positions.

Although her business career was varied, her interest in art, especially the art of the American South, was constant. An exhibition catalog published by the McKissick Museum

at the University of South Carolina provides a quote from Norrell's essay, "Going Home to Get My Tombstone," in which she describes herself as "one of those Southerners who loved the South but hated the irrationality, hated the cruelty, hated the ignorance disguised by arrogance, hated the hate."

The art she has collected provides a powerful antidote to those less attractive qualities and helps those who view it understand a particular part of the United States at particular periods of our history. For Norrell, such understanding is an important component of success.

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Foundations of Success: Meet U.A.'s Jeff Long '82

HE ARRIVED IN DELAWARE IN THE FALL OF 1978, A WIDE-EYED, OVERWHELMED FRESHMAN FROM KETTERING, OHIO, AND HE LEFT FOUR YEARS LATER, CONFIDENT, SUCCESSFUL, AND PREPARED FOR THE NEXT STEP ON HIS JOURNEY.

These days, Jeff Long sees wide-eyed, overwhelmed freshmen arrive on the University of Arkansas campus in Fayetteville, and his mission is to make sure they leave four years later just as confident, successful, and prepared for the next step on their journey as he was all those years ago.

“You see the kids the first week of school, and they remind me of me when I first got

to campus,” Long said. “A little overwhelmed, not sure of themselves, trying to find their way. It’s so gratifying to see them graduate four years later and to know that they’re ready for whatever challenges they take on next.”

Long, OWU Class of 1982, is now athletic director and vice chancellor at the University of Arkansas, and the emphasis on academics, leadership, and community service he learned during his years in Delaware forms the foundation of his philosophy at Arkansas.

“Coming from a Division III school, a non-scholarship school, there was always an emphasis at Ohio Wesleyan on developing student-athletes, with an emphasis on academics,” Long said. “We wanted to win, and we had great

success in a lot of sports, but it was always in the context of education and preparing student-athletes to be successful once they graduated.”

Long, who played baseball and football at Ohio Wesleyan, cites long-time Ohio Wesleyan athletics director and golf coach Dick Gordin '52, legendary soccer and lacrosse coach Jay Martin Hon. '08, basketball coach Gene Mehaffey, and football coach Bob Colbert and his younger brother, baseball coach Kevin Colbert—now the Pittsburgh Steelers’ general manager—as being particularly influential for him, along with OWU economics professor Uwe J. Woltemade.

In October 2011, Jeff Long unveiled the University of Arkansas' Athletics Facilities Master Plan, a 10-year plan to renovate or build new athletic facilities for all 19 Razorback sports.



Arkansas competes in the mighty, ultra-competitive Southeastern Conference, which makes Long one of the most powerful men in intercollegiate athletics. But instead of focusing on success in the athletics arena at the expense of all else, he's building a program of tremendous integrity, where young men and women learn the importance of balancing education and athletics, are encouraged to participate in community service, and are prepared to become leaders, not just on the basketball court, football field, and soccer field, but also in the world of business, education, science, finance or whatever field they choose.

"Even at this level, most of our student athletes aren't going to have the opportunity to continue their sport professionally," Long said. "And for the ones who do, their careers aren't going to last forever. So our job is to make sure that when they leave campus, they're as prepared as possible for the challenges they're going to face."

Long's greatest challenge came this past spring when it was revealed that football coach Bobby Petrino, who just months earlier had led the Razorbacks to only the third 11-win season

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in the school's 119-year history, was having an inappropriate relationship with a university employee who may have received preferential treatment from Petrino. Long took decisive action to dismiss the popular Petrino. It was a controversial decision, but in Long's mind one that had to be made to maintain the character and integrity of the football program and the athletic department.

Long said he still receives numerous emails and tweets from fans furious with his decision to move on from Petrino, but difficult decisions are part of the job. And there is no room for compromise when a program is built on integrity, character, and accountability.

That's a lesson Long learned three decades ago at Ohio Wesleyan but remains at the root of his fundamental philosophy.

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—Reuben Frank '82



The Legacy of Coach Jack Fouts '48

coach in 1964 and his teams, particularly in the 1960s and early 70s, enjoyed extraordinary success. From 1967-71, the Bishops were 33-12-1 and won two Ohio Athletic Conference championships. In 1967, Fouts was named NCAA College Division Coach of the Year for Division III, leading the team to an undefeated season. In 1971, he took his team to the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl, with a 9-1 overall record. Fouts moved to Cornell University, where he was the offensive line coach and later became the university's 21st head football coach. While at Cornell, Fouts would win one Ivy League championship. Fouts retired from Cornell in 1993, but would return to coaching the next year, coaching the Graz Giants in Graz, Austria. Fouts married Barbra Greiner and they were married for 35 years.

"Jack Fouts was one of the first people I met at Ohio Wesleyan," says Roger Ingles, athletics director at OWU. "He was passionate about OWU and football. His former players often talked about his drive and competitive nature, but also his compassion for them. Jack was one of the all-time best coaches in Ohio Wesleyan history." Fouts' legacy lives on in the eyes and hearts of family, friends, and those who knew him best.

A former player, Tom Mulligan '71, now athletics director at Hiram College said, "Jack and others on OWU's staff helped me follow my passion and expand my vision into the academic, social, and sports worlds," says the former football Bishop, who also has taught and coached at Oberlin and Marietta Colleges. "His expertise as a football coach motivated people to play the game of football, and his mentorship helped us grow up and prepare for what happened after football. He was great at helping young people come together to see the bigger picture." It was, in fact, his former coach who helped Mulligan begin his career as a graduate assistant at Bowling Green State University and to secure his first job at Hiram. "That's the kind of person he was."

Coach Fouts is greatly missed by his wife, Barbara Fouts; children David Fouts '73, and his wife, Belinda "Binney" Brown Fouts '73; John Fouts '79; Jill Fouts Chappuis '75, and her husband, Rob Chappuis '74; granddaughter Julia Fouts '08; and his beloved grandchildren, step-children, step-grandchildren, and great-grandchild.

MEMBERS OF THE OWU COMMUNITY AND HUNDREDS OF ALUMNI FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO HAVE PLAYED FOOTBALL FOR COACH JACK FOUTS '48 LOST A GREAT TEACHER, MENTOR, AND FRIEND WITH FOUTS' PASSING ON MARCH 1, 2012. Upon high school graduation, Fouts immediately joined the U.S. Navy, V5 Program. He received his aviation cadet training at Milligan College, Tennessee, and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, where he played football, basketball, and baseball. Following his discharge from the Navy, Fouts enrolled at Ohio Wesleyan, where he played football, basketball, and baseball. The former Bishop would later return to his alma mater in 1964 as head football coach and serve in that capacity for 20 years. After graduating from OWU, Fouts married Jeanne Mayer '47, who preceded him in death in 1974, and earned his master's degree at the University of Wisconsin. Fouts began coaching at Kettering Fairmont High School, compiling an overall record of 38-13-3. He then moved to the college level as the line coach for Bowling Green State University. After a season at Bowling Green, Fouts became the offensive line coach at the University of Michigan under Bump Elliot. Fouts returned to Ohio Wesleyan as head

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The following is a listing of OWU alumni events around the country. These events offer alumni, families, and friends opportunities to network with fellow Bishops and to reconnect with OWU near your hometown. To RSVP for an event, please visit <http://community.owu.edu/events> or call (740) 368-3325.

OCTOBER

October 10 — New York, NY

Connections that Matter Tour Event

October 21 — Powell, OH

Columbus Monnett Club

BISHOPS IN SERVICE WEEK

October 16—Columbus, OH

Mid-Ohio Foodbank

October 16—Cleveland, OH

Cleveland Foodbank

October 17—Washington, D.C.

Christ House

October 17—Boston, MA

Greater Boston Food Bank

October 17—Chicago, IL

Greater Chicago Food Depository

October 18—Cincinnati, OH

Freestore Foodbank

October 18—Indianapolis, IN

Gleaners Foodbank

October 20—New York, NY City Harvest

Greenmarket Rescue Union Square

October 20 — Boston, MA

Head of the Charles Regatta

October 20 — Far Hills, NJ

The Hunt

October 20 — Pittsburgh, PA

Tailgate at OWU –v- Carnegie Mellon Football Game

October 21 — Columbus, OH

Columbus Monnett Club

October 26-28 — On Campus

Homecoming 2012

- Men's Soccer Reunion
- Athletic Hall of Fame

- Men's and Women's Swimming Reunion
- Kappa Kappa Gamma Reunion
- SUBA Black Family Reunion
- 1967 Football Reunion Team Reunion
- Chi Phi Reunion Dinner
- Alpha Sigma Phi "Sig Bust"

NOVEMBER

November 11 — On Campus

Golden Bishops Theater Brunch & Matinee

November 15 — Philadelphia, PA

Connections that Matter Tour Event

November 28 — Boston, MA

Boston Holiday Event

November 29 — New York, NY

New York City Holiday Event

DECEMBER

December 4 — Columbus, OH

Central Ohio Holiday Event

December 5 — Chicago, IL

Chicago Holiday Event

December 6 — Washington, D.C.

Washington, D.C. Holiday Event

JANUARY 2013

January 9 — Phoenix, AZ

Connections That Matter Tour Event

January 10 — Tucson, AZ

Connections That Matter Tour Event

January 16 — Houston, TX

Connections That Matter Tour Event

January 17 — Dallas, TX

Connections That Matter Tour Event

January 26 — Cleveland, OH

Biennial Northeast Ohio Snow Ball

If you are interested in coordinating an event in your city, contact the Alumni Relations Office at (740) 368-3325 or e-mail alumni@owu.edu

FEBRUARY

February 7 — Palm Beach, FL

Connections That Matter Tour Event

February 8 — Sarasota, FL

Connections That Matter Tour Event

February 9 — Naples, FL

Connections That Matter Tour Event

MARCH

March 19 — Columbus, OH

Columbus Monnett Club

March 22-24 — On Campus

110th Annual FIJI Pig Dinner

APRIL

April 6 — Columbus, OH

Columbus Monnett Club

April 19-21 — On Campus

9th Annual Phi Delta Theta "Phi Union"

SAVE THE DATE:

25th Cluster Reunion for the classes of 1987, 1988, and 1989 during Homecoming 2013, October 4-6.

For complete event information go to: <http://community.owu.edu/events>

OWU



...CONNECTIONS THAT MATTER

ARE YOU READY FOR ANOTHER “ROCK TOUR?” Join OWU as President Rock Jones hits the road again in the Connections That Matter tour. The kick-off event to the tour was September 6 in Chicago, and there will be many other chances to meet with President Jones throughout the year.

In 2008 when President Jones arrived at Ohio Wesleyan, he embarked on a “Rock Tour” to

engage OWU alumni in meaningful conversation about their hopes and aspirations for their alma mater. In the Connections That Matter tour, OWU alumni will again have the opportunity to share ideas with President Jones.

“Everything we do is about alumni engagement,” says Director of Alumni Relations Brenda DeWitt. “Ohio Wesleyan is a wonderful place due to our alumni and their engagement with their alma mater.

However, we need to do a better job of connecting with alumni at all levels. The Connections That Matter tour is our chance to engage a broad base of alumni and parents; inform them about OWU; and get them excited about the great things that are happening here.”

The new tour is also an opportunity for President Jones to update alumni and parents on the progress that has been made. “We want Rock to be able to convey the momentum that has been generated at OWU during the last four years,” DeWitt says. “There are so many new initiatives that have been put in place, and we now have to get out and tell the story to alumni, families, and friends. This is Rock’s chance to tell alumni what we have done, where we are going, and how we are positioning OWU to hold its rightful place among the nation’s premier liberal arts institutions.”



Golf Outing is Ace for OWU

Ohio Wesleyan continued a tradition when the W Association hosted its 10th Annual Golf Outing in September at NorthStar Golf Club.

THIS YEAR’S GOLF OUTING INCLUDED HONORARY ALUMNI AWARDS FOR DAN ’71, TONY ’74, AND BOB ’77 DIBIASIO.

Emily Winnenberg, assistant director of the Ohio Wesleyan Fund and Team OWU, notes that the golf outing is fun and worthwhile. “It’s a great opportunity to reconnect with former teammates and classmates while supporting our Battling Bishops at the same time,” she says. “The golf outing also is the primary fundraising

event for Team OWU, which provides more than \$200,000 of operating budget income for all 23 varsity sports.”

Winnenberg says that the Golf Outing and Team OWU keep Ohio Wesleyan at the forefront of NCAA Division III athletics by offsetting travel expenses, replacing uniforms, updating equipment and facilities, and helping coaches recruit and retain the top student-athletes in the country.

“The event is a lot of fun,” says Winnenberg.

“NorthStar is a great course; food and drinks are provided, and there are both live and silent auctions. This year, participants were entered to win a 50” TV. Plus, golfers have the chance to get the inside scoop from Director of Athletics, Roger Ingles and other University officers.”

For details about how to get involved with next year’s Golf Outing, contact Winnenberg at (740) 368-3944 or ehwinnenberg@owu.edu.

CLASS NOTES

1949

Lisbeth Jensen Olimpio recently was voted “Citizen of the Year” by the Wakefield, New Hampshire Chamber of Commerce. She is currently chairperson of the board of the Greater Wakefield Resource Center and serves on the Wakefield School Board, having spent 10 years as a representative to the “General Court,” the state legislature.

1961

Donald A. Pierce Jr. was named Michigan “Super Lawyer” by *Law & Politics Magazine* for real estate law (2006, 2007, 2010, 2011). He also was named one of the “Top Lawyers of 2010” by *dbusiness Business Journal*.

1962

Lucinda “Cindy” Hunt-Stowell recently was awarded the Duncan M. Graham Regional Award for Regional Leadership by the Council of Governments of the Central Naugatuck Valley in Connecticut. The award was in recognition of her work with non-profit organizations nationally and locally. Cindy has served on the Board of Directors of Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust among other boards. Cindy also volunteers as an advisor for the Non-profit Assistance Initiative of the Connecticut Community Foundation.

1964

William G. Batchelder served as the 2012 commencement speaker and received an honorary degree from Northeast Ohio Medical University’s College of Medicine. Bill is the speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives and has served for more than 35 years as a member and leader in the Ohio House.

Edward D. Miller recently was appointed to the University of Virginia’s Board of Visitors.



Connecting at Summer Camp

Rick Hopkins '82, John Twombly '81, and Pete Hare '81 all have an affiliation with Camp Keewaydin in Salisbury, Vermont. Hare is the Director of the camp, Hopkins runs the sailing and swimming program, and Twombly's children are campers at Camp Keewaydin. The picture was taken this year at summer camp.

Edward recently retired as chief executive officer of Johns Hopkins Medicine, dean of The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and vice president for medicine. He joined Johns Hopkins in 1994 as a professor and director of the department of anesthesiology and critical care medicine. Prior to that he spent eight years

at Columbia University and 11 years on the faculty of the School of Medicine at the University of Virginia.

1967

Alicia Fenton Peters retired as director of communications from Friends Academy, an



Staying In Touch is an OBU Tradition

Brenda Thompson Kitt '72 (middle) and her husband, Lyle, hosted Carol Chapin Wallace '72 (right) and her husband Bruce, and Joyce MacKinnon '72 (left) in May 2012, at the couple's home in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

independent Quaker school, after 24 years with the school. She took a year off and now works as the editor of special publications for her local newspaper, *TimesReview Newsgroup*. She lives on the North Fork of Long Island.

1968

James C. Carper received the 2012 University of South Carolina's College of Education Research Award in recognition of his sustained record of scholarship. *The Praeger Handbook of Faith-Based Schools* in the United States, co-edited with Thomas C. Hunt of the University of Dayton, was to be published in early September.

Mary Kay Shepston Cloney, a Realtor with RE/MAX Distinctive, has been recognized by Worldwide Who's Who for leadership and excellence in real estate services to clients in the dynamic National Capital area. She has nearly 30 years of experience as one of the most-respected residential experts in Northern Virginia. Mary Kay received the RE/MAX Lifetime Achievement Award, is an inductee of the RE/MAX Hall of

Fame, and is a NVAR Lifetime Top Producer. She previously worked for the Director General of the United Nations in Geneva and for Aerospatiale in Washington D.C.

Scott L. Sattler has been elected to the Planned Parenthood Federation of America's clergy advisory board, reflecting both his 35-year history of active support of Planned Parenthood and his 25-year history as a teacher of Universal Sufism at the national and international levels. He and his wife, Kathy, live in Eureka, California.

1970

Scott Gantt was the recipient of the Parker Palmer "Courage to Teach Award" for 2012. This prestigious award is given by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education for extraordinary accomplishment in medical education. Scott is a professor of medicine at Texas A&M University and director of the teaching fellowship programs in cardiovascular disease and interventional cardiology at Scott & White Memorial Hospital/Texas A&M Health Science

Center in Temple, Texas. He and his wife, Luanne, are proud parents of daughters, A.J. Gantt Shelton '03, and Caitie, who is currently completing patisserie school in Paris, France.

Kevin J. McGinty has been elected to serve on the board of directors of Thermon, an industry leader in the specialized field of heat tracing technology. Kevin currently is a managing director of Peppertree Capital Management, Inc., a private equity fund management firm. Prior to founding Peppertree in January 2000, Kevin served as a managing director of Primus Venture Partners. He received his MBA in finance from Cleveland State University.

1971

Herbert C. Williamson III has been appointed chairman of the board of directors for ZaZa Energy Corporation. Herbert already was serving as an independent director on the ZaZa board and as chairman of the audit committee. Most recently, Herbert served as a consultant to



Alumni from classes of the 1970s gather for their tri-annual gathering in Connecticut.

Petrie Parkman and Company for new business development.

1972

Alex Shumate has been appointed by Ohio Gov. John Kasich to the board of trustees for The Ohio State University to fill the remaining term of Leslie H. Wexner, Limited Brands founder, who stepped down from the board. Alex completed his second term on the board in May 2012. Previously, he served on the board from 1989 to 1998. Alex is a managing partner for North America for the law firm Squire, Sanders & Dempsey.

Mimi Younkins' company, R. Murphy Knives, recently was featured in *The Boston Globe* as one of the state's few remaining knife manufacturers. The company's oyster knife also was recognized by "Cook's Illustrated."

1974

Denny Griffith was a featured artist at the Columbus Art for the Environment event on August 25, 2012. The event offered work for sale that expresses a connection to the environment,

encouraging attendees to think about the environmental issues that matter to them.

A silent auction of the works benefited the Ohio Environmental Council.

Paul M. Kaliner recently was appointed president of Primary Care at American Medical Depot, a national medical supply and equipment distributor servicing hospitals, physicians and the U.S. government. He was previously president/CEO of Delaware Valley Surgical Supply, a regional distributor located in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania.

1975

Bill Goodman has left the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, where he worked for decades on the monthly jobs statistics. Encouraged by favorable reviews of his 1988 play *RE-SUR-REK*, Bill has returned to playwriting and producing. His *Atheist's Paradise*, concerning two college students in very different crises and their aging mentor, a strange faculty figure, opens in Washington, D.C., in November. Details can be found at www.atheistsparadise.com.

1976

David Wetherell recently was named president and COO of Burrill & Company's healthcare venture and related private equity funds. David spent 20 years as a CEO in high-tech, as well as 17 years in venture capital, the last seven of which have been dedicated to biotech and life sciences.

1977

Donna Potoma Bodner has been employed at DFAS, Defense Finance & Accounting Services, as a military pay technician since Jan. 31, 2010. Her primary job function is to review the accuracy of cases to pay retired military personnel retro monies due them because of their disabilities.

Douglas F. Kridler, CEO and president of The Columbus Foundation, recently presented at a conference of the American Public Gardens Association. Since the foundation's inception, grants from donors have totaled over \$1.2 billion, primarily benefiting central Ohio. Prior to joining

the Foundation in February 2002, Doug served as president of Columbus-based, non-profit CAPA, which operates performing arts centers in Columbus, Chicago, and New Haven.

Vicki Wright worked for 22 years as director of the Museum of Art, University of New Hampshire and has since moved to Kalamazoo, Michigan, to serve as director of collections and exhibitions at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts. She has just completed nine years of service on the National Board of Advisors of OWU's Richard M. Ross Art Museum.

1978

Doug Gordin recently was inducted into the Polk County Sports Hall of Fame in Florida. He has been the Florida Southern College men's golf coach for 17 years. His teams have won five NCAA Division II championships. He is a four-time National Coach of the Year and is a member of the Golf Coaches Association of America Hall of Fame and the Florida Southern College Athletics Hall of Fame. Before coming to Florida Southern, Doug was the golf coach at Georgia Southern College for 13 years.

Craig Miller is the co-owner of and therapist with Masterpeace Counseling in Tecumseh, Michigan. For more information, visit www.mpccd.com. He is a national speaker and author of three books and DVDs related to improving self-worth and the expression of emotions in individuals and couples. Find more information at www.feelingsbook.com.

1979

Patrick R. McDonald has been appointed interim chief executive officer of Forest Oil by the company's board of directors. Patrick also will continue to serve as CEO, president, and director of Carbon Natural Gas Company, an oil and gas exploration company, where he has been since April 2003. Patrick is a certified petroleum geologist and is a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists. He received his MBA in finance from New York University.

1980

Mark Zimmerman has been named president and CEO of Itasca Economic Development Corp. Previously, he served as vice president of product management and strategy for SunGard Higher Education in Malvern,



Craig Miller '78

Pennsylvania. Mark received his MBA in finance from George Washington University.

1981

Patrick Miner has been promoted to president of the Weinbrenner Shoe Company. Patrick has been with Weinbrenner since 2002 and most recently served as senior vice president of sales and marketing. Before joining Weinbrenner, he held sales and management positions with Wolverine Worldwide, Acme Boot Co., Nocona Boot Co., and Leegin Leather, where he focused on increasing brand recognition and market expansion. Patrick and his wife, Dottie, recently moved to Wisconsin from Tennessee.

1982

George Pacula-Cox is the owner of IP & Business Law Counseling, LLC, a law firm founded in 2010, which provides legal assistance to companies focused on the development and commercialization of biotechnology, pharmaceutical, and other life sciences products and services.

1983

Chris Doody is the co-founder of Piada Italian Street Food, a fast-casual Italian chain with several restaurants in Central Ohio. The company has plans to expand to Cleveland and Dayton, Ohio.

Ralph W. Kohnen has joined the law firm of Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP as a partner in the litigation department, where he will spearhead the firm's new White Collar Criminal Defense Practice Group. Ralph is a 1986 graduate of the University of Cincinnati Law School and has spent most of his career in the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Ohio.

Charles L. Stinemetz was appointed interim provost at Ohio Wesleyan University on a temporary basis in fall 2011 and will serve as interim provost for the full 2012-2013 academic year. He has served as dean of academic affairs since he joined Ohio Wesleyan in 2006. His accomplishments include serving as co-chair of the group that developed the academic component of the University's institutional strategic plan and

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chair of the OWU Connection curricular plan committee.

1984

Rocco Donnino has founded the non-profit Cow Harbor Warriors in Huntington, New York, to honor and enable U.S. veterans who have been wounded in action during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan or Operation Iraqi Freedom. The organization works in conjunction with the Wounded Warrior Project by advancing its not-for-profit mission to honor and empower those who have suffered combat-related injuries with direct programs that meet the unique needs of our warriors. Learn more at www.cowharborwarriors.com. See profile on page 18.

1987

Tracie A. Winbigler was named executive vice president and chief financial officer of the National Geographic Society, effective August 2012. She will oversee the Society's financial operations as well as its information and technology groups. Tracie worked previously at GE, where she spent 25 years in a wide range of financial roles. She also spent more than five years with NBC Universal, including a stint as executive vice president, finance, and chief financial officer for

NBC Universal Television Group and Digital Media. Tracie lives in Silver Spring, Maryland.

1988

Robert "Bruce" Anderson is an associate professor of political science at Florida Southern College where he joined the faculty in 2010. He is the pre-law advisor. Earlier this year, Bruce was honored with the Miller Distinguished Professor Award, given annually to a Florida Southern professor who has been nominated by his or her colleagues for excellence in teaching, scholarly and creative work, and contributions to the academic life of the college, according to *The Ledger*, a Lakeland, Florida newspaper that recently featured Bruce. Bruce's mother, Virginia Mae Anderson, taught English as a second language at OWU. His father, the late Daniel "Andy" Anderson, was advisor to the campus chapter of Students for Democratic Society in the 1960s and taught philosophy at Ohio Wesleyan.

1989

Rowland "Chip" Bankes has joined Loomis, Sayles & Company as its head of trading, responsible for the management of the company's overall trading capabilities. Chip also oversees the company's equity trading desk in order to fully leverage the firm's global trading footprint. Chip joins Loomis Sayles

from US Trust, Bank of America, where he was most recently the head of fixed income and trading.

1990

Seth Duckworth has been promoted to vice president of sales and marketing at CardPak, a developer and manufacturer of environmentally sustainable packaging. Prior to joining CardPak, Seth served as Tegrant/Alloyd's director of the Midwest.

1992

Kelly Carolyn Gordon has been honored with the Vera Mowry Roberts Award for Research and Publication, presented by the American Theatre and Drama Society. The award recognizes the best essay in a journal or edited collection. Her essay, "Class Act(resses): How Depression-Era Stage Actresses Utilized Conflicting Gender Ideals to Benefit Their Community," was published in *Theatre History Studies*, Volume 31, 2011. Kelly is the vice president for professional development at the Association for Theatre in Higher Education.

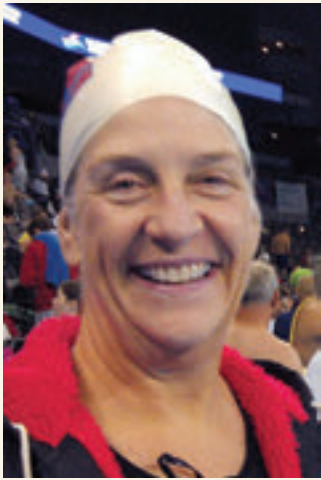
Robert D. Scolaro recently was chosen to serve a three-year term on the Central New York Community Foundation Board of Directors. Robert is a member of the Wladis Law Firm, which

Happy Birthday, Class of 1974 Phi Gams!

Class of '74 members of Phi Gamma Delta celebrate their 60th birthday. They were joined by fraternity brothers from 1973, 1975, 1976, 1977, and 1978 for a summer birthday bash at Progressive Field, where they also enjoyed a Cleveland Indians' game.



From left to right, row 1; Bill Lovino '74 (blue shirt), Greg Wilson '74, Bob DiBiasio '77, Mike Heisler '74, Jim Rees '74, Tony DiBiasio '74, Alan Patterson '74, Scott Wilson '74, Jeff Link '74, Art Hayes '76, Bill Coy '75. Row 2; Peter Poll '74, Bob Dubovec '73, Andy Dunham '75, Hugh Pace '74, Neal Burdge '74, Tim Zorn '74, Rob Chappuls '74, Jim Tauschek '76, Jeff Rundell '73, Bart Katusek '76, Tom Coy '78, Mike Braun '76.



Connie Lindsey '74



Ann Ellsworth Guins '75

Battling Bishop Alums Still Swimming

For at least 20 years, I've been running into my teammate (from the OWU women's swim team) at masters meets. We mostly have seen each other at the YMCA Masters Nationals each year. Her name is Connie Lindsey, class of '74. I was class of '75. Our coach at OWU was Jane Morrison.

This summer we ran into each other in July in Omaha at the 2012 Masters Long Course National Meet. This particular meet (Omaha) was held directly after the Olympic Trials in the same pool that the Trial swimmers had qualified in. That was a thrill for us all, even the most elite Masters who were present!

Connie has "aged up" to the 60-64 age group....I had to compete in Omaha as the oldest in my age group 55-59.....I won't be able to do any meets as a 60-year old in meter pools 'til this January. Connie also competes on a masters women's water polo team!

he joined in 2011. He specializes in counseling clients on all aspects of estate planning and administration, asset preservation for individuals and businesses, and elder law. He received his law degree from Suffolk University Law School, and is licensed to practice law in New York, Florida and Massachusetts.

Kelly Nourse Wesp graduated from Walden University in January 2012 with a PhD in organizational psychology. She is the director of Ohio's Wellness Management and Recovery Coordinating Center of Excellence, a technical assistance center for healthcare organizations.

1993

Richard "James" Dom Dera, a medical doctor, maintains his full-time family medicine practice in Fairlawn, Ohio, and is now the patient-centered medical home medical director for Summa Health System in Akron, Ohio.

1994

Kristina Pfefferle Reilly has been named director of business operations at GroundFloor Media. Kristina joined the company in 2005 as the operations manager. In her new role, she focuses on client service, agency marketing and business development. With more than 17 years of experience in the public relations industry, she previously worked for Metzger Associates in Boulder, Colorado, where she created the company's account services department and eventually oversaw agency operations.

1996

Koritha Mitchell's book *Living with Lynching: African American Lynching Plays, Performance, and Citizenship, 1890-1930*, has been awarded the American Theatre and Drama Society's 2011/2012 Annual book award. The award recognizes outstanding works that expand and challenge the field of American theatre and drama.

Earnest Winston recently was named chief of staff for the New Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools in the Charlotte, North Carolina region. Earnest previously served as the executive coordinator for the district's interim superintendent.

1997

Megan C. Hinton's artwork "Middle Site" was showcased at the Carver Hill Gallery in Rockland, Maine, in July. The work depicts nautical scenes. Megan earned a master's in studio art at New York University.

Adam Rosen has joined Sidney Frank Importing Company, Inc. as its executive vice president, marketing/Jagermeister. In this newly created position, Adam will oversee all marketing initiatives for the Jagermeister brand. Adam began his career at Pernod Ricard and most recently worked at Diageo as group brand director of their Scotch whisky portfolio.

1999

Tom Holman has been named a partner with the firm PwC US's assurance practice. Tom specializes in advising large, multinational clients in the retail, consumer packaged goods, and automotive industries. He repatriated to the San Francisco market in 2011 following a three-year tour in Shanghai, where he

provided accounting and consulting services to both multinationals and Chinese companies seeking an IPO. Tom is a Certified Public Accountant, licensed in California and Missouri.

2000

Denise Sabo Brenner received the Olive McCune Loyalty Award in April 2012. This award was established in 1967 and is presented to an alumna member of Delta Zeta in Ohio who has made a significant contribution to the sorority through her loyalty, interest, and devotion.

2002

Edward Canterbury, a partner of the Florida law firm Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A., has been appointed to assist the Red Cross in Southwest Florida to ensure that the chapter has an appropriate level of fiscal resources to prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies.

2003

Alison Drake has been selected as a 2011 awardee for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Alison is a math teacher in New Orleans, Louisiana. This award is given annually to outstanding K-12 science and math teachers across the country. Winners of this Presidential honor receive a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation and are invited to Washington, D.C., for an awards ceremony.

2005

Kate Palmer recently was recognized by Chicago's *Windy City Times* with its "30 Under

30” award. Kate’s work focuses on the intersections of reproductive justice and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender issues. She has spent the last 10 years working in reproductive healthcare and HIV outreach and education. She is the co-founder of 45 Million Voices, a project to reduce stigma around abortion, as well as the co-founder and co-director of the Chicago Doula Circle. Kate is currently a board member of the Chicago’s Women’s Health Center and the Chicago Abortion Fund.

2007

Stephen Hoskin’s portrait series “omissions” recently was displayed in the Jonathan Ferrara Gallery in New Orleans, Louisiana. This was Stephen’s second solo exhibition at the gallery. Stephen also recently had a solo exhibition at The Ethical Society, St. Louis, and his work was included in the Juried Group Exhibition Irene Rosenzweig 2011 Biennial Exhibition in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He received his master of fine arts from Washington University in St. Louis. Stephen is a visiting professor at Saint Louis University since joining in Fall 2009.

2008

Philip Rademeyer has co-founded an independent theater company called Rust Co-Operative based in Cape Town, South Africa. Find more information at www.rustcooperative.tumblr.com.

2009

Alex Miller has released his second CD, “Chin Up, Buckle Down, & Let Go.” His music can be found on iTunes and Amazon.com.

2010

David Gatz and a fellow first-year student at Johns Hopkins University have developed the Patient Promise project, a grassroots campaign to encourage fellow medical and nursing students, and practicing clinicians, to do what they tell patients to do and lead by example, practicing a healthy lifestyle. They are asking healthcare professionals to sign The Patient Promise. The duo planned to take their campaign to the annual American Medical Association meeting this summer. Learn more at: <http://www.thepatientpromise.org/>

2011

Rachel Spetrino directed her first post-college production at Medina Performing Arts Center in Ohio. She directed “Little Women: The Musical,” which wrapped up its performances in August 2012.

2012

Sharif Kronemer has been selected as the recipient of the 2012 North Coast Athletic Conference Don Hunsinger Award. Sharif was a four-year member of OWU’s cross country, indoor track & field and outdoor track & field teams. The award recognizes a male senior student-athlete who distinguishes himself throughout his college career in academics, athletics, service and leadership.

Travis Wall, a four-year standout on the OWU men’s soccer team, signed a contract in the spring to play in the North American Soccer League for defending-champion Minnesota Stars FC.

Marriages

2001

Elizabeth Shippo married Ryan Yeater on Oct. 29, 2011, in Columbus, Ohio. The couple was joined by several OWU alums on their special day.

2008

Phil Hardymon married Juliana Pernik Hardymon (Washington University in St. Louis ’05) on June 16, 2012, in Columbus Ohio. Phil teaches at Shanahan Middle School in the Olentangy Local School District in Ohio. Juliana works as an administrator at The Ohio State University.

Shannon Hopkins Trenton and Brian Trenton were married on June 30, 2012, at Mentor United Methodist Church in Mentor, Ohio. They were joined by several OWU alums, including Shannon’s Delta Zeta sisters. The couple currently resides in Twinsburg, Ohio.

2008 and 2009

Kate Elwell McNeal ’09 married **Matt McNeal ’08** on June 23, 2012, in Delaware, Ohio.

2009

Amanda Winter Covey and her husband James Covey were married on June 4, 2011.

Amanda Thompson Oliver married Christian Oliver on December 31, 2011, in Greenville, South Carolina. Amanda also graduated from Wake Forest University School of Law in May 2012.



Phil Hardymon '08 and his wife Juliana Pernik Hardymon on their wedding day, June 16, 2012.



Elizabeth Shipp '01 and her husband, Ryan Yeater, on their wedding day, Oct. 29, 2011, joined by (Front row, left to right): Christie Lichliter Alton '62, Bruce Alton '61, Philip Terry '71, Marcy Burgie Terry 2000, Anmarie Sorrentino Shipp '99, Kevin Sayers 2000, Lisa Suarez Sayers 2000, Elizabeth Shipp Yeater '01, Ryan Yeater, Molly Schirner Fortune 2000, Claire Riley Cliche 2000, Jennifer Henretty 2000, Kelly McCarthy Sporer 2000, Blake Miller Putnam 2000, and Colleen Cam Springer '70; (Back row, left to right): Philip Terry '99, Roger Ingles, David Shipp '99, David F. Shipp '66, Laurie McGregor Connor '77, John Morris '70, Faith Baird Carpenter '72, Nancy Shipp Proulx '63, Mark Shipp '70 and Virginia O'Grady Shipp '70.



Shannon Hopkins Trenton '08 on her wedding day, June 30, 2012, with Ohio Wesleyan friends: Row 1 (L-R): McKenzie Kugler '08, Mikaela Ebitz '07, and Julia Singer '09; Row 2: Shannon Hopkins Trenton '08, and Amy Gallagher Shoaf '10; and Row 3: Marisa Wintrow Jones '11, Brenna Ormiston '10, Sophie Rosenthal '12, Anna Kinzer '11, Katie Janca '07, and Josh Curie '08

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Kate Elwell McNeal '09 and her husband, **Matt McNeal '08** on their wedding day, June 23, 2012, joined by many OWU alumni, including: (back row, left to right): **Carly Viera '07**, **Ryan Rozak '08**, **Ryan Jones '08**, **Justin Payne '08**, **Clifford Williams '09**, **Dan Dyer '08**, **Phil Salisbury '07**, **Shannon Delaney '12**, **Brent Pleiman '10**, **Emily Bigelow '08**, **Jason Ramsey '07**, and **Elliot Kaple '08**; (front row, left to right): **Chuck Nider '07**, **Ben Farber '08**, **Jimmy Long '09**, **Megan Quinn Dyer '09**, **Kelly Neff Shoffstall '09**, **Lynne Albers Lees '08**, **Bryce Larson '08**, and **Mary McNeal '13**.

Amanda Thompson Oliver '09 and her husband, **Christian Oliver**, on their wedding day, December 31, 2011, along with many OWU friends (left to right): **Aaron Soltis '10**, **Adam Koorn '10**, **Devon Rayasa '09**, **Annie Worth '10**, **Greg Lewis '10**, **Amanda Zechiel '09**, **Alexandra Pfeister Koorn '10**, **Rebecca Sisson '10**, **Christian Oliver (groom)**, **Amanda Thompson Oliver '09**, **Britton Lombardi '07**, **Kim Leary '09**, **Britt Born '06**, **Elizabeth Doyle '10**, **Kristen Cemate '06**, **Tarenne Ferenchak '09**, **Ben Walkuski '07**, and **Maggie Coleman '09**



Amanda Winter Covey '09 and her husband **James Covey** on June 4, 2011. They are joined by Amanda's Delta Zeta sorority sisters (from left to right): Bridesmaid **Kathryn Seevers '10**, **Mery Kanashiro '10**, **Kate Kriegel '10**, **Julia Singer '09**, **James Covey**, **Amanda Winter Covey '09**, **Abigail Ricica '10**, **Jessica Kyler Brubaker '10**, **Amy Shoaf Gallagher '10**, **Becca Kelly '10**, and **Selby Majewski '10**. In addition, **Jenna Sroka Smith '09** and **Lauren Smith '09** were bridesmaids.



Births

1992

Rebecca Murchland and Dave Lauer (University of Dayton) welcomed their daughter, Isabel Grace Murchland Lauer, on Feb. 13, 2012, in Columbus, Ohio. She weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces, and joins siblings Andrew, Max, and Freya.

1995

Michael Chadd “Elvis” Oxley and his wife, Jennifer, welcomed Maximus Garver Oxley, born May 10, 2012, at a healthy 9 pounds.

1997

Julie Myers Lange and her husband, Jon, welcomed their second child, Sylvia Irene, on Oct. 20, 2011. Four-year-old Elliott is a great

big brother. Julie is a pediatric ophthalmologist at Nationwide Children’s Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. Jon is a Realtor.

2002

Aimee Robson Shadwick and her husband, Beau, welcomed a son, Parker Russell Shadwick, on Dec. 23, 2010. He was 6 pounds, 7 ounces. The couple married on Feb. 29, 2008.

2003

Chris Nida and **Elizabeth Sinclair Nida** welcomed Bennett Allen Nida on February 8, 2012. Bennett was 21 inches long and weighed 7 pounds and 3 ounces. Bennett is the newest member of a family with numerous Ohio Wesleyan alumni, including his great-grandparents, **Mary Ellen Schill Bennett ’49** and the late **William “Tee” Bennett ’50**,

grandmother **Marcia Bennett Sinclair ’74**, uncle **Samuel Sinclair ’07**, and aunt **Meredith Brown ’09**. Chris, Elizabeth, and Bennett reside in Raleigh, North Carolina.

2005

Carrie Williams Schlegel and John Schlegel welcomed “Jack” John William Schlegel on May 11, 2012. He weighed in at 8 pounds, 3 ounces and measured 20 inches in length. He was welcomed by grandparents **Nancy Seiwert Williams ’72** and **Tom Williams ’72**.

In Memoriam

OWU alumni may submit full obituary information for posting online on the myOWU Web site at <http://community.owu.edu>. Please continue to submit your information to our Class Notes Editor, Andrea Strle, at amstrle@owu.edu. This modification of In Memoriam will allow for more comprehensive information sharing.

Alumni

1933

Agnes M. Davis Greene, of Fort Myers, Florida, died on May 3, 2012, at the age of 100. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. Agnes was preceded in death by her father **Walter Wiley Davis 1903**, and brothers **Ritchie G. Davis ’35** and **Walter D. Davis ’39**.

Margaret E. Main Bouic, of Marysville, Ohio, died on April 3, 2012, at the age of 100.

1934

Dorotha Diehlman Keene, of Seattle, Washington, died on May 9, 2012, at the age of 99. She was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.

Virginia Wilkinson Trauger, of Toledo, Ohio, died on May 5, 2012, at the age of 99. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

1935

Anna M. Uncapher Dicke, of Dublin, Ohio, passed away on Aug. 3, 2012, at the age of 97. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority. Anna is survived by her daughter, **Sallie Dicke Cook ’63**.

1936

Nancy Bowman Dukek, of Maplewood, New Jersey, died on June 13, 2012, at the age of 96. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

1937

Margaret E. Hardin Taylor, of Upper Arlington, Ohio, died on May 17, 2012, at the age of 96. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

1939

Louise Reinfried Karle, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, died on June 24, 2012, at the age of 93. She was preceded in death by her husband, **John D. Karle Jr. ’38**, and sister **Harriet Reinfried Vickers ’51**. She is survived by her brother **Daniel Reinfried ’45**, son **John D. Karle III ’63**, daughter **Karen Karle Karch ’65**, and granddaughter **Kara Trenkamp ’92**.

Marilyn Mason Van Scoten, of Lakeland, Florida, died on May 1, 2012, at the age of 94.

1940

C. Margaret “Claudia” Augsburger Ebersbach, of Dayton, Ohio, died on June 11, 2012, at the age of 93. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

Margaret was preceded in death by her sister, **Ruth Augsburger ’42**.

1941

Charlotte Burns Florence, of Eaton, Ohio, died on July 12, 2012, at the age of 92. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Juliet Auman Metcalf, of Merville, Iowa, died on May 6, 2012, at the age of 91. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

1942

Mary Ann Dresbach Gearhart, of Kingston, Ohio, died on May 22, 2012, at the age of 91. Mary was a member of the Delta Gamma sorority.

Norman D. Hummon, of Sante Fe, New Mexico, died on June 10, 2012, at the age of 93. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. Norman is survived by his brother **Serge Hummon ’39** and sister **Janet Hummon Rankin ’42**.

Ralph W. Updegraff, of North Canton, Ohio, died on May 26, 2012, at the age of 92. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

1943

Eleanora “Nonie” Schoonmaker Lee, Richmond, Virginia, died on May 22, 2012, at the age of 90. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority. Eleanora is survived by her daughter, **Penny Lee Speidel ’74**.

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Bunyan S. Wilson, of Ashland, Kentucky, died on June 23, 2012, at the age of 91. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. Bunyan was preceded in death by his sister, **Mary Wilson Dyke '43**.

1944

Robert J. Buxton Sr., of Albuquerque, New Mexico, died on June 27, 2012, at the age of 91. Bob was preceded in death by his wife, **Margaret Hook Buxton '46**.

Kathryn Eagon Fuller, of La Cañada Flintridge, California, died on May 24, 2012, at the age of 89. She is survived by her granddaughter, **Laurel Fuller 2014**.

Kenneth M. Smith, of Brunswick and Pemaquid Harbor, Maine, died on April 26, 2012, at the age of 89. Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents, **Paul E. Smith '17** and **Anna MacGregor Smith '16**. He is survived by his children, **Jeffrey Smith '68** and **Carolyn Smith Toth '71**.

1945

Merlyn Clifford Gilchrest, of Guilderland, New York, died on June 20, 2012, at the age of 88.

Eugena "Terry" Knight Henderson, of Dublin, Ohio, died on Aug. 6, 2012, at the age of 86. She was a member of Chi Omega Sorority.

Robert F. Luther, of Portsmouth, Ohio, passed away on April 14, 2012, at the age of 88. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Mary Lou Cusick Myers, of Decatur, Illinois, died on July 15, 2012, at the age of 89. She was a member of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. Mary Lou is survived by her sister **Gwendolyn Cusick Force '46**.

1946

Esther Mallonn Ash, of Canton, Ohio, passed away on June 5, 2012, at the age of 87. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

Jane Mary Roderick Ballard, of Waverly, Ohio, died on May 19, 2012, at the age of 87. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Susan Lamprey Johnson, of Redding, Connecticut, died on June 14, 2012, at the age of 88. Susan was a member of the Chi Omega sorority.

Jerry M. Lewis Jr., of Dallas, Texas, died on Aug. 5, 2012, at the age of 87. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. Jerry is survived by his son, **Thomas P. Lewis '82**.

Mary E. Keller Miraldi, of Oberlin, Ohio, died on July 29, 2012, at the age of 87. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

Margaret Strauch Seklemian, of Salt Lake City, Utah, died on Nov. 14, 2011.

1947

Eleanor McDevitt Kilroy, of Cincinnati, Ohio, died on July 22, 2012, at the age of 86. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. Eleanor is survived by her brother, **Robert J. McDevitt '51**.

Wilson W. Shaw Jr., of Spokane, Washington, passed away on June 1, 2012, at the age of 88. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Wilson was preceded in death by his sister, **Margaret Shaw Allen '50**.

1948

Elizabeth Grosjean Belden, of Kendal at Oberlin, Ohio, and formerly of Clinton, Connecticut, died on July 4, 2012, at the age of 86. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. Elizabeth was preceded in death by her husband **Richard W. Belden '48**.

Thomas S. Delay, of Jackson, Ohio, died on July 30, 2012, at the age of 89. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Kathleen Woods Loos, of Sarasota, Florida, formerly of Warren, Ohio, died on June 19, 2012, at the age of 86. She was preceded in death by her brothers, **Robert K. Woods '48** and **John H. Woods '49**. She is survived by her brother, **Richard E. Woods '51**.

1949

Samuel M. Beaty, of Columbus, Ohio died on May 28, 2012, at the age of 95. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. Samuel is survived by his daughter, **Marion Beaty Culberson '63**.

Reginald M. Brooks, of Lake Lady, Florida, died on June 8, 2012, at the age of 87. He was a member of Chi Phi fraternity. Reginald is survived by his wife, **Donna Hoolihan Brooks '49**.

Betty Ulmer Brown, of Delaware, Ohio, passed away on July 17, 2012, at the age of 87. She was preceded in death by her husband, **John H. Brown '49**.

George C. Kuestner, of Lakewood, California, died on April 23, 2012, at the age of 88. He was a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. George is survived by his daughter **Joanne Kuestner McSorley '83**.

John S. Meyer, of Delaware, Ohio, died on May 20, 2012, at the age of 88. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. John is survived by his daughters, **Judith Meyer Clancy '74** and **Cynthia Meyer Schlichting '77**, and grandson **Kyle Meyer '13**.

Nancy Norton Sterbenz, of Larchmont, New York, died on June 22, 2012, at the age of 84. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority. Nancy was preceded in death by her husband, **Pat H. Sterbenz '50**.

Alvin L. Tripp, of Plattsburgh, New York, died on Jan. 19, 2012, at the age of 86. He was preceded in death by

his first wife, **Betty Christiansen Tripp '48** from whom he was divorced.

1950

Robert H. "Bob" Colledge, of Palmetto Bay, Florida, passed away on July 19, 2012, at the age of 90. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

1951

Martha McManis Lenc Beyrer, of Grand Junction, Colorado, died on July 15, 2012, at the age of 83. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. She was preceded in death by her parents **Marion Wallace McManis '21** and **Samuel Easton McManis '21**. She is survived by her brother **Charles E. McManis '54** and sister-in-law **Pat Turley McManis '56**.

Sarah "Sally" Roby Stevenson Ventres, of Sante Fe, New Mexico, and formerly of Hopkins and St. Paul, Minnesota, died on June 10, 2012, at the age of 83. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. Sarah was preceded in death by her grandfather, **Richard Taylor Stevenson 1873**, professor emeritus of history and vice president of OWU, father **Richard C. Stevenson 1918**, and mother **Martha Roby Stevenson 1920**.

Jane Ann McKee Wright, of Saginaw, Michigan, passed away on May 7, 2012, at the age of 82.

1952

Herbert A. Tiedemann, of Bellevue, Washington, died on May 19, 2012, at the age of 81. He was a member of Beta Sigma Tau fraternity.

1953

Robert L. Arehart, of Columbus, Ohio, died on April 30, 2012, at the age of 83.

1954

Elizabeth "Betty Jean" Scales Cowden, of Bay Village, Ohio, died June 22, 2012 at the age of 79. Betty was a member of Chi Omega sorority. She is survived by her husband, **William Cowden '54**.

Persis Newhard Snoke, of Wadsworth, Ohio, passed away on Jan. 4, 2012, at the age of 79. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. Persis was preceded in death by her mother **Josephine McCabe Newhard '16** and brother **George "Joe" Newhard '43**. She is survived by sister **Mary Newhard Adams '47**, brother **Horace "Bix" Newhard '52**, daughter **Mary Snoke Dunham '74**, son-in-law **Andy Dunham '75**, son **Joseph W. Snoke '82**, and granddaughter **Hilary Dunham '00**.

1955

Janita O. Riedel Hauk, of Lake Suzy, Florida, died on July 29, 2012, at the age of 79. Janita is survived by her sister, **DaLee Riedel Miller '70**.

Stewart R. Reuter, of Sante Fe, New Mexico, died on July 8, 2012, at the age of 78. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. Stewart is survived by his sister **Ann Reuter Dove '59** and brother-in-law **Michael Dove '58**.

Karen Nelson Schuele, of Chanhassen, Minnesota, died on July 5, 2012, at the age of 78. Karen was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Karl Schuele '55**.

Norm Syler, of Mission Viejo, California, died on April 24, 2012, at the age of 78. He was a member of Beta Sigma Tau fraternity. He was preceded in death by his father **Donald Syler '25**.

1956

Howard D. Blind, of Dover, Ohio, died on June 26, 2012, at the age of 78. He was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

Bonnie Douda Cordes, of Charlotte, North Carolina, died on July 27, 2012, at the age of 77. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She was preceded in death by her sister, **Barbara Douda Baugh '51**.

John L. Hakes, of Naples, Florida, died on May 2, 2012, at the age of 77. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. John is survived by his wife, **Jeanette Lindquist Hakes '56**.

Richard C. McPherson Jr., of Monroeville, Pennsylvania, died on June 21, 2012, at the age of 78. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Richard is survived by his wife, **Suzanne Wylie McPherson '58**.

Catherine Davis Miller, of Cleveland, Ohio died on June 30, 2012, at the age of 78. She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority. Catherine was preceded in death by her parents, **Thoburn Davis '21** and **Dorothy Judkins Davis '21**. She is survived by her son **Brett Miller '87**.

Richard G. Shaffer, Potomac, Maryland, died on July 18, 2012, at the age of 77. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. Dick is survived by his wife, **Barbara Schneider Shaffer '57**, and son, **Russell L. Shaffer '83**.

1957

David L. Cook, of Butler, Pennsylvania, died on May 28, 2012, at the age of 76. David was a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Patricia Nau Crockett, of Evergreen, Colorado, died on July 2, 2012, at the age of 77. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority. She is survived by her husband **David S. Crockett '57**.

Elizabeth "Betty Ann" Gosling Spencer, of

Longwood, Florida, died on May 4, 2012, at the age of 76. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. Elizabeth is survived by her brother, **Arthur W. Gosling '58** and sister-in-law **Carolyn Gass Gosling '58**.

1958

Lee C. Conser, of St. Augustine, Florida, died on July 20, 2012, at the age of 76.

Karin Stohl Shipley, of Ravenna, Ohio, died on July 11, 2012, at the age of 76.

1960

Linda Williams Sheets Bustard, of Davidson, North Carolina, died on July 10, 2012, at the age of 74. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority. Linda is survived by her sister **Patricia Williams Shires '54**.

1962

William K. Albert Jr., of Palm City, Florida, died on July 31, 2012, at the age of 72.

1964

Linda Robey-Holman, of San Francisco, California, died on Aug. 13, 2010, at the age of 68.

1968

Craig Moser, of Garrettsville, Ohio died on July 24, 2012, at the age of 66. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

1969

David E. Cheney, of Marion, Ohio, died on July 13, 2012, at the age of 81.

1970

Phyllis Ann Rose, of Columbus, Ohio, died on May 22, 2012, at the age of 63.

1973

Debra E. Muchleisen Rodriguez, of Garrettsville, Ohio, died on May 2, 2012, at the age of 60.

1974

William A. Akers, of Gordonsville, Virginia, died on May 3, 2012, at the age of 60. William was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Louis R. Wilson, of Wadsworth, Ohio, died on July 29, 2012, at the age of 60.

1977

Robert C. "Cliff" Becotte Jr., of Seaville, New Jersey, died on Feb. 4, 2012, at the age of 57. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Judith Boiman Chrzanowski, of Lexington, Michigan, died on June 4, 2012, at the age of 56.

Scott D. Patton, of Arlington, Virginia, died on July 18, 2012, at the age of 57.

1987

Louis James Corrao Jr., of Kings Mills, Ohio, passed away on Aug. 1, 2012, at the age of 47. He was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

1998

Jeremy L. Ammons, of Sparta, Ohio, died on June 25, 2012, at the age of 36.

2003

Adam S. Keefer, of Etters, Pennsylvania, died on April 25, 2012, at the age of 31. Adam was a member of the Chi Phi fraternity. (We apologize for errors that appeared in Adam's obit in the Summer 2012 magazine.)

2012

Benjamin G. Thomas, of Ohio Township, Pennsylvania, died on May 6, 2012, at the age of 22. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Sympathy

Charlotte Kersbergen Bridges-Brenlove '70 on the loss of three family members. Her father, Jasper Kersbergen, passed away on Aug. 15, 2009, at the age of 89. Her brother, Robert Kersbergen, passed away on Jan. 16, 2010, at the age of 58. Her mother, Anna Kersbergen, passed away on Dec. 15, 2011, at the age of 90.

Karen Wilton Crane '77 for the loss of her brother, Andy Wilton, who passed away on May 11, 2012.

Marion Willis Fletcher '72 for the passing of her husband of 25 years, Bud Fletcher, who died on June 12, 2011.

Sally Smith Jordan '63 for the loss of her husband, Malcom Jordan, on April 6, 2012.

Jacqueline "Jackie" Schaefer Kuhns '98 and **Aaron Kuhns '05** for the passing of their mother and grandmother, Mary Joann Schaefer, on June 3, 2012.

Cynthia Moore Mitchell '61 for the passing of her husband, and **Mary "Beth" Halliday Gath '96** and **John M. Halliday '89** for the loss of their step-father, Lou A. Mitchell, who passed away on June 24, 2012, at the age of 78.

Sandy Schoenfeld Saxton '77 in the loss of her father Walter "Bud" Schoenfeld on June 3, 2012.

Kerry Buckwalter Sophocles '94 and **Kimberlie Buckwalter '91** for the loss of their father, Irel Daniel "Bucky" Buckwalter, who passed away on Aug. 5, 2012, at the age of 66.

Abram Wilson '95: Legacy of Talent and Success



ABRAM WILSON AND HIS TRUMPET NEVER PARTED. It was slung on his back, ready to be put into action at a moment's notice, accompanying him to restaurants, the gym, shopping trips, and, of course, to the bars and clubs. He was determined not to miss an opportunity to play. It was what he loved more than anything.

Wilson was a multi award-winning jazz trumpeter, composer, and educator. Born in Fort Smith, Arkansas, he died at the age of 38 on June 9, 2012, in London, England, after a short battle with cancer. He had married his girlfriend of three years, Jennie Cashman, the day before his death.

News of Wilson's passing has been especially difficult for his mentor and friend, Ohio Wesleyan music professor Larry Griffin. When Wilson was a student, the two often spent time together outside the classroom. Griffin opened up his home to his student, and they often traveled and performed together. They remained in touch over the years. Still, Wilson's death came as a shock.

"He wasn't the typical person you'd meet," Griffin says. "I was impressed with his abilities on the trumpet and just that charisma that I have not seen since. He was very special: a gentle soul, but he was very passionate about his music. Abram said he had one chance to achieve his goal to be a musician. That can be an inspiration to others in whatever disciplines they have decided to pursue.

He lived his dreams."

This fall, Griffin plans to bring Wilson's music back to life in a tribute, including a video presentation of Wilson's performances. "Abram will perform again in Gray Chapel," he says. "That's my goal for this fall. To see Abram walk on that stage again and hear how beautifully he played. I want people to remember his energy, his tenacity, his focus, his passion. I want them to remember that he dreamed the dream and he lived it."

Meanwhile, Wilson's widow, Jennie, is working intently to carry on Wilson's dreams. Along with his family and friends, she established The Abram Wilson Foundation to raise funds to continue his legacy. For Jennie it means finishing her husband's final project, *Philippa*, which celebrates the talented mixed-race classical pianist Philippa Schulyer. It also means continuing to educate children about music, which was Wilson's passion and something he was extremely good at, Jennie says. The campaign ended on August 25, 2012, exceeding its goal of \$16,000 for the foundation.

"When Abram died, it was difficult to think straight," Jennie says. "But one thing I was sure of was carrying on the work we started. We had worked so hard. I was with him for almost every day of the last three years, and I understood what he wanted to do with his music. I felt this couldn't be the end of it. It has to be the beginning."

In addition to completing the *Philippa* project, Jennie plans for the Abram Wilson Foundation to do a music education project. She says Wilson was an extraordinary educator for many children.

"He had an amazing ability to understand what kids need to be inspired by music," she says. "He just loved it. They loved it. He could work with any age group and any ability—kids age three to adults who were professional musicians. That was the wonderful thing about him. You never felt intimidated by him. He made you feel confident in yourself."

Larry Griffin can certainly relate.

"To interact with Abram you had to bring your very best," he says. "He wouldn't tolerate less than that. I was a teacher, but I was also a student. He was a very special person. I celebrated his drive, his energy, his purpose in life to do his very best. He was a student to whom I gave all I had to give. And he took it. He never balked. He never refused to listen. He took it and he developed it into something beautiful. I feel blessed to have experienced Abram Wilson in my life."

While the formal fundraising campaign for The Abram Wilson Foundation has come to a close, you can still help the foundation. Find out more at www.abramwilson.com.

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The Reverend Matty Gates '42: *Living the Dream*

The Rev. Matty Gates and his late wife, Alice.

OUT OF ADVERSITY SPRANG A LIFE VERY WELL LIVED, AS THE REV. MATTY GATES '42 HAS SHOWN HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND MENTORS. It was a Civil War widow who answered a Meridian, Connecticut, newspaper advertisement to take care of a six-month-old orphan. That baby was Matty Gates. He remembers his high school years in Meridian, and how his minister's father, a bishop in the church, introduced the young Matty to Ohio Wesleyan.

"I hadn't even planned to go on to college," says Gates. Money was tight, but once he was on campus living in a small room at the Co-op House, Gates did cooking and housework, later working at the bookstore to earn money for books. Majoring in political science, he became president of the campus YMCA and attended leadership conferences, while developing an interest in the ministry. Gates excelled in his classes and remembers being "tapped" for the

honorary, Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) in Gray Chapel. He found time to be involved with his fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon, as a member of OWU's mixed chorus, and manager of the track & field and football teams.

"I mostly recall the camaraderie of the professors and how they took an interest in their students," says Gates. "OWU gave me leadership skills and opportunities, and national connections, and helped me to build confidence in myself." Enough confidence to move on to Yale Divinity School after OWU to study ministry. Gates eventually had parishes in Derby and then in Naugatuck, Connecticut, followed by New Rochelle, New York. Upon leaving parish work, he became District Superintendent and ultimately retired as Conference Program Director. Along the way, he fought for funding for elderly housing in New Rochelle and was arrested as he protested against apartheid in New York. He was part of the March on Washington, where he witnessed

Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech. On the home front, Gates organized interfaith groups for living room dialogues in homes and in churches. "I thought there ought to be a closer relationship between churches," he says.

Gates admits proudly that he remains an advocate for his alma mater, having sent two sons, Matt Jr. '69 and Clark '70, to Ohio Wesleyan, and encouraged his friend Joyce Nicely Davis '57 to enroll as well. Daughter Melissa Gates attended OWU for two years.

Celebrating his 70th OWU reunion in May, Gates says it was great to be back, although he missed many of his classmates. As a Tower Society member, he believes he is helping to look out for the next generation of students.

"Small gifts also can make a difference in determining whether a student is able to go to college, and I want to help make that difference."