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# THE REAL VALUE OF AN OWU EDUCATION

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**WHEN THE REVEREND ADAM POE,** pastor of William Street Methodist Episcopal Church in Delaware, sought to establish a college in 1842, he wanted to make higher education available in a place and among a people who did not have access to this life-changing experience. Like others on the American frontier, he believed education was essential to the advancement and development of a civil society.

In pursuit of his vision, Adam Poe sought resources for two purposes: 1) to purchase the recently closed Mansion House Hotel (now known as Elliott Hall), and 2) to provide subscriptions, or scholarships. He sought philanthropic support to ensure the new college would be accessible to students whose families did not have the resources to provide for an education.

Among the most cherished founding

principles of Ohio Wesleyan University was the desire to make this education available and affordable for all deserving students, and to do so through the generous philanthropic support of individuals who saw education as critical to the development of their young nation.

Imagine where our country would be, or not be, today absent the visionary leadership of individuals like Adam Poe and the generous response of people like Mary Monnett, one of the first substantial benefactors of our antecedent institutions. Without the foundational commitment to education in the 19th century, would the United States have become the world's leader in industrial innovation in the first half of the 20th century and the world's most powerful democracy in the second half of the 20th century?

Today, we confront many of the same challenges faced by those early pioneers of

higher education. Like our founders, we find ourselves in a time when the cost of educating students in the life-changing model of a residential liberal arts college exceeds the financial resources of many families. And yet Ohio Wesleyan rightly continues to hold to the founding principle that no qualified student should be denied the opportunity of an OWU education because of family resources.

Many factors contribute to the cost of education today. Some of those factors can be influenced in positive ways. We can collaborate with other liberal arts colleges, as we do in the Five Colleges of Ohio (Denison, Kenyon, Oberlin, OWU, Wooster), to develop initiatives where costs are shared and, thus, reduced overall. We can develop greater efficiencies through the use of technology.

But many factors that we cannot fully control also contribute to the cost, and some are directly related to the educational values that we cherish most. Students look for schools with small classes and close student-faculty interaction. These interactions are the hallmark of Ohio Wesleyan, and they are not inexpensive. Indeed, it is in the close interaction of teaching and learning that the real value of an OWU education is found.

Additionally, students and families today need and expect campuses to provide health and counseling services not provided in decades past. Academic support services and services for students with various learning abilities also have become more prevalent. Numerous national studies confirm our experience that many students consider carefully the quality of the facilities on campus. Federal regulations require compliance that demands the time of multiple staff members to file reports not required of previous generations of academic administrators.

All of these factors contribute to increases in the cost of higher education. Meanwhile, students and families often have fewer resources to devote to college financing. While a small amount of debt can be an appropriate component of financing college (I graduated with a student loan approximately equal to the loan on the car I bought when I graduated, and I contend the college education was by far the better and more lasting investment), we must take care not to place students in a position of taking on more debt than they can manage following graduation.

Ohio Wesleyan is deeply concerned



about the cost of higher education and about preserving the value of the residential liberal arts experience. In the past four years, our tuition increases have been the smallest in more than three decades. We have made substantial reductions in administrative expenses. The vast majority of our students receive financial assistance in the form of merit scholarships and financial aid. We are exploring new and innovative ways to function more efficiently without compromising quality. Our investment in The OWU Connection gives students new ways to connect theory to practice in a global context.

As in the 19th century, the challenges faced at Ohio Wesleyan are faced by colleges and universities of our sort across the country. In this issue of the *Ohio Wesleyan Magazine*, we dig in deeply to examine the cost and value of

a college education and our responsibility to provide this education in a way that is affordable and accessible to all deserving students without compromising the value of what we offer. We consider the benefits of the residential liberal arts college, albeit with the costs required to provide such an education. These are complex and weighty matters. I invite your careful reading, your thoughtful reflection, and any wisdom or counsel you would like to share as a result.

Thank you for your abiding interest in Ohio Wesleyan. While we face challenges, we are blessed by rich opportunity to address these challenges in ways that strengthen Ohio Wesleyan and enhance our ability to serve students. To this end, we continue to focus on the development of moral leaders for a global society. And with this focus, we perpetuate the vision of Adam Poe, Mary Monnett, and all those who have given so much in support of Ohio Wesleyan. Thank you for taking your place among those who sustain the enduring legacy of this noble mission.

Rock Jones

*President of Ohio Wesleyan University*



# Weekends to Remember

## SCENES FROM HOMECOMING AND FAMILY WEEKENDS 2013

From Battling Bishop athletic events and tailgates to art exhibits, campus tours, open houses, and faculty presentations, this year's Homecoming and Family Weekends had something for everyone. Most important was the valuable opportunity to catch up with OWU friends—and make new ones!



View OWU's photo galleries of Homecoming and Family Weekends at [magazine.owu.edu/owuweekends](http://magazine.owu.edu/owuweekends)

## Rare Reunion

The OWU presidential foursome including Rock Jones, and former presidents Tom Wenzlau '50, David Warren Hon. '93, and Tom Courtice Hon. '04, along with their spouses, were on campus during Homecoming Weekend 2013, as all attended the memorial service for Frazier '37 and Marion Hubbart '36 Shipp in Gray Chapel. *The Magazine* asked each member of the "quartet" to share a few thoughts about this momentous occasion.

**Tom Wenzlau:** It is always a pleasure to come back to the Ohio Wesleyan campus, and especially when there was an opportunity to renew acquaintances with my three presidential colleagues during Homecoming Weekend. I appreciate the wonderful progress at OWU with the buildings, athletic playing fields, and curricular initiatives. Those who are responsible should be highly commended.

Dr. Tom Wenzlau '50  
*President, 1969-84*

**David Warren:** The meeting of this OWU presidential quartet brought to mind the recently published history, *The Presidents Club*, by Nancy Gibbs and Michael Duffy. This study examined the unique but shared experiences that joined former and current presidents of the United States: the responsibility and authority, the leadership and the loneliness, the assistance to one another, and the common commitment to the nation, which bound them together over time.

The four of us have functioned informally as the Presidents Club of OWU. The combined years of our presidential service spanned from 1968 to the present. During these six decades, OWU has continued to progress during periods of international war and peace, economic decline and growth, and student protest and service. The constant



*Presidential families, left to right: Lisa Schweitzer Courtice Hon. '04, Tom Courtice Hon. '04, Nancy Allen Wenzlau '50, Tom Wenzlau '50, David Warren Hon. '93, Ellen Warren Hon. '93, Melissa Loller Jones, and Rock Jones.*

thread that runs through these years is our shared presidential pursuit of the University's high mission and common cause, the steadfast contribution of the Board of Trustees, the loyalty of the alumni, the idealism and energy of the students, and the enduring commitment of the faculty to inspired teaching and research.

As four presidents, we have been blessed with the opportunity to serve and lead Ohio Wesleyan University as the premier institution of its kind in America.

Dr. David L. Warren  
*President, 1984-93*

**Tom Courtice:** Lisa and I always feel a deep sense of attachment to Ohio Wesleyan. Visits to the campus, like that which Rock hosted during Homecoming Weekend, only help to cement that feeling, but this visit had the added dimension of seeing and being with special friends: Presidents Jones, Warren, Wenzlau, and their spouses. My bottom-line reflection focused on the 'established permanence' of Ohio Wesleyan. Each of the presidencies represented by the years of our service, differs by circumstance, challenges, and demands. Leadership will continue to change at this wonderful institution, but the University

continues as a permanent experience to past and future generations of students and their presidents. As one of these past presidents, I feel privileged to have held "OWU" for a few moments during the ongoing establishment of its permanent history.

Dr. Thomas Courtice  
*President, 1994-2004*

**Rock Jones:** It was a special treat to be joined by former Presidents Wenzlau, Warren, and Courtice in Gray Chapel for the service celebrating the lives of Frazier '37 and Marion Hubbart '36 Shipp. Each of these men served Ohio Wesleyan with great distinction. Each of them has been a source of tremendous support and of wise counsel to me. Today we build on the legacy of their leadership and the accomplishments of their respective tenures.

Dr. Rock Jones  
*President, 2008-*



## OWU Receives Preservation Merit Award for Stuyvesant Hall Restoration

OWU's Stuyvesant Hall renovation work has caught the eye of folks at the Ohio Historical Society, whose Historic Preservation Office awarded OWU a 2013 Preservation Merit Award for excellence in the restoration of OWU's oldest residential facility.

"The 15-month, \$14-million renovation of Stuyvesant Hall would not have been possible without the support of generous donors or without the tireless work and dedication of our esteemed partners," says OWU President Rock Jones, referring to Schooley Caldwell Associates, Lincoln Construction, and Susan Fuller McDonough '74, architectural consultant for the project. As part of the renovation process, Ohio Wesleyan's plans were certified by the Ohio Historic Preservation Office and the National Park Service, ensuring that they met the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. The University registered the completed project with the U.S. Green Building Council and has since earned its Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Certification.



## Slow Growth Trend for Economy

Sink, swim, or tread water? That was the question posed to a team of economic experts presenting their views at Ohio Wesleyan's 2014 Economic Outlook Conference in November. The panel featured Edward S. Knotek II of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland; Jim Newton of Economic Perspectives Inc.; Ian Sheldon from The Ohio State University; and moderator Goran Skosples from Ohio Wesleyan. They agreed about slow growth

for the economy over the coming year, adding in their thoughts about the current regional, national, and local economies. Sheldon cited a 3.6 percent growth for world output, adding that emerging and developing economies will account for much of this growth. Knotek noted that the housing market is on the mend and that the U.S. economy is "picking up the pace of gross domestic product growth, labor markets are experiencing ongoing improvements, and

inflation is projected to be low but will rise gradually over time." Locally, Newton added that there hasn't been much change in the economy. He predicts that Ohio's economy will increase by a few tenths of a percent during the coming year. To view this event in its entirety, go to <http://stream.owu.edu>



Panelists for the 2014 Economic Outlook Conference discussed what is in store for the economy in the coming year.



Order of Omega presented the David Hamilton Smith Award for Outstanding Greek Alumni Contribution to Mark Shipps '70. He is congratulated by his Phi Delta Theta brothers John Wainwright, Quang Nguyen, Nazar Zhdan, Tim Alford, George Newcomb, Alex Briggs, Mark Shipps '70, Jim Mendenhall '73, Kevin Chung, Anthony Fischer, and Brandon Marker.



## Celebrating Greek Life on Heritage Day

On November 13, this year's Heritage Day commemorated the many contributions that OWU's Greek community has made through the years. "Not Four Years, But for Life: Celebrating 160 Years of Greek Life" highlighted events, alumni, and chapters that have been a source of community, service, and leadership strength for OWU. Components of this year's celebration were a poster contest offering all active chapters an opportunity to share their history. The afternoon "Seek the Greeks" competition enabled teams to match participating alumni with their accomplishments and Greek affiliation. The evening featured a "Review of the Decades" and spotlighted Greek history and achievements from the 1850s to today. The Order of Omega then presented the David Hamilton Smith Award for Outstanding Greek Alumni Contribution to Mark Shipps '70.

For more information about Heritage Day 2013, visit <http://heritageday.owu.edu>

## Accounting Accolades for Students

For the second consecutive year, Ohio Wesleyan was represented in the AICPA Accounting Competition semi-finals. OWU's team, one of 14 teams nationwide in the running, were the "Dream Chasers" and included junior Steven Uhler, junior Joshua Townsend, senior Elli Creigh, and sophomore Roger Skidmore. Advising the group was Justin Breidenbach, assistant professor of accounting.

"This is a case-study competition in which students are assessed on their technical skills along with the ability to communicate accounting and financial issues and solutions," says Breidenbach. "I'm always looking for opportunities to discover what areas of accounting students truly have a passion for, and this competition has served as one vehicle among many to assist in getting students to think about accounting as a profession and their future careers as accountants or related professionals." The only team from Ohio to make the semi-finals, the Dream Chasers submitted a six-minute contest video in mid-November that involved solving a case study relating to personal financial and tax planning. The three teams with the highest-scoring videos were invited to Washington to present their final projects during a three-day competition.

The OWU team did not advance to the finals but Breidenbach says he looks forward to reviewing the judges' comments about the team's project and to compete next year.



Advancement team members Brenda DeWitt, Julia Prince Hatfield '06, Emily Roudebush, and Colleen Garland participated in the "Seek the Greeks" competition, identifying notable alumni and their affiliations.

## Mailbox

Please send your Mailbox letters to [magazine.owu.edu](mailto:magazine.owu.edu) or [pdbesel@owu.edu](mailto:pdbesel@owu.edu)

I think the fall edition of the *Magazine* is one of its best editions. The “Building Extraordinary Lives” section, with its layout and the historical sequence of OWU buildings is just outstanding. The Civil War piece is also good. I will keep this issue in my bookcase permanently.

p.s. I also noticed that the introductory page to “Building Extraordinary Lives” cites Merrick-related experiences of Arden Veley ’65. I had a similar experience in that building’s lecture hall with Professor Tillman. He took us on field trips in Central Ohio to see outcroppings. I’m glad that Merrick will be restored.

James Russell ’65  
*Glencoe, Illinois*

The article on “The Price of Economic Strife” in the fall *Ohio Wesleyan Magazine* hit home for me. I wanted to let OWU and Ms. Amanda Zechiel ’09 know it was the encouragement I needed to keep believing and moving forward. Thank you for giving me the hope I needed. It came at just the right time.

Brittany Wise ’13  
*Johnstown, Ohio*

I have just read the fall edition of the *OWU Magazine* cover to cover. It is extraordinary. The editor and her outstanding staff deserve the highest credit and congratulations. Thank you.

Raymond M. “Skip” Cheseldine ’50  
*Bonita Springs, Florida*

I think your fall issue is excellent! The layout is very attractive. I took advanced Spanish literature classes in Merrick Hall and was interested to see it is being preserved and upgraded.

Also, “Debates and Drills” is a fascinating story, and I was interested to learn that Delaware

County hosted a training camp for black soldiers. It’s also interesting to me that the split in the UMC was not healed until 1939, a long time after the war. While I was at Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston after graduating from OWU, we produced a simulated TV documentary on the 1939 merger conference when the three branches of the church reunited. I played Ernest Fremont Tittle, the progressive pastor of First UMC Evanston. I believe Bishop Herbert Welch was a prominent figure in that unification conference. Thanks again for a great issue!

John Kraps ’02  
*Champaign, Illinois*

The honest truth about my first emotion upon walking into Thomson Hall on Sunday, Sept. 8, 1974? A sinking feeling.

My parents behind me, I glanced into the first dorm room I saw. It was empty, save for two beds and the built-in furniture, and the light blue cinder block walls struck me as spartan and spare. More of the truth?

I met my roommate, Margo, just a few short minutes later, in room 225, and never gave those cinder block walls a second thought. In fact, Margo flashed the exact same genuinely heartwarming smile when she met me at the Atlanta airport recently as she had that Sunday afternoon on our first day at Ohio Wesleyan. My good friend Amy and I, flying in from Burlington, Vermont, received the same heartwarming smile from former dormmate Erica, in the Atlanta airport.

And then, within the hour, Karen arrived in Atlanta, treating us to the same warm grin as when she met the four of us on the second floor of Thomson Hall nearly 40 years ago.

The five of us have celebrated our 30th, 40th, 50th, and now 57th birthdays with long weekend get-together gatherings in Martha’s Vineyard, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, and, most recently, northwest Georgia, basing our choice simply on what we can make work.

And each time it seems to get easier for each of us to cast aside practicality and responsibility and travel from our homes - Los Angeles; Washington, D.C.; Burlington, VT; and Atlanta

and make the magic happen.

Because it truly is magic. It’s as if we haven’t been apart, Margo commented just hours into our first day together. Like the first hall meeting was a month ago...not a lifetime ago!

As if we haven’t spent nearly four decades nurturing marriages, children, careers, and maturing parents. As if we haven’t had long lapses of losing touch, with an annual holiday greeting the only reassurance we were still in each other’s thoughts.

A few days before our long-planned event, I yielded to practicality and stayed home from work, feeling worn out and germy. A day later, at the end of the work day, I folded into my couch and gave into the plague of a chest cold. My husband, genuinely concerned, asked me the next evening if I was still leaving the next morning for Atlanta, as he listened to my bouts of coughing.

Even in my chills and fever state, I turned my bleary eyes to him in question. “Am I WHAT?” I asked. I was 24 hours into an antibiotic, and while I had no appetite and sounded awful, I was getting on that plane.

Tim chuckled. And more importantly, Margo, Amy, Erica, and Karen brushed my concerns aside and tucked me into Margo’s car for our ride to our vacation rental.

My OWU friends are, truly, lifelong friends who I can laugh with over my failed geology exam, our dates for the fraternity formals, the guts and glories of raising our children into adults, and commiserate and laugh with over the curve balls life has thrown us.

We were, the five of us, fairly randomly placed on the second floor of Thomson Hall back in 1974. We learned so much together that year.

We laugh so much now. Life just doesn’t get much better, aside from being with family, than a weekend with true lifelong friends.

My 88-year-old mother’s comment to me, when I chatted with her about the reunion a few days later, was succinct. “Where are you meeting next year?” she asked, with the wisdom of one who knows life can change on a dime.

Where, indeed?

Emily Guziak ’78  
*Essex Junction, Vermont*



## Educating Tomorrow's Teachers

CONNECTING THEORY TO PRACTICE IS FIRMLY ROOTED IN OWU'S HISTORY. Students know that an education at Ohio Wesleyan begins and ends with myriad opportunities to apply classroom learning to real life. No one knows the value of this model better than teachers. A steady mix of on-campus learning and student teaching experience can make a huge difference in teachers' overall success and the success of the children who learn from them.

Now, with a generous gift from Mary Carol Creswell '54 Short and Jack Eugene Short '55, students in OWU's teacher education program will be even better positioned to meet the increasing demands of tomorrow's classroom.

Two years ago, the Xenia, Ohio, couple approached OWU officials with plans to give back to the University they love. Mrs. Short had studied elementary education at OWU,

and the Shorts had become troubled by the low ranking of American schools compared to those in other developed nations. The couple created a \$100,000 endowment to support new initiatives in the University's education department. As part of this gift, a multimedia lab for use by education majors—the Short Family Multimedia Lab—has been created.

The family's OWU legacy dates back nearly a century on Mrs. Short's side. "My mother, Grace Thomas Creswell, was in the Class of 1918," says Mrs. Short. Other legacies include Thomas Creswell Short '81, Melissa Short de Cordova '82, Noel de Cordova '80, and Katherine Sandin Eckerson '78. "And the most recent was my niece, Abby Miller, who graduated in 2010." Mrs. Short says the legacy spanning four generations motivated their decision to establish the endowment. Located in Phillips Hall, the state-of-the-art lab gives students even more

access to the newest methods and technologies in education and is equipped to help with performance-based assessment of student-teachers designed to determine whether the student is ready for the job.

Because the quality of instruction is so closely tied to student learning outcomes, the Shorts' gift goes even deeper by financing opportunities for faculty members to add innovative methods and techniques to their pedagogical tool box. "We wanted to invest in ways to enhance OWU's already impressive program for future teachers," says Mrs. Short.

At the dedication ceremony on October 7, she spoke for them both; Jack passed away just a few days later. "Our hope for OWU is that it will become the most sought-after place for teacher preparation in the state of Ohio."

*Mary Cavanaugh Thompson '84*

## THE TOWER SOCIETY OPPORTUNITY

### Give Monthly- and Conveniently



**Colleen Byers '07** remembers how she so often would forget to send her donations to OWU. Work and other commitments and an underlying thought that perhaps her lower gift amount just wasn't

enough contributed to Byers' inconsistent giving patterns until she learned of an automatic monthly program.

"I can designate weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly giving schedules and budget more accurately," says Byers, who works in the development office at Oberlin College. "It's important for me to give back to Ohio Wesleyan, and this opportunity makes it easier." It is especially appealing to younger alumni.

"Many donors, especially younger donors, enjoy the convenience of giving monthly," explains Colleen Garland, vice president for university advancement. "It breaks down the amount into smaller chunks and it offers the convenience of happening automatically so the donor doesn't have to remember to write a check. Much like employees who give through payroll deduction for the OWU Fund or United Way, many people choose this for convenience."

Byers' many fond memories of OWU—her work in residential life, student government, the Columbus Initiative, and of friends and professors will stay with her forever.

"I want to give other OWU students the opportunity to build their own experiences and memories at Ohio Wesleyan," says Byers.

For more information about OWU's monthly giving plan, contact us at [owfund@owu.edu](mailto:owfund@owu.edu).



*Ken '77 and Judy White '77 Sternad*

## The Sternad Family Legacy

### *Caring, giving, supportive*

These are words that best describe the Sternad family's connection to Ohio Wesleyan, and words Ken Sternad '77 uses to describe his father, the late George Sternad '48.

"Dad always inspired me with his ongoing involvement at OWU," says Ken. "His was an easy example to follow." Follow he did, and then some, as the younger Sternad, wife, Judy White Sternad '77, and his sister, Pookie Sternad '79 Hotz, filed into the OWU legacy rank. Ken took full advantage of all that Ohio Wesleyan offered academically, with a double major in journalism and politics and government and a minor in economics. He remembers being inspired by professors such as Arthur Petersen, Corinne Lyman, and Verne Edwards. Ken's involvement with FIJI taught him about responsibility, academic success, and the importance of service and enduring friendship.

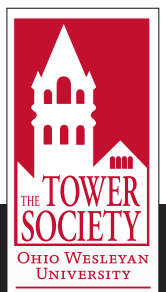
After college, Ken worked as a reporter and then moved to the UPS communications department, where he eventually became vice president of external communications and president of the UPS Foundation. He retired just last year from UPS after 35

successful years of service that he attributes to Ohio Wesleyan.

"I've stayed connected to OWU by being active in Atlanta alumni events, with the A/PART program at OWU, and by co-chairing the Ohio Wesleyan Fund's campaign for the Class of 1977 over the past 10 years," says Ken, who joined the President's Circle last year. Through the family-established Sternad Family Scholarship Endowment Fund, incoming freshmen, preferably from Connecticut and the Tri-State area where George once helped with recruitment, may be eligible for scholarship funds. Thinking about their own future led the Sternads to consider the Tower Society.

Becoming a member of the Tower Society "just made sense to me," Ken says. "I want to leave our estate to philanthropic causes, and the Tower Society provides a way to make a commitment, no matter how small."

Ken's dedication to OWU is no secret. "Ohio Wesleyan has made me who I am today."



Juan Armando Rojas

## *Sangre Mia/Blood of Mine: Poetry of Border Violence, Gender and Identity in Ciudad Juarez*

The 1997 murder of his cousin, María, in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, was a call to action for Juan Armando Rojas, OWU's chair of modern foreign languages. On a Sunday evening in August, drug traffickers opened fire in a restaurant, executing their target and massacring nearly 20 bystanders, one of whom was María Eugenia Martínez. At the time, Rojas was completing his master's degree in the same border city, located just two miles from El Paso, Texas. His cousin's death inspired Rojas to focus his work as a poet on speaking out against the violence in his hometown, considered by many to be the murder capital of the world.

"I wasn't yet writing about border violence, gender, and identity until I realized that, as an author, I had a literary responsibility to chant against violence and social injustice," recalls Rojas.

With his wife as coeditor, Rojas has published

a new book, *Sangre Mia / Blood of Mine: Poetry of Border Violence, Gender and Identity in Ciudad Juárez*. The paperback is a collection of works by more than 50 artists who have become known as "border poets." They, like Rojas, have emerged as a collective voice whose words denounce the violence in Juárez and its surrounding region, Chihuahua. "The anthology is a collection of poems that chant against gender violence and border violence," explains Rojas.

Until this anthology, the literary genre of border poetry was accessible only in Spanish. As its title suggests, *Sangre Mia / Blood of Mine* is presented in both Spanish and English. Translating the work of so many native Spanish speakers was no small task for Rojas and his wife, Jennifer Rathbun, associate professor and chair of the foreign language department at Ashland University. To preserve the verse as a poem takes much more than a translator; scholars must take into account differences in word order, sounds, rhythm, and more.

Rathbun and Rojas named their book in honor of the late poet Susana Chávez, a writer and social activist who managed to publish just one poem, called "Sangre Mia," before her death

two years ago at age 36. "Susana fell victim to the very femicide she denounced," write the authors in the book's foreword. Aside from the city's notorious rate of drug-related crime, nearly 1,000 women have been abducted or murdered in Juárez since the mid-'90s. These victims of femicide tend to be young women who move from rural areas to work in the city's sweatshops for poverty-level wages. Many are kidnapped while waiting for the bus or walking home.

Since he moved from Ciudad Juárez, Rojas has returned periodically to speak at the city's annual poetry festival. There he has made friends with like-minded poets and social activists, many of whom contributed to the new anthology. "The idea for *Sangre Mia* grew out of what we were hearing at festivals," says Rojas. By reading the verses in his new collection, "readers will discover the border, its daily life, its sufferings, and its beauty."

Rojas' book was published by New Mexico University Press.

*Mary Cavanaugh Thompson '84*

Ellen F. Arnold

## *Negotiating the Landscape: Environment and Monastic Identity in the Medieval Ardennes*

In her first book, *Negotiating the Landscape: Environment and Monastic Identity in the Medieval Ardennes*, assistant professor of history Ellen Arnold marries her love of environmental history with her interest in the role of saints and monasteries in medieval culture. For the book she studied Benedictine monks of Stavelot and Malmedy in the Ardennes and their views of nature.

"I'm interested in the ways that humans in the past interacted with nature, thought about nature, and shaped their lives in response to their environments," Arnold says. "This book is

the final result of my dissertation process, so in some ways I've been working on it since early in graduate school. I was able to focus on a group of monks in the Ardennes forest and explore all of the different ways that they shaped their histories, economy, and culture around their experiences living in and interacting with the forest."

Arnold hopes readers will find that medieval Christianity had a deep connection to renewed appreciation for the deep importance of the natural world in shaping medieval culture and an expanded sense of the many ways we can tease out ideas about nature from medieval sources.

"For those interested in environmental concerns, I hope this adds a deeper sense of human history to discussions of wilderness and our complicated interactions with the non-human world," she says.

In writing her book, Arnold used an archive of charters, property and tax records,

correspondence, miracle collections, and saints' lives from the seventh to the mid-twelfth century to explore the contexts in which the monks' intense engagement with the natural world was generated and refined, according to the University of Pennsylvania Press, which published the book. The publisher also states that Arnold seeks to oppose the historically influential view that the natural world was regarded in the pre-modern period as provided by God solely for human use and exploitation.

In recent years, Arnold has led students on travel-learning trips to study castles, cathedrals, and other historic sites in Scotland and England.

Arnold's book can be purchased at the OWU Bookstore and at <http://www.upenn.edu/pennpress/book/15026.html>.

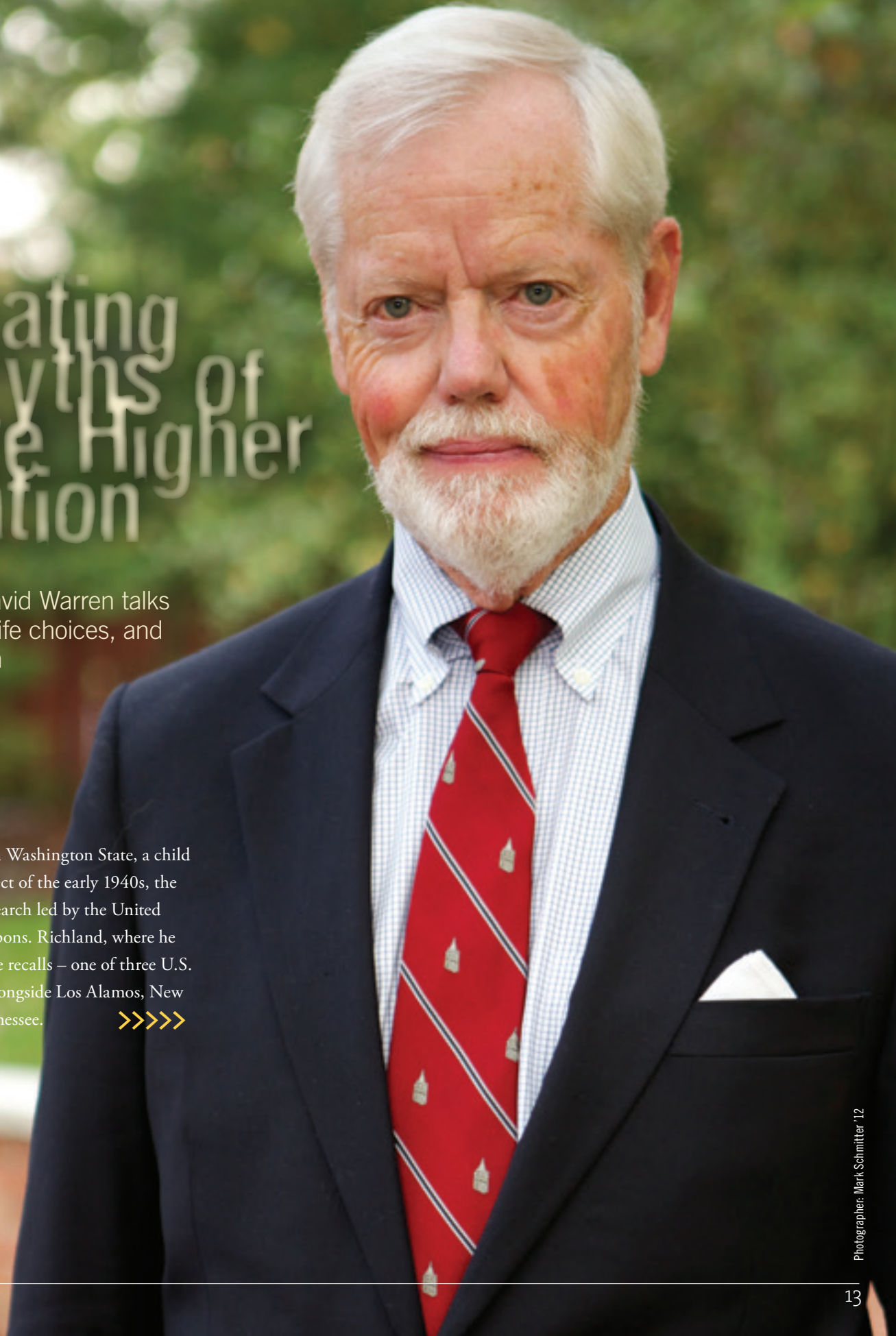
*Andrea Misko Strle '99*

# Detonating the Myths of Private Higher Education

NAICU President David Warren talks about life chances, life choices, and the role of education

By *Pam Besel*

**D**avid Warren grew up in Washington State, a child of the Manhattan Project of the early 1940s, the code name used for secret research led by the United States to develop nuclear weapons. Richland, where he lived, was a kind of Utopia, he recalls – one of three U.S. “Atomic City” project sites, alongside Los Alamos, New Mexico, and Oak Ridge, Tennessee. >>>>>



Residents of these cities had to pass security tests, but otherwise led exceedingly uneventful lives. Stable, close-knit families lived in orderly no-crime neighborhoods boasting carefully-manicured lawns, zero unemployment and, of course, an extraordinary school system. This was the perfect world to which Warren, former OWU president and now CEO of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU), was accustomed. He grew up thinking that's the way the whole world was—until he left home.

As he hitchhiked across the country to “write the great American novel,” Warren saw “the flip side of everything I knew,” he says, pointing to widespread poverty, racial discrimination, the lack of decent housing, and rampant illiteracy. And what quickly became evident during his real-world excursions was that the most basic difference between the haves and have-nots is *education*.

That realization has empowered and guided Warren's professional journeys, in attaining his master's degree in divinity and urban studies at Yale, his Ph.D. in higher education administration at the University of Michigan, and his move into city government. In New Haven, Connecticut, he was able to apply his divinity and city planning training toward improving educational quality, neighborhoods, safety, and employment opportunities, thereby increasing the life chances and life choices of the people of New Haven.

In 1984, Warren was recommended for the Ohio Wesleyan presidency and, when selected,

moved with his wife, Ellen, and their three children to Delaware, Ohio. It was a move and a career change he took very seriously, given the pressures on private nonprofit colleges in the 1980s. “The principal challenge for college presidents in the 1980s and '90s was to perfect a vision of their institutions through the curricula as well as strategic planning,” he says.

When Warren departed OWU in 1993 to become president of NAICU, he left behind a stronger Ohio Wesleyan with more academically-able students, significantly-improved facilities, and higher faculty and staff morale. His tenure also saw the launch of innovative programs such as the community-building National Colloquium. He recalls a few of the daunting obstacles he faced as Ohio Wesleyan's president: the Persian Gulf War, a rising national debt, economic recession, and an uncertain job market. It's a list not too far removed from today's issues.

## Perpetuating Myths

In today's world, however, he notes that advanced technology and the immediacy and volume of online news and views color people's opinions as never before. And what is resonating for many from these messages – some factual but many based on incorrect assumptions and myths – is that private nonprofit liberal arts institutions are unaffordable, burden students with huge debt loads, and are no longer a good investment.

“Today we're much more focused on

protecting private institutions from legislative and regulatory intrusion and hostile media attacks, defending existing teaching/learning models and innovating new ones, raising more money for our institutions, exploring more efficient business models, and getting more involved in advocacy matters,” says Warren.

He points to the ever-increasing public criticisms of private nonprofit colleges and universities from ideologues and especially the U.S. Department of Education, and to the country's slow recovery from the Great Recession. He mentions parents who, beyond college costs, are concerned that their graduates will be employable. And he cites recent Association of American Colleges and Universities research showing that a typical college graduate will likely hold 10 to 14 jobs by age 38—evidence that today's work environment demands the kind of broad-based knowledge and adaptability that a liberal arts education provides.

The AAC&U research also shows that employers place the greatest importance on ethics, intercultural skills, and professional development. Critical thinking, complex problem-solving, communication, and application of knowledge in real-world settings are important to these employers. It is these qualities and values that distinguish universities such as Ohio Wesleyan, Warren notes.

NAICU serves as the unified national voice of private nonprofit higher education – not just liberal arts colleges like OWU, but also major research universities, performing and



visual arts institutions, and schools of law, medicine, engineering, and business.

“It was a great chance to affect public policy,” says Warren. “I had learned so much while at OWU, as well as earlier in my career, and believed I could apply what I had learned to the ongoing discussion of national higher education policy.”

Warren assumed the NAICU presidency at a time of profound change in the nation’s relationship to its institutions of higher education. Colleges and universities traditionally had been some of society’s most revered and unquestioned institutions. Now in the mid-1990s, though, they were increasingly under scrutiny, criticism, and even attack. Public and media concerns about cost, outcomes measurement, and accessibility were growing.

Meanwhile, in Washington, D.C., policy makers were inclined to dismiss higher education’s advocacy efforts. In her book *Lobbying for Higher Education*, University of Michigan professor Constance Ewing Cook cites a quote that current Ohio governor John Kasich, chair of the House Budget Committee, made to Warren in 1995: “Higher education couldn’t organize its way out of a paper bag.”

Warren and his staff already had launched an effort destined to dramatically alter that perception of ineffectiveness. Responding to congressional proposals that would gut the federal student aid programs, NAICU formed the Alliance to Save Student Aid in 1994. Under its “Stop the Raid on Student

Aid” campaign, this grassroots advocacy organization was instrumental in defeating bills that would have effectively killed student aid funding. Formed in partnership with the American Council on Education, the Alliance has since grown to include 77 higher education-related associations, and remains a forceful national voice for support of the federal student aid programs. Today these federal programs make available \$170 billion in grants and loans to help needy students pursue higher education, as well as another \$26 billion in subsidies for parents to save and pay for college, and to repay loans.

Other initiatives quickly followed. In 1996 NAICU launched “Your Vote, Your Voice” to strengthen higher education’s role in voter registration, education, and participation. This effort, on behalf of a coalition of associations across all sectors, has continued in every federal election since. Later, CampusCares—also supporting all of higher education—would raise awareness of and appreciation for the remarkable level of community service by colleges and universities.

## Research Unveils Facts

During this time, NAICU, under Warren’s leadership, undertook exhaustive attitudinal research to identify the most common perceptions and, even more importantly, misperceptions about private higher education. NAICU then began to address these concerns through six key statements used to drive all of

its messaging: private colleges and universities are diverse (in both institutions and students served); affordable (through institutional aid and a wide range of tuition “sticker prices”); personal (in their service to students); involved (in their service to the world beyond the campus); flexible (in academic offerings and locations); and successful (in graduating students and in the accomplishments of those graduates).

These six key message points continue as the foundation of NAICU’s case-stating—most recently in the form of “Nine Myths about Private Higher Education” ([www.naicu.edu/ninemyths](http://www.naicu.edu/ninemyths)). Warren and his staff believed their best shot was to confront the myths directly and then to offer solid evidence that parents, students, elected officials, and the media needed to make critical life and policy decisions.

“When I hear reports or read erroneous articles pointing to a \$100,000 student debt load incurred by an average liberal arts graduate, that myth is damaging to the individual, the institution, and the public good,” Warren says. “The facts are that more than a third of all students graduate with zero debt, and that the average debt is \$29,900 – the price of a new mid-sized car. Which of these is a better lifetime investment?”

Each of these nine myths drives additional misconceptions and ill-formed judgments about private colleges and universities, he notes.



## Addressing the Myths

Mounting a major national media campaign to counter the nine myths would be an ideal solution—were the necessary millions of dollars for media buys available. Practicality has dictated an alternative strategy, however. By “working from the bottom up,” Warren explains, NAICU is equipping every private college and university president, trustee, faculty member, alumnus/a, and student with the facts they need to refute the myths.

“Through their personal connections and contacts, they can now help address the myths with the public, the media, and their state and federal policy makers,” Warren says. “We have a new opportunity to tell our story through them.”

Early on, NAICU also heard and addressed the growing calls for increased higher education transparency and accountability. The view of Congress, the media, and some opinion leaders was that colleges and universities hid information critical to decisions by the college-going public and didn’t provide adequate and easily accessible information. In response, Warren and his staff launched the University & College Accountability Network (U-CAN), offering prospective students and families concise web-based information about private colleges and universities.

Once again, NAICU staff listened to learn, as they had done in developing messages to counter misperceptions. The association conducted polls and national focus groups, testing more precisely the questions and

concerns of potential college students and their parents. U-CAN was designed as a common template now used by more than 800 private colleges and universities, composed of 47 data points and access to each institution’s website. Calls for increased transparency and accountability continue today—especially as seen in the rhetoric and proposals by secretaries of education under both Republican and Democratic administrations. Still, U-CAN stands as a source of vital, unbiased information for the more than 5 million users of the site since 2007.

Over the past two decades, these many national initiatives, launched by NAICU under David Warren’s leadership, stand as testimony to his belief in one fundamental truth. All of the initiatives grow out of his long-held belief that the best opportunity for an individual to enjoy enhanced life chances and expanded life choices is grounded in a sound education—a belief rooted in and reinforced by his earlier decade as Ohio Wesleyan University’s 13th president.

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### MYTH 1

Private colleges are not affordable.

### MYTH 2

Federal student aid drives up college costs.

#### Myth 1: Private colleges are not affordable.

**FACT:** Generous aid makes private colleges affordable for all. In 2012-13, what the average student paid at a private four-year college was less than half the average published tuition and fees.

#### Myth 2: Federal student aid drives up college costs.

**FACT:** No study has ever shown that aid increases drive tuition increases. Across a number of studies over the years, none has found a connection between student aid and tuition increases.

#### Myth 3: Private colleges enroll only white, wealthy, traditional students.

**FACT:** Private college students are just as diverse as four-year public students. There

**MYTH 4**

Many college graduates leave school with more than \$100,000 in debt.

**MYTH 5**

A college degree is no longer a good investment.

**MYTH 6**

Fewer students are choosing to attend private colleges.

**MYTH 3**

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**MYTH 9**

Private colleges are not transparent or accountable.

**MYTH 7**

All private colleges have billion-dollar endowments.

**MYTH 8**

Private colleges are not innovative or flexible.

## Nine Myths about Private Nonprofit Higher Education

### ... and the Facts That Refute Them

is about the same proportion of African American, Hispanic/Latino, and Asian students at four-year private colleges as at public colleges.

**Myth 4: Many college graduates leave school with more than \$100,000 in debt.**

**FACT:** Most college graduates have manageable levels of debt. The average bachelor's degree graduate leaves college with a level of debt that's similar to what they'd pay to finance a mid-range new car.

**Myth 5: A college degree is no longer a good investment.**

**FACT:** A college degree remains the best long-term personal investment. Studies continue to show, without question, that college graduates earn far more than those without a degree.

**Myth 6: Fewer students are choosing to attend private colleges.**

**FACT:** Private college enrollment is expected to grow 15% by 2021. Over the past decade, private college enrollment has actually grown 25% – and that trend is expected to continue.

**Myth 7: All private colleges have billion-dollar endowments.**

**FACT:** Most private colleges don't have large endowments. Across all 1,600 private colleges, one-fifth don't even have an endowment. Across all private colleges, the median endowment is only \$22 million.

**Myth 8: Private colleges are not innovative or flexible.**

**FACT:** Private colleges are innovating to meet new student needs. Being some of the oldest

institutions in the nation, they've had to adapt, change, and meet new demands to survive and succeed over all those years

**Myth 9: Private colleges are not transparent or accountable.**

**FACT:** Private colleges are more transparent and accountable than ever. Today they make detailed consumer information – such as net cost and graduation rates – easily available through U-CAN (the University & College Accountability Network).

To read the full version of the Nine Myths, go to: [www.naicu.edu/ninemyths](http://www.naicu.edu/ninemyths)

# DOLLARS AND SENSE

By *Pam Besel*

Perspectives about  
college cost from  
OWU students, parents,  
and staff members

When Jonathan Bocanegra '14 began looking at colleges with his family, they thought about larger state schools. And then they got to know Ohio Wesleyan.

"We visited classes, saw the large amount of personal attention students received from their professors, and noticed the small class sizes," says Bocanegra, a finance economics major from Powell, Ohio, with a winning smile and an air of calm and confidence as he enters his final semester at OWU. And why not? He talks about how, after taking courses in economics, math, applied statistics, and calculus, followed by courses in financial investment, he saw how everything came together and "clicked." He knew, especially as an economics major, that his OWU education would not be inexpensive, but he also saw the many avenues to securing financial aid; Bocanegra's have included Schubert and Founders Scholarships; OWU, AFS, and Pell grants; and loans. He has worked in the Financial Aid Office for the past four years to help out with expenses as well.

"I know I'll graduate from college with a \$30,000 debt, and I've tried from the beginning of my college education to understand the reality of taking on college debt," says Bocanegra. But he has a plan,



Photographer: Matt Wasserman '14

Jonathan Bocanegra '14

...He has a plan, involving graduate school, limited spending for the short term, and the knowledge that his undergraduate and graduate degrees will serve him well in the long-run.

involving graduate school, limited spending for the short-term, and the knowledge that his undergraduate and graduate degrees will serve him well in the long-run. *As one of the best investments he'll ever make.* Recent research by the National Association of Independent

Colleges and Universities (NAICU) cites that median lifetime earning for workers with bachelor's degrees is \$2.3 million while those with high school diplomas will earn \$1.3 million. Ohio Wesleyan in fact, has been named by PayScale Inc. as one of the nation's top colleges for return on a student's financial investment. According to PayScale's 2012 College Return on Investment Report, an Ohio Wesleyan bachelor's degree provides a 9 percent annual return on the educational investment over 30 years. OWU graduates can expect a net ROI of \$354,800, after deducting the cost of earning their diplomas and adjusting for graduation rates, according to the study. Like Bocanegra, many other OWU graduates will pursue graduate degrees—more than 50 percent.



Audrey Smith and son, Paul Anderson '16 and four-legged friend.

## A Parent's Perspective

Audrey Smith is vice-president of enrollment at Smith College. She also is the mother of OWU sophomore Paul Anderson. When it came to Paul's college search process, however, "I was banned," she admits. Paul is a lacrosse-playing, *a Capella*-singing, Sigma Chi who likes religion, economics, and politics—"a classic liberal arts kid," says his mom who, though banned from it, found the search process to be eye-opening. Paul had connected to OWU through Jeff Coulson '71, who has more than 30 years of lacrosse playing and coaching experience and was doing post-graduate work at a boarding school in Massachusetts where Paul was playing lacrosse select. It was OWU's lacrosse coach Mike Plantholt who later connected with Paul. Paul's parents made

their hopes clear to their son. "We want him to be thoughtful about college and what he wants [to study], and to put academics over athletics," says Smith. Three colleges offered Paul scholarships but a major factor in Paul's decision to enroll at OWU was receiving the Godman Scholarship, which has prevented him from having to take out loans during his first two years at OWU.

"As a parent but more as a vice president of enrollment, I hear about families that don't save and they tend to receive more aid," reflects Smith. Financial aid calculations are driven by income, but some families can't meet the financial challenges at schools like Ohio Wesleyan.

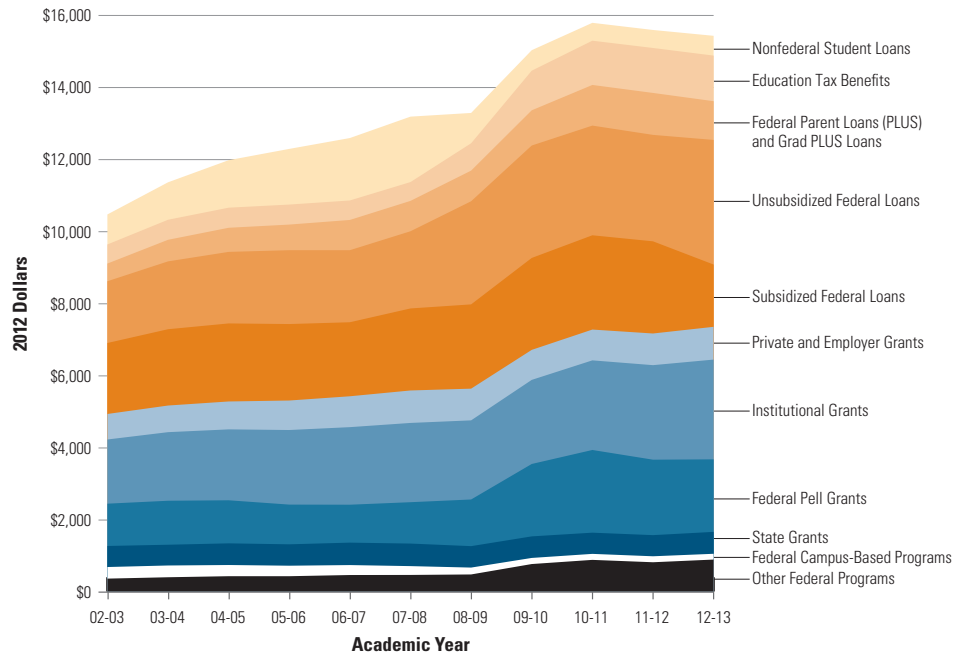
"I sometimes wonder if I have advised Paul on the basis of cost or quality of his

education, which makes me think about how I advise people every day," ponders Smith. "When I see how he is challenged and expanded academically and that he has musical friendships (Paul is a member of the JAYwalkers) and lacrosse friends and others, I appreciate even more, the opportunities he has at OWU."

The parents of three children, the Smiths both are educators who have sacrificed to put away money for their sons' educations. They know those educations at universities such as OWU are worth it.

"We spend more money on students than we are charging; just look at the 11:1 student-faculty ratios," says Smith. "That catapults your value. A liberal arts education will catapult you to better jobs throughout your life."

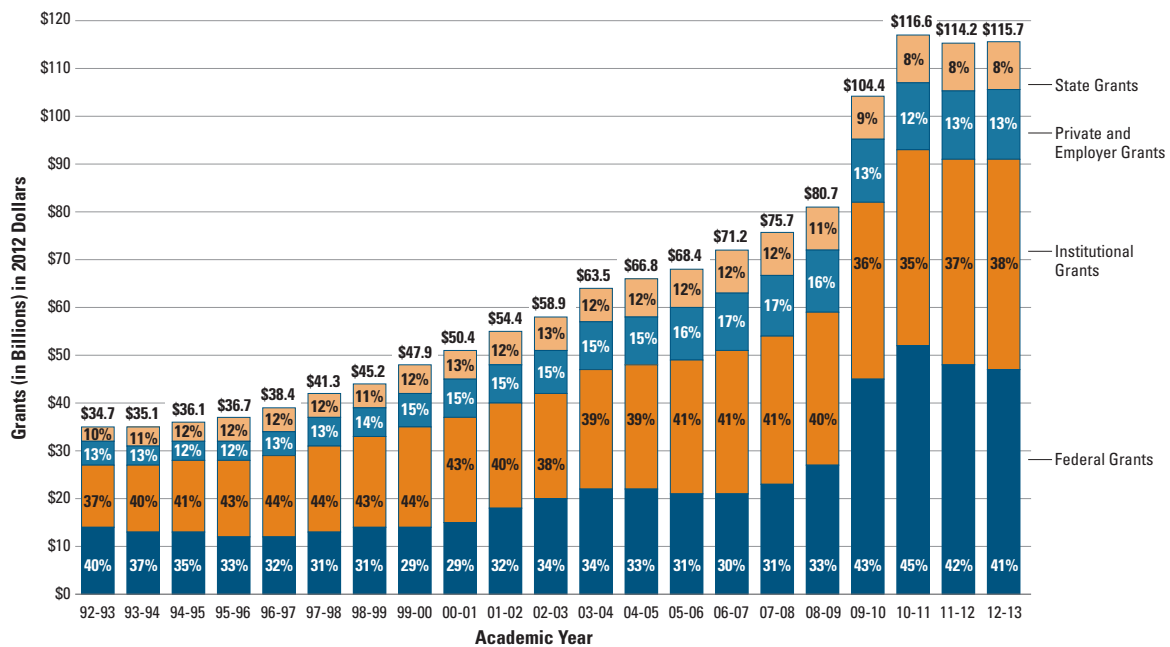
**FIGURE 1** Ten-Year Trend in Student Aid and Nonfederal Loans per Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Student Used to Finance Postsecondary Education Expenses in 2012 Dollars, 2002-03 to 2012-13



NOTE: See Notes and Sources for a list of programs included in other federal programs. The Campus-Based Aid category in Figure 1 includes FSEOG, Perkins, and FWS. FSEOG funds are included in calculations of federal grants per student and Perkins loans are included in calculations of federal loans per FTE student.

SOURCES: Table 1; National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), unpublished IPEDS enrollment data.

**FIGURE 5** Growth of Federal, Institutional, Private and Employer, and State Grant Dollars in 2012 Dollars, 1992-93 to 2012-13



NOTE: Percentages may not sum to 100 because of rounding.

SOURCE: Table 1.

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“I had always planned on going to a small private school, so the cost was not a shock to me,” says Emma Beale '17. What I found in looking at all different kinds of schools and the cost of attending is that private schools tend to offer much more financial aid than big public schools. Thus, even though the price tag of private education is higher, the actual cost quite often ends up being surprisingly comparable. Financial aid has definitely had a huge impact on my ability to attend college and I am very grateful for all the aid, both academic and need based, that I have received.”

-Emma Beale '17

## Financial Aid at OWU

As college tuition rates continue to climb, families such as the Smiths and Bocanegas continue to think about affordability matters and ROIs. Recent research by the Institute for Higher Education indicates:

- college affordability is subjective
- the perception of college affordability often is worse than the reality
- college pricing and financial aid matters should be simplified for students and families
- post- secondary education has a high rate of return but does not pay off equally well for everyone

The difference between a college's net price (sticker price minus scholarships and aid) and its sticker price may, in fact, be enough to make an education at a university such as OWU possible for many students and families. It takes good information and personalized attention to explain that information.

OWU's financial aid professionals are the front-liners who meet with families eager for information and funds that will enable their sons or daughters to attend OWU—if admitted. Calculating aid plays a large role in how it is disseminated. It begins with determining need, which is the cost minus expected family contribution (EFC). The EFC is determined by the FAFSA formula, taking into account the parents' and students' incomes and savings, household size, number of students in college, and cost of living. The federal Pell Grant and Ohio College Opportunity Grant are determined by an EFC. Once need is determined, the office notifies the student of funds eligibility.

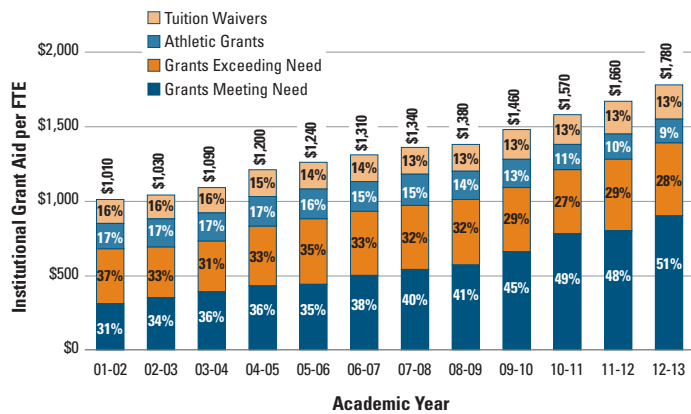
“The Legacy Grant offered by OWU was one of the main reasons I applied to and decided to go to OWU,” says Sara Jane Sheehan '15. “Being the youngest of three, any financial assistance toward my education can help. The Legacy Grant is different from other monetary aid because it also has given me the opportunity to share the lifelong bond of Ohio Wesleyan with my parents and sister.”

Maintaining a need-blind policy, meaning that no financial data is collected to determine a student's eligibility for admission or level of scholarship offered, OWU's financial aid staff works empathetically with each family. About 60 percent of OWU students apply for need-based aid and more than 78 percent receive this aid. During the past year, OWU awarded more than \$10 million in institutionally funded merit-based scholarships.

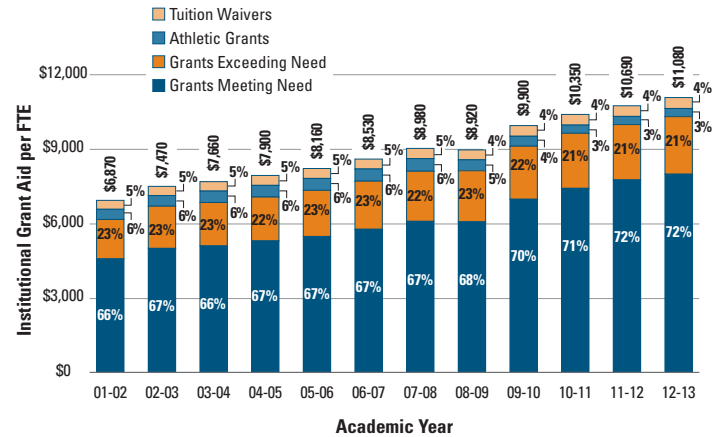
“I enjoy so many aspects of my position in financial aid,” says Leann Kendzerski, assistant director of financial aid. “The regulations and position are changing quite often. The most satisfying part of my job is working with parents and students. Helping them to make Ohio Wesleyan a reality and watching the students grow and change over their four years on campus is wonderful.” Kendzerski explains that staff members are assigned students alphabetically and have an opportunity to work with families while the students are at OWU. “Knowing that



**FIGURE 20A**  
Average Institutional Grant per Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Student: Percentage Meeting Need, Exceeding Need, Athletic Awards, and Tuition Waivers, Public Four-Year Colleges and Universities in 2012 Dollars, 2001-02 to 2012-13



**FIGURE 20B**  
Average Institutional Grant per Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Student: Percentage Meeting Need, Exceeding Need, Athletic Awards, and Tuition Waivers, Private Nonprofit Four-Year Colleges and Universities in 2012 Dollars, 2001-02 to 2012-13



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“The result has been that 79 percent of all private college graduates finish in four years compared to only 50 percent of public college graduates.”

they have been able to achieve their goals and being part of that process is inspirational.”

When matters involving debt load come up, the staff offers several approaches. The guaranteed student loan program offered by the Department of Education is a great opportunity for students to take low interest loans that have wonderful borrower benefits and do not require a co-signer or a credit check. Kevin Paskvan, director of financial aid adds another possibility. “If students qualify and take advantage of the Subsidized Stafford Loan at the maximum amount, they will owe \$19,000 after four years, which will be a reasonable payment when spread over the 10-year repayment period.” Other possibilities of note include the Unsubsidized

Stafford Loan and partial or full assistantships in student graduate or doctoral programs.

The truth is, that only 28 percent of private college graduates have no debt, according to Richard Eckman, president of the Council of Independent Colleges. “Another 29 percent have debts of under \$20,000,” he says. “The average amount of debt for all students is \$28,000, but the average debt for those who actually graduate is below \$20,000.” Not a large amount of money in relation to the lifetime earnings premium of being a college student—up to \$1 million more in salary.

Students with the least amount of debt fall into two categories: those with the lowest family incomes, and those who have persisted in their studies and graduated in timely fashion,” says Eckman. “In other words, colleges follow honorable principles when distributing financial aid. The result has been that 79 percent of all private college graduates finish in four years compared to only 50 percent of public college graduates.”

## Lifelong Investment

For Jonathan Bocanegra, life is full of possibilities. His liberal arts education will make him especially attractive to employers who will see Bocanegra’s ability to adapt to a constantly changing economy and world.

“It’s easy to understand the intellectual value of a liberal arts education that prepares students to think creatively, write effectively, and connect concepts from multiple disciplines,” says OWU President Rock Jones. “It is also easy to understand the value of educating lifelong learners who examine issues from hands-on and global perspectives. Despite the trend to equate the value of an education with the income of graduates, education is about so much more than earning potential. Ultimately, it is about creating educated citizens who become moral leaders in a global society. A liberal arts education is a lifelong treasure.”

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# All in the Family

OWU's alumni endowed scholarships turn dreams to reality for students

By *Andrea Misko Strle '99*

The acceptance letter came in the mail. She put it in her scrapbook and thought she'd look back, years later, and wonder what could have been. Growing up poor and relying on government assistance, Katie Butt did not expect to attend a private, liberal arts college. But when Butt opened her financial package from Ohio Wesleyan, which included a substantial alumni-endowed scholarship, her dream became her reality.

"Years from now, instead of wondering what could have been, I'll know that I received one of the best liberal arts educational experiences anyone could ever have," says Butt, a junior sociology/anthropology major at Ohio Wesleyan. "And I'll be able to look at my degree and not just my acceptance letter."

Butt is among 400 students who receive endowed scholarships from the University. These scholarships, more than 300 funded by the generosity of alumni, their families, and friends, play a crucial role in students' multi-faceted approach to paying for their education. Butt receives the Margaret and Paul Palmer Scholarship, created in 1975 by C. Paul Palmer '32, awarded to students in need with sound academic records. Katie supplements her \$14,000 annual Palmer scholarship mostly with federal funds and by working a staggering 20 hours a week at two on-campus



*Katie Butt '15*

jobs. She does this while taking five classes and remaining active in a sorority and an interfaith group.

“Working 20 hours a week is really challenging,” says the Upper Sandusky, Ohio, native. “I divide my working hours between being a student supervisor for the OWU Phonathon and my Annual Giving Internship through the Mowry Alumni Center. I’ve worked at the Phonathon since my freshman year on campus, and I have raised about \$100,000 for the University since then. A large portion of the funds I have raised goes toward student scholarships, so in a way I’m giving back what I was given. Finding a balance is difficult, but worth it. All of these experiences ... are helping me grow into a well-rounded, educated, and dedicated human being. And I wouldn’t have been able to do any of it had it not been for the scholarship I received.”

Butt was exactly the kind of student the Palmers had in mind when they created their scholarship, says Zibbi Palmer Wentz ’99, of her grandparents. They created it because they wanted to enable someone to attend OWU who wanted to come but couldn’t without financial assistance. Wentz says her grandfather also thought it was important that the recipient “commit themselves to being a Bishop and show leadership in many endeavors at OWU.” Earlier this fall, at a dinner for scholarship recipients and donors, Wentz heard Butt’s moving story about her dream to attend OWU.

“After I heard Katie’s story, it brought tears to my eyes and, actually, to the eyes of many in the room,” Wentz recalls. “All I could think about was how proud my grandparents would be knowing the impact Katie was making at Ohio Wesleyan and that a small gesture by them provided this opportunity to her which, perhaps, would not have happened otherwise. I actually called my father on the way home from meeting Katie to tell him her story. He, in turn, emailed my uncle and although the sadness of losing my grandmother (Margaret) in the spring is still fresh in our minds, Katie’s story brought great joy to our family. Katie is going to go places. My entire family could not be happier, and it could not make us prouder to be connected to her in a small way with this scholarship.”



*Dr. Lyman Peck and Alex Armstrong '16*

## Giving Back

The University and its current and future students rely on the generosity of people like the Palmers and many, many more. But often these scholarships are the result of hard work by Ohio Wesleyan’s advancement office and its officers who travel around the country meeting with alumni, parents, and friends of OWU who wish to make a philanthropic impact on the University, says Maureen Feeney Reese, assistant director of Advancement Services for Stewardship. “This typically leads to engaging the person in discussions about their areas of interest on campus,” she says. “Estate bequests, or planned gifts, are another way OWU receives endowed scholarship funds.”

Students are considered for scholarships upon admission to the University, says Leann Kendzerski, associate director of Admission and Financial Aid at OWU. Endowed scholarships, ranging from \$5,000 to \$22,000 a year, are supported by gifts from alumni, parents, friends, or organizations in honor or in memory of someone. The scholarships can be awarded to one student or several students. There are scholarships for every kind of student, including those studying specific majors, coming from certain geographic areas, or having particular athletic affiliations, community service ties, or academic performance histories.

Sophomore Alex Armstrong plays seven instruments, but it was his decision to major in organ performance that earned him the Virginia W. “Ginx” Peck ’42 Endowed Scholarship for an

organ major. Created by Lyman Peck in memory of his late wife, the Peck Scholarship joins a handful of other scholarships and loans to cover Armstrong’s tuition.

He has met Peck on a couple of occasions, and is honored to have the scholarship and grateful to the Pecks for their support. “I find it important that there are scholarships for people who want to play the organ,” Armstrong says. “It has helped me fulfill my goals as an organist.”

Peck knows his wife, Ginx, who passed away in 2005, would be happy to see young people pursuing organ performance. Armstrong has been asked by Peck to participate in a recital in honor of Ginx, that will take place next year in Oxford, Ohio, where the Pecks lived for decades and where Lyman taught math at Miami University for 25 years. Ginx studied music performance at OWU and taught lessons and performed throughout her life. “I wanted to do something to honor her at Ohio Wesleyan,” says Peck, a Yale University graduate. “Ginx would think this was a good thing to do. I hope that, perhaps, it will help keep alive pipe organ playing.”

Alumnus John “Jack” McKinnie ’54 grew up in Delaware, Ohio, and is grateful for the financial assistance he had when he attended Ohio Wesleyan. For those reasons and many more, McKinnie has been the primary benefactor of the Delaware County Scholarship for 19 years. It has helped several students who graduated from Delaware County high schools to attend Ohio Wesleyan. Current recipient, freshman Skye Wanstrath is grateful for a savvy secretary at her high school who alerted her to this scholarship, which will help fund a portion of her expenses each year. She also receives other scholarships and grants.

“I think the alumni-endowed scholarships are truly wonderful, and I am very thankful to have received one,” says Wanstrath, a psychology and economics major from Delaware, Ohio. “Without this scholarship, it would certainly be more difficult to afford OWU. Receiving the scholarship has allowed me to attend my childhood dream school.”

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*Peter Holland '74*



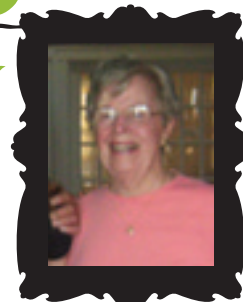
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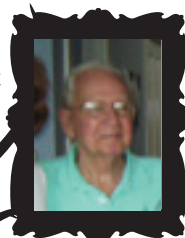
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*Kathleen Lewis '12  
and Kim Lewis '15*



# Family Matters

College choice can mean carrying forward an OWU legacy

What an Ohio Wesleyan education means, why Ohio Wesleyan is the right decision, and what our memories of OWU hold are different for a certain group of students and alumni. For OWU legacy students and families, it's more a matter of continuity—sharing the impact, traditions, and memories with family members who carry forward the Ohio Wesleyan legacy.

*Charles Baker '22, Laura Campbell's grandfather, gathered with friends outside of Slocum Hall during his undergraduate years.*

*Ellie Vizaino '14 enjoys her time on campus these days as a member of the theatre department.*



By *Amanda Zechiel '09*

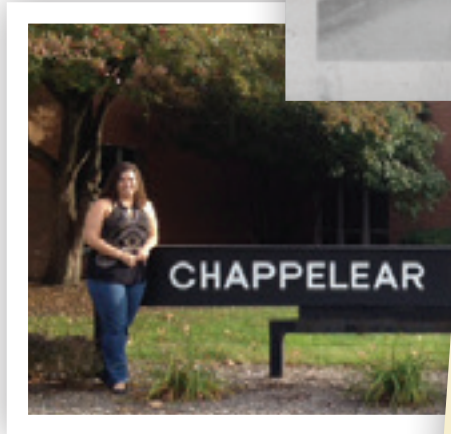
In the Lewis family, attending Ohio Wesleyan definitely goes beyond classes taken and days spent around campus. Family members who attend OWU know they're becoming a part of something bigger than themselves; they're joining their family's legacy.

"Every time I walked up the steps to Gray Chapel, I thought of my parents doing the exact same thing," says Martha Lewis '83. Both of her parents, William and Gwendolyn Jones Nunn '44, were OWU graduates, as was her husband, Norman Lewis '83; sister, Jenny Nunn Holland '74; and brother-in-law, Peter Holland '74. Better yet? Two of her daughters, Kathleen Lewis '12, and Kim Lewis '15, joined the family tradition too.

"I say to my daughters, just picture your grandparents walking up these same steps, having these same experiences! To me, that's the most powerful part of the legacy experience. There is such a deep connection, and such a sense of family in that place," Lewis explains.

## Stories Have New Meaning

Martha's daughters agree. Generations later, it is still so special to know what Ohio Wesleyan meant to their grandparents. "I remember being a little girl and listening to my grandparents share countless stories of their time at OWU," recalls Kathleen. "After I started going there, those stories became even more relevant, and it was really special for me to be able to contribute my experiences at OWU with my family. One of my favorite things to do when I visited my grandparents



was bring up their old yearbooks from the basement and go through them together. With every page, my grandma had a new story to tell."

Kathleen's sister, Kim, feels the same way as she walks the campus today. "It's almost like I have an inside scoop on OWU's history through firsthand accounts from my grandparents, aunt and uncle, parents, and sister. When I'm so far from home, I really love being able to have a piece of my family around with me wherever I go on campus." As Lewis puts it, it's those kinds of real connections that matter. "It's not just a gimmicky phrase. It's the truth. People care at Ohio Wesleyan." She also points out that the OWU Legacy Grant helps make it possible for many legacy students to attend. "But you know what? Even without the grant, the OWU experience pays for itself," she says. "I've toured a lot of schools, and I know what it looks like when a school is really worth it. The travel-learning, the personal attention, the true care that is shown, all of the opportunities this school provides—that's why my family loves Ohio Wesleyan. That's why we keep coming back."



*Laura Baker Campbell '87 is pictured on the day she was dropped off for freshman orientation in the fall of 1983.*

## Legacy Student Today

The story of an Ohio Wesleyan legacy family often features multiple generations—parents, siblings, and grandparents sharing stories with children who go on to attend OWU. But sometimes, the story of a legacy family isn't about the past. It's unfolding now. That's certainly the case for Hannah Baker Rawlings '17, Emily Joanne Moore '16, and Ellie Vizaino '14, cousins who are all current students at Ohio Wesleyan. For Laura Baker Campbell '87, aunt to Hannah and Emily and second cousin to Ellie, it means the world to watch her family's OWU legacy continue before her eyes. For four generations, her family has been an Ohio Wesleyan family, with the legacy list including



## Student Perspective

## Investing in a Successful Life

By *Karson Stevenson '16*

Charles S. Baker '22, Ruth Ina Baker Conrad '23, John C. Shelton '43, David Charles Baker '51, John Thomas Baker '55, Gretchen M. Conrad Holmes '56, Judith A. Conrad De Vere '62, and Leslie S. Holmes Stuart '88.

“My grandfather, dad, and uncle used to tell so many stories about their time at OWU,” she recalls. “They had such fun with their fraternity, and they remembered having to attend chapel every day. The stories were just so cool to hear.” Laura applied “early admission” to OWU, and she never looked back. “I ended up having such a transformative experience at OWU, and now, to know that people I love can have the same experiences is just wonderful.”

Transformative experiences? Laura’s cousin Ellie agrees; there’s just something special about this place. Of course, she was tipped off to this fact early on. “My grandmother would always tell me about the funniest and most rewarding experiences that she had at OWU. So I grew up knowing that it was a fun and accepting place. That was only emphasized when I learned there were several more of my relatives who had gone to OWU. Clearly OWU was doing something right,” she says.

But for Ellie, attending OWU goes far beyond the stories of the past. She’s busy creating her own memories, especially within the theatre department. “I get to be involved in so many things while learning about my biggest passion. And the people are awesome! They are so friendly, funny, open-minded, and helpful. There’s just something about OWU that feels ... right. It’s kind of hard to explain. The people are the best part about this place.”

And that’s what Laura likes to hear her cousin say. “Remembering how things used to be and hearing how things are now is all a part of the legacy connection that makes OWU such a special place for our family,” she says. “We have context at OWU. You can’t put a price on that.”

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The price of a college education is a cause for fear, trepidation, anger, and frustration for many. The looming threat of student loans and working multiple jobs to help pay off that higher education debt is matched only by the knowledge that such levels of education are becoming nearly mandatory in one of the most competitive job markets America has ever faced. However, Ohio Wesleyan stands as a beacon for those searching for the meaning and purpose behind an otherwise dismal situation. OWU offers the brilliant combination of the liberal arts and sciences as well as presenting a steadfast dedication to examining and bettering the world we live in.

Students at OWU, past and present, receive so much more than just a top-notch liberal arts education. They are given countless opportunities to meet influential people and hear the stories they have to share. They are able to work alongside faculty and staff to accomplish amazing feats of innovation and creativity through curricular initiatives such as the OWU Connection and programs such as our Theory to Practice Grants, internships, worldwide Travel-Learning Courses, the Summer Science Research Program and directed readings. Course Connections networks are offered as a means of breaking through curricular boundaries that typically would keep the disciplines separated, allowing students to focus on the a specific topic from many disciplinary perspectives. OWU proves that a liberal arts education is the most beneficial investment to those hoping to make a place for themselves in society—and the world—can make.

No matter where I go, I encounter people who have some sort of connection to Ohio Wesleyan. In a University of fewer than 2,000 students, this fact never ceases to astound me. Whether I am attending a Kiwanis meeting in Delaware, Ohio, reffing a soccer game in Aurora, Colorado, or shopping in Phoenix, Arizona, people know about OWU. Perhaps it is because people seek out success—and OWU is able to offer just that. Most classes contain fewer than 30 students, and OWU professors, not teaching assistants, teach every class and every student. OWU professors work closely with their students, and this bond creates amazing results. OWU is proud to have expert professors sharing their knowledge with students.

Don Saliers '59, a distinguished professor of theology and liturgy at Emory University, shares his thoughts about the benefits of an OWU liberal arts education. He describes how Ohio Wesleyan instilled within him a great capacity “for the lifelong enjoyment of learning and the continuing desire for expanding one’s mind.” He also shares the immeasurable joy that comes from being around peers whose intelligence and ideas may differ, but who together can create a most phenomenal conglomeration of perceptions. He comments on the great pleasures that come from

those relationships, even decades later. He and several other members of the graduating classes of '59, '60, and '61 from around the country, meet almost every month to continue conversations that have been going on for nearly 40 years.

Saliers points out that one of the most useful traits he observed at OWU is one he consistently looked for when hiring people later on in his life. “The accumulative understanding of literature, music, poetry, the visual arts, and the uses of imagination in scientific inquiry becomes crucial in how we live and adapt to changing circumstances: how we re-imagine a problem or our social contexts,” he says. This, he argued, may be one of the most important keys to succeeding in today’s society, and he learned it during his years at OWU. He concludes by saying that Ohio Wesleyan provided not only the means to become a successful person, but also an individual “with a sense of moral responsibility for society, of collaborating with others in institutions and the larger social issues we face.”

Anand Philip '00 is an OWU alumnus who currently works as the principal investor at a New York-headquartered investment firm, acquiring and controlling private equity operations (or more hedgefund-directed operations) in operating companies. He describes how his investment in a liberal arts education from OWU “was multidisciplinary, just as investing is a multidisciplinary skill. As an investor, you need to understand every facet of the business and the global economy in which a company operates. You need to understand management and human motivations. You need to understand valuation and that a good business isn’t necessarily the same as a good investment. And you need to be skilled at putting all that understanding together and make informed decisions with incomplete information. There’s no better training ground than a liberal arts education, especially from a school such as OWU.”

Joy Twesigye, Director of Programs and Professional Services at the School-Based Health Alliance in Baltimore shared with me an event involving several OWU alumni.

“Recently there was a Saturday in which two OWU alumni marriages took place on the same day cities apart. It was dubbed the “SLU” (small living unit) wedding weekend. One



person actually flew from England, went to a wedding in the morning and made the reception of the other wedding after a train ride. I looked around at one point and was so honored to be in such great company. We grew up to be great people. We are a committed band of friends. If you looked at our résumés, someone who thinks less broadly would wonder what we had in common.”

In a separate email, Twesigye wrote later, “Another reason to go to OWU. I got on the D.C. Metro today—and right next to me was former OWU president Tom Courtice! We hugged and had a great time catching up during our commute. Try having that same experience

going to a much larger university.”

The moral of this story is that when you pay for a liberal arts education from Ohio Wesleyan University, you are buying more than just a diverse and cross-connectional education. You are joining an elite group of thinkers and doers—individuals whose endless passions for learning and moral responsibilities allow them infinite possibilities. You are investing in a life of enlightened awareness of society and the world as a whole. You are investing in success.

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# Perseverance-Plus

Coach Keith Rucker '92 leads by example and loves the challenge

By *John Shimer '05*

IF THERE WERE A MOUNT RUSHMORE OF OHIO WESLEYAN SPORTS FIGURES, KEITH RUCKER '92 WOULD BE IMMORTALIZED ON THE MONUMENT NEXT TO BRANCH RICKEY 1904.

A standout in both football and track as well as a letterman on the basketball team his senior year, Rucker enjoyed, perhaps, the finest athletic career of any Battling Bishop ever.

The three-time All-America football player and four-time national champion in the shot put and discus now serves as OWU's special teams coordinator and director of football operations in his second year back on the Battling Bishop football coaching staff.

But what makes his story so special is not his lengthy list of athletic achievements – including five seasons in the National Football League – or his return home to a hero's welcome, but his incredible story of perseverance.

Rucker is the embodiment of Calvin Coolidge's statement about persistence and his message to press on, even when you've made mistakes in your life and your world seems to be crumbling in front of you.

Before Rucker achieved collegiate or professional success, he learned many painful life lessons as the youngest of eight children in a single-parent home on the south side of Chicago.

Before Rucker helped lead Ohio Wesleyan to the No. 1 ranked rushing defense in the country in his senior year, he almost dropped out of high school as a freshman.

Experiencing brutal prejudice as a part of the only African American family at his school, Rucker and his two older siblings elected to stop attending classes until his oldest brother Willie, then a dental graduate student at Marquette University, encouraged Rucker to move to Milwaukee to attend school there. That big brother became Rucker's mentor, acting as a father figure, best friend, and closest confidant. Rucker received an athletic scholarship to Eastern Michigan University, but lost the scholarship after getting caught up in an environment that placed a priority on athletic versus classroom success. When Rucker lost the scholarship, Willie essentially disowned him to teach him the lesson that you don't have many second chances in life.

Rucker moved back home to Chicago to live with his mom, where life consisted of going to class from 9 a.m. to 1-2 p.m. in the afternoon and then taking a break before heading to work

from 8 p.m. to 3-4 a.m.

A year later when Willie saw that his brother was taking life more seriously, Willie set up a meeting with his former football coach at Augustana College. That coach, Mike Hollway, had since become Ohio Wesleyan's head football coach. After visiting Delaware, Rucker would find a home and would go on to become the first Division III athlete ever to participate in the Hula Bowl, the college senior all-star game.

Ironically, when Rucker enrolled at OWU, he put football, and athletics in general, on the back burner, intending to focus all of his energy on getting his degree.

Track coach Marv Frye was the first to get Rucker out training again and throwing the shot put, but only after some serious coaxing. Once Rucker scratched the itch to get back in shape, his love for football began to creep back.

Over the next three years, Rucker would garner attention with his national championships in track working with coach Frye and Jerry Cornell. His work with coach Jim Barnes and defensive line coach Bruce Tall '82, who had experience working with several NFL teams, would prove pivotal in providing a blueprint to prepare for the level of performance he would have to attain to get





to the next level.

As the ringleader of that dominant defense his senior year, Rucker would attract the attention of one NFL scout through a fortuitous connection. His head football coach's dad at OWU happened to be a former head coach of the St. Louis Cardinals. And the rest is history.

Rucker would go on to spend five seasons in the NFL with the Phoenix Cardinals, Cincinnati Bengals, Philadelphia Eagles, Washington Redskins, and Kansas City Chiefs.

Now back at Ohio Wesleyan, he is not just a coach; he has become a pivotal figure in the football locker room and on campus helping Terree Stevenson, director of the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, with minority retention.

Rucker says his passion is to help students struggling with adversity whether they come from a similar background to his own or, perhaps, a household where the parents are getting a divorce. "We have kids that a month after they decide to commit to Ohio Wesleyan, their parents lose their job, or they get a divorce, or just come from a situation where there is adversity," Rucker said. "It's not some undoable task, but something that creates more roadblocks for the kids, and I want to be there to help those kids, to teach them how to problem solve, teach them

it's not over just because it looks like it's over.

You've got to find a way to adapt and adjust and control the things you can control," Rucker said, "and keep moving forward."

Being back at OWU and working with the football players has brought back memories of when Rucker sat on the other side of the table.

"We have a great relationship with our players," he said. "That's one thing coach Barnes and coach Tall had with us. They would sit down with us and talk to us about school and life. We would play noon ball (basketball in Edwards Gym) together. There would be times we would attend high school games with them.

"Those moments were precious to me then and they are now because that's what I'm doing now," Rucker said. "I'm in coach Barnes' and coach Tall's shoes, and now able to give back to these kids and teach them. I see my old teammates in these guys when I'm coaching them. That, in itself, is big to me. That's one of the main reason I'm glad to be back and doing what I'm doing."

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### Jan Baran '70

Jan is a senior partner with the Washington, D.C., law firm of Wiley Rein LLP where he founded and heads the Election Law and Government Ethics practice group. He is a nationally recognized authority on laws that regulate political campaigns and lobbying activity and has represented clients before the Supreme Court of the United States in First Amendment cases. *Chambers USA* described him as "one of the best election lawyers in the U.S." Jan is the author of the book *The Election Law Primer for Corporations* published by the American Bar Association and a contributor of articles and commentary in various media outlets including law journals, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and National Public Radio. In addition to practicing law Jan is a member of the President's Commission on Federal Ethics Law Reform, counsel to the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, member of the Virginia Governor's Commission on Government Finance Reform and U.S. Ambassador to the World Administrative Radio Conference. Jan received his B.A. in English from Ohio Wesleyan University where he was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa Honorary Society, goalie for the varsity lacrosse team and president of student government. He received his J.D. degree from Vanderbilt University where he was a Patrick Wilson Scholar of Law. Jan and his wife Kathryn (Brown '76, Georgetown Law '00) have four grown children and reside in Fauquier County, Virginia. They have established an endowed fund to promote post-graduate fellowships for OWU students. He is a member of the President's Circle.



### Peter J. Eastwood '91

Peter is President and Chief Executive Officer of Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance, a commercial property casualty insurance organization, which he co-founded in April 2013. Upon graduating from Ohio Wesleyan University, Peter began his career in the insurance industry as an underwriter at American International Group, Inc. (AIG), where he most recently served as President and Chief Executive Officer of AIG Property Casualty in the Americas, overseeing an operation that encompassed 18 countries, 17,000 employees, and in excess of \$20 billion in revenue. Peter also previously served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Lexington Insurance Company, Inc., a member company of AIG, as well as a board member and board chairman of several insurance and non-insurance businesses owned by AIG.

He graduated *cum laude* from Ohio Wesleyan University with a B.A. in Economics, was a member of Omicron Delta Epsilon, and is a member of the President's Circle. Peter also holds a MBA from New York University's Leonard N. Stern School of Business. He and his wife live in Boston with their three children.



### Anand Philip '00 (second term)

Anand T. Philip is a Managing Director of York Capital Management, a multi-strategy investment firm. Prior to joining York in 2013, he spent seven years at Castle Harlan, where he was a Partner responsible for originating and leading investments. Previously, he was an investment professional at the Blackstone Group, where he focused on private equity transactions across a wide range of industries for Blackstone Capital Partners, as well as Blackstone Communication Partners. Prior to that, he worked at Wasserstein & Co., where he focused on principal investing for U.S. Equity Partners. Mr. Philip began his career in the Merchant Banking Group of Wasserstein Perella & Co. He received a B.A. in Economics from Ohio Wesleyan University, where he was a Trustee Scholar and graduated Magna Cum Laude, and an M.B.A. from the Harvard Business School. Mr. Philip has been a Trustee since 2011 and serves on a number of committees, including the Investment Committee, where he is Chair.



## MY OWU

Mary-Beth Sommers '88

**What do you value most about your OWU experiences?** The most valuable thing about the OWU experience to me was the education and the lifelong friendships. The OWU education gave me an opportunity to get to know both students and professors well. OWU taught me how to learn, and that people can and do make a difference in the world. At a larger university I think that sort of experience is very different and the experience is not as personal. I have a great connection to my college experience, and just coming from my 25th OWU Reunion it was interesting to see how everyone reconnected so easily after so much time. If I had to do it over, I don't think I would have done it any differently.

**What are your favorite memories from the classroom? Residence halls? Delaware community?** My favorite memories from the classroom were the faculty. Professors were engaged in material. You could see the passion they had for their subjects, and they wanted to see you be successful. My major was English Literature, and I had several classes



with Ron Rollins, who was a great teacher—and because the classes were small, many great discussions came out of his class.

The nice thing about the living environment at OWU was, as a woman, you could be Greek, but because we didn't live in our sorority houses, we could live with friends who were in different houses. Even at the time, I found that to be an advantage. The residence halls were a great place to live. All four years I lived with or around the same people, and today those individuals are still my good friends. You could walk through Stuy, Hayes, Smith, Bashford, and you would find typical college life, friends hanging out, people studying, but everyone knew each other. Each of us came from different parts of the country, different communities, with different reasons for choosing OWU, but today I still feel a strong sense of community at Ohio Wesleyan.

**Why do you choose to give to the Ohio Wesleyan Fund?** I give to the Ohio Wesleyan Fund because I believe in the University. I know how the OWU experience influenced my life and I would like others to have the same opportunity.

Tom '88 and Lorraine '90 Simons

**What do you value most about your OWU experiences?** Ohio Wesleyan University granted us the opportunity to meet many people with diverse backgrounds and different life experiences than we encountered in our young lives. These relationships that we developed challenged us to explore the world and developed many memories. And above all, OWU gave us the opportunity to meet and begin our lives together.

**What are your favorite memories from the classroom? Residence halls? Delaware community?**

Tom: My favorite classroom memories are of accounting professor, JoAnn Harvey. She always energized the classroom, even with at times, the not-so-interesting topics. And more than anything, she was always there for us.



In addition, the memories of Stuyvesant Hall are many — the late night hanging out with friends, the all-nighters in the study rooms, the ghost hunts into the tower and the friendships that were made with incredible people. And how could we leave out Jug Night at the Brown Jug, and the wild nights at the West End?

**Why do you choose to give to the Ohio Wesleyan Fund?** We choose to donate to the Ohio Wesleyan Fund for one very important reason — to help keep the magic alive for all those who followed the many generations that have attended the place that is so sacred to those of us who have made the journey.

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## Marathon Man

With seemingly endless energy and fortitude, Dr. Phillip Amrein '70 is on the trail of a cure for a deadly disease.

By *John Kraps '70*



Photo courtesy of David Mussina '70

*Dr. Phillip Amrein '70 and nurse practitioner Chrisea Hunnewell '92 from the Massachusetts General Cancer Center.*

in his easy chair and say to himself, “I’ve done my bit for God and country.” Instead, Dr. Phil teaches the older teenage Sunday school class in his church. Or he trains for the Boston Marathon, which he has run, and finished, nine times, raising money for the Massachusetts General Hospital Children’s Cancer Group (he did not run in the ill-fated 2013 marathon).

A 1974 graduate of Johns Hopkins Medical School, Dr. Phil is a hematologist/oncologist practicing at Massachusetts General Hospital and serving on the faculty of Harvard Medical School. He has published noted peer-reviewed studies of innovative treatments for leukemia.

“Over the past several years, my research has mainly involved the testing of new drugs, FDA-approved and non-approved, in the treatment of acute and chronic leukemias,” says Dr. Phil.

Already published are his investigator-initiated trials exploring the effectiveness of a chronic myeloid leukemia drug, dasatinib, in the setting of chronic lymphocytic leukemia, as well as the multiple myeloma drug, bortezomib, in the setting of acute myeloid leukemia. The agents block key targets in enzymatic pathways critical to the survival of leukemia cells.

“Already, we have treated one patient and he has achieved a response to this treatment,” says Dr. Phil. He plans to treat 10 to 20 such patients over the next 12 months to determine in more detail the activity and toxicity of this innovative approach. He speaks proudly of the progress medical science has made on the frontiers of the most common forms of leukemia.

“When I was in medical school, all patients died of acute myeloid leukemia (AML) and some few were cured of acute lymphoblast leukemia (ALL). Now about half of AML patients are cured, and most kids with ALL are cured.”

**OWU** President Rock Jones talks about the concept of “crossing borders” as a metaphor for Ohio Wesleyan University’s educational *raison d’être*. He describes more than academic, geographical, or political borders, but rather, the multifaceted disciplinary and cultural borders OWU must prepare its students to navigate. While today’s students do not face military conscription and the Vietnam War as we did in 1970, the Class of 2014, upon graduation, will face much more complex intellectual, professional, and cultural interstices than we faced on graduation day. However, Dr. Jones’ reflection brought to mind my classmate, Dr. Philip C. Amrein, who since graduating in 1970, has traversed many borders both daunting and delightful.

Dr. Phil crosses such margins daily. During the week, he is a front-line commander in the battle against the terrifying disease, leukemia. When he comes home at the end of a grueling week, however, he doesn’t plop down

## “My belief in rational scientific pursuit to find answers and to make progress does not lessen my belief in God.”

One would think that a medical general in this field of combat would inevitably meet with more than a few reversals on the battlefield, so I asked him how he copes with the unavoidable losses and the pressure to keep up. His response was amazingly upbeat.

“Actually, we have had some dramatic successes, and one must take heart in that. For the most part, work is more exciting than disappointing. I do spend a lot of time thinking about the research and the possibilities for improvement in treatment, so that is actually a happy thing.”

Dr. Phil says that when he crosses the boundary between work and home, he leaves the professional stress in the clinic. His wife, Dr. Karen Donelan, a health services survey researcher for Massachusetts General, agrees.

“Phil doesn’t kick the dog,” she says, “but he does *walk* the dog, even after a long day. And he runs marathons. The exercise is an essential stress reliever and a chance to spend time with family and friends.” Her husband also plays tennis, softball, and board games and enjoys sailing. In addition, he is at home traversing the line between the highly accomplished professional world and the world of coaching a youth soccer team. Once when the Amrein family was attending a social gathering for Dr. Phil’s department, the host asked Karen, “Where’s Phil?” He was off playing a game with some children and their parents. “Phil likes to play,” Karen responded, to the laughter of her host.

Phil perhaps crosses a more delicate border, that between science and faith, when he sings in the church choir and teaches Sunday school. The Amreins are members of the Plymouth Congregational Church in Belmont, Massachusetts. Phil and Karen treasure the solitude, musical, and spiritual reflection that faith in Jesus Christ offers them. In reconnecting with my OWU classmate, I commented that it was reassuring as a pastor to encounter a noted man of science who is also a man of faith.

“Science didn’t create the universe. God did,” replied Phil. “My belief in rational scientific pursuit to find answers and to make progress does not lessen my belief in God. Scientific activity can be thought of as an effort

to see and appreciate the universe, and how it has been put together. It is the amazing creation of God that we discover.”

Phil’s faith has inevitably caused him to reflect on the people he has treated over the years: “I have observed patients who are happy and motivated to their last days of life, and I have observed patients who are miserable for years because they know they are going to die of leukemia. The difference is that the happy patients know that every day they can do something important, help someone, be constructive, do God’s work. They are satisfied. They see each day of life as an opportunity to use their talents to do something constructive for their community.

“The sad patients cannot get past the problem that they will die and cannot take anything with them. The sad patient thinks that the purpose of life is to make oneself important and wealthy, which no longer works when one is sick, limited in time and energy,” Dr. Phil notes.

Dr. Phil credits his experience at Ohio Wesleyan with “enhancing my education, my development as a person, and my thoughts on faith.” Having won honors in physics, math, and chemistry at his alma mater, and having participated in athletic and musical groups, he says his education would have been “secured but not necessarily in the context of a faith and ‘total person’ effort,” if he had attended another university. “My faith was not changed at OWU, but it was supported and recognized.” His appreciation for the “total person” emphasis at Ohio Wesleyan has led him to support the University monetarily as well.

While many in the Class of 1970 are crossing the bar into retirement, Dr. Phil looks forward to continuing his work. “I am still trying to make breakthrough discoveries in leukemia treatments, and there are several avenues at our doorstep. To be part of that is exciting.”

For Dr. Philip Amrein, crossing the many borders of his life presents him not so much with obstacles or barriers as with stimulation and excitement.

*John Kraps '70 is a retired United Methodist pastor living in Champaign, Illinois.*

## 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.*

### JANUARY

**January 24 — Chicago, IL**  
Chicago Young Alumni Happy Hour

### FEBRUARY

**February 8 — Naples, FL**  
Annual Red and Black Luncheon with President Rock Jones

**February 19 — On Campus**  
Central Ohio Alumni Attorneys Networking Event with Students

**February 21 — West Palm Beach, FL**  
Red and Black Luncheon with President Rock Jones

**February 22 — Tampa, FL**  
Red and Black Luncheon with President Rock Jones

### MARCH

**March 9 — Washington D.C./ Baltimore area**  
OWU Lacrosse Tailgate (game vs. Salisbury at the Landon School in Bethesda, MD)

**March 16 — New York, NY**  
OWU -v- Denison Lacrosse Viewing Party

**March 16 — Boston, MA**  
OWU -v- Denison Lacrosse Viewing Party

**March 16 — Washington D.C.**  
OWU -v- Denison Lacrosse Viewing Party

**March 19 — Chicago, IL**  
OWU Night with the Blackhawks

**March 21-23 — On Campus**  
111th FIJI Pig Dinner

### APRIL

**April 11-12 — On Campus**  
10th Phi Delta Theta, Phi Union

### MAY

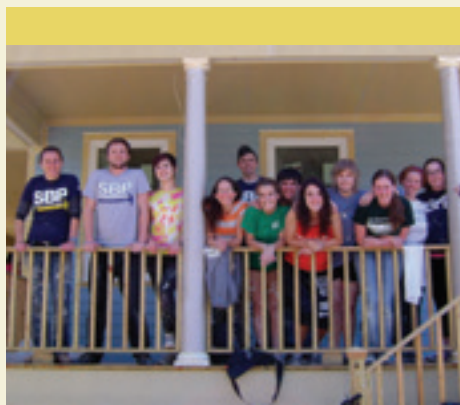
**May 16-18 — On Campus**  
Alumni Weekend 2014

### SEPTEMBER

**September 19-21 — On Campus**  
Family Weekend 2014

### OCTOBER

**October 24-26 — On Campus**  
Homecoming Weekend 2014



March 8-16, 2014

***It's OWU Mission Trip Time!*** OWU students will be around the country participating in many mission trips. We plan to have events in the following cities where students will be serving: Chicago, IL; New Orleans, LA; St. Louis, MO. Stay tuned for more information!

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](mailto:alumni@owu.edu)

Alumni Weekend 2014 reunion volunteer names listed in this issue of the *Magazine* are a work in progress. **If you would like to be a reunion volunteer or know your name was mistakenly not included, please contact Brenda DeWitt at (740) 368-3329 or by email at [bedewitt@owu.edu](mailto:bedewitt@owu.edu).**

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**Deadlines:** Given our printing/production schedules, the deadlines for receiving submissions are February 6 for the Spring issue and May 5 for the Summer issue.



# CLASS NOTES

Reunion class officers are listed below with classes—the 4's and 9's—celebrating May 16-18, 2014 during Alumni Weekend 2014.

## 1940s

**Mahlon Hamilton '43** was inducted into the Genesee Community College Athletic Hall of Fame in September 2013. According to the college, this recognition honors the “outstanding athletic achievements of individuals and teams of every era who have fostered athletic achievement and sportsmanship at the College.” After coming to the school in 1969, Mahlon started the school’s physical education program, serving as athletic director, associate professor, and chairman of the Health and Physical Education Division.

## 1950s

**Joyce Bohyer Hildebrand '50** was inducted into the London High School Hall of Fame on October 4, 2013, in London, Ohio. Now retired, Joyce taught speech, drama, English, and government at London High School for 25 years.

**William E. Strasburg '50** was recently accepted into the Montgomery County Community College Hall of Fame in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania. William was a founding trustee and past board chairman for the school, and he also has been named an honorary alumnus of the institution. Now retired, William made his career as president of Montgomery Publishing Company.



## Phi Delta Theta

This is an annual gathering of the mid-70s member of Phi Delta Theta, which moves around the country and usually involves a football game. Previous outings have been to Cleveland, Chicago, Denver, Las Vegas, New Jersey, Washington, D.C. and Delaware Ohio. This year's outing was to Upper Wisconsin, and the Green Bay Packers-Cleveland Browns game.

Pictured here outside Lambeau Field, left to right, are **Tom Boaz '77, Burce Graham '77, Greg Cielec '79, Bob 'Trout' Salmans '76, Kelly Butler '78, Russ Sampson '78, Gordon Witkin '77, and Pete Whyte '77.**

**Wally Pursell '51** had an asteroid named after him in August 2013. Wally is a co-founder of the Baton Rouge Astronomical Society and a lifelong amateur astronomer. He is an Eagle Scout and studied geology at Ohio Wesleyan.

Ebeling, Wendell Holloway, Dave Hunt, Robinson Lapp, Virginia Carter McClintock, John “Jack” McKinnie, Margaret Jones Neff, Patricia James Simpson, Gordon Smith, Ron Thie, Richard “Sherry” Treis, Nancy White White

Greenway, Jack Hammitt, Gay Martin Hendricks, James Kitson, Nancy La Porte Meek, Phil Meek, Paul Moore Jr., Bob Morrill, Joanne Hlavin Ritter, Don Saliers, Frank Taylor Sargent, Sherry Shepherd Sargent, Janice Patenaude Smith

## CLASS OF 1954 Alumni Weekend 2014

REUNION OFFICERS  
Charlotte Anderson Abell, Dan Butler, Nancy Champion Christy, Robert Corwin, Harry Ebeling, Marty Bowman

## CLASS OF 1959 Alumni Weekend 2014

REUNION OFFICERS  
John “Jack” Batty III, Martha Leihgeber Becker, Al Cinelli, Evan Corns, Robert Davis, Sally Reiff Dickey, Lowell Fleischer, George

**Dr. Don E. Saliers '59**, the William R. Cannon Distinguished Professor of Theology and Worship Emeritus at Emory University, delivered the Stone Lectures at Princeton Theological Seminary, which began on October 7, 2013. The five-lecture series was titled “Christian

## Chi Omega Reunion in Chicago

Chi Omega alumnae reunited for a fun weekend in Chicago in September of 2013. Pictured from left to right are **Daphne Loew Jameson '69**, **Pam Jones Wentworth '69**, **Jamie Myrick Lloyd '71**, **Heidi Hanssen Villers '69**, **Sherry Stewart Weckenbrock '70**, **Mollie Nacrelli McIntyre '70**, **Jane Bundy Simmons '69**, **Peggy McDowell Lloyd '70**, and **Holly McKinney Kunkle '71**.



## Roommates Reunite for 80th Birthdays

**Peggy Ashton Stratton '55**, **Greta Stromberg '55**, and **Dodi Cashon Lain '55** recently met at Greta's home in Middletown, Connecticut to celebrate their 80th birthdays and to share laughs and memories. The three were roommates at Austin Hall for three years during their time at OWU, and they've kept in touch and vacationed together many times over the years. Greta still enjoys painting, and Peggy lives in Ohio and Venice, Florida and travels with her husband for business. Dodi lives in Pennsylvania and Venice, Florida and is still very involved in theatre.



Liturgy in a Culture of Excess." Don retired in 2007, and he was inducted into the Emeritus College of Emory University in 2010 and honored as one of the year's Distinguished Emeriti of Emory University. He received his B.D. and Ph.D. from Yale University.

in family practice in Louisa, Kentucky, since then.

**Richard G. Winger '60** was featured in the *Vero Beach Newsweekly* on October 2, 2013, for his city council candidacy in Sebastian, Florida.

**Shirin Tahir-Kheli '61** spoke at Columbus Alternative High School in Columbus, Ohio, in September 2013 on the topic of global women's rights. Discussing ways that the U.S. government helps to advocate for women's rights, Shirin drew on her experience within the federal government, including her position as senior adviser for women's empowerment to former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. Shirin's appearance was organized by the Columbus Council on World Affairs.

**Harriett Swanson Mayne '62** and her husband, Bob, moved to Rossmoor, an active senior adult community in Walnut Creek, California, in July. Harriet is a former dietitian and preschool teacher.

## CLASS OF 1964 Alumni Weekend 2014

### REUNION OFFICERS

William Barton Jr., Reid Calcott III, Carolyn "Ann" Colson Cassell, Richard Cassell, Kathryn Newman Feld, Thomas Fenton, Sophie Harned Gibson, Virginia Pearsall Kirkwood, Grant Kurtz, Ed Miller Jr., Kay Zollar Miller, Richard Nault, Karen Massie Purves, Kathleen Law Rhinesmith, Sally Mahoney Ruggles, William Shaffer, Art Shilt, Roger Vermillion, Randy Wortmann, James "Jim" Locke III, Chuck Pitcock

**Robert Parks '64** was part of the team that recently developed a software-configurable optical test system (SCOTS) that rivals interferometry in accuracy but offers more flexibility and is more cost-effective. Robert is an assistant research professor at the University of Arizona.

**James Hammann '67** gave an organ concert at St. Matthew's By-the-Bridge

Episcopal Church in Iowa Falls, Iowa, on August 18, 2013. James is the organist and music director for the church. Prior to retiring and moving to Iowa Falls in 2011, he was on the faculty of The University of New Orleans, where he taught organ, harpsichord, music history, and music theory. He now performs recitals throughout the country.

**Nancy E. Peace '67** was chosen in October 2013 as the new president of the Friends of the Library organization in Newburyport, Massachusetts. Nancy assumes this volunteer position in addition to her current role as executive director of the Massachusetts Education Partnership. She is an award-winning educator and avid supporter of the library.

**Peter Anderson '68** chief executive officer and president of Rockport National Bank in Rockport, Massachusetts, retired in September 2013, after 21 years with the organization. Peter has four children and seven grandchildren, and he is a member of the Board of Directors for Maritime Gloucester.

**James Rascoe '68** co-owner of Ireko, an interior design and retail showroom in Santa Rosa, California, re-opened his store on October 20, 2013, after a brief closure and relocation. James and his business partner have been in business since 1985, and James is the design head for the company. He received his MFA in film and TV production from the University of Southern California.

## CLASS OF 1969 Alumni Weekend 2014

### REUNION OFFICERS

Sue Swan Bennington, Ed Haddock, Doug Hoover, Ann Gaither Russell, Allen L. Snyder III, Rick Subel, Sue Struna Subel

**George D. Hoover '69** retired in June 2013 from his dental practice in Oxford, Ohio. George and his wife, Joan, plan to move to Westerville, Ohio, to help raise their grandchildren. The couple will

spend retirement golfing, boating, and traveling.

## 1970s

**Jeff Coulson '71**, founder of Indoor Action Sport athletic center in Greenfield, Massachusetts, organized a record 11 lacrosse teams that traveled to Lake Placid, New York, to compete in the 24th annual Lake Placid Summit Classic lacrosse tournament in August. Jeff has more than 30 years of lacrosse coaching and playing experience.

**Jeffrey S. Miller '71** president of High Point Regional Hospital in North Carolina, announced his retirement in September 2013. Jeffrey has been with the hospital for 25 years.

**Barbara Tritton Masarky '72** a sales associate at Tarvin Realtors in Ridgewood, New Jersey, was recognized by the company for her sales performances in August 2013. Masarky exceeded \$1.7 million in sales for the month. She has lived in Ridgewood for more than 35 years with her husband, Art. They have two sons, Brett and Scott.

**Mimi Younkin's '72** company, R. Murphy Knives, was featured in September 2013 on "Food52," a culinary website focused on helping people cook and eat better.

## CLASS OF 1974 Alumni Weekend 2014

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**Denny Griffith '74**, announced in August that he will retire as president of Columbus College of Art & Design in Columbus, Ohio, at the end of the current academic year. This will be his 16th year with the college. Prior to this position, Denny was deputy director of the Columbus Museum of Art. In

October, Denny was honored by the Greater Columbus Arts Council with a 2013 Community Arts Partnership Award for his exemplary support of the arts. He earned his MFA degree from The Ohio State University.

**Theodora Collier Higgenbotham's '74**, memoir, "This Little Pin Dot," was published on May 3, 2013, by WestBow Press.

**Suzanne Zurbrick Moushey '74** announced her retirement from the University of Mount Union at the end of the 2012-2013 academic year. Since 1989, Suzanne has worked as a music librarian at the university. She earned her Master of Library Science degree from Kent State University.

**Greg Fisher '76** was featured in *Tideline*, a maritime publication Charleston, South Carolina, on August 17, 2013, for his work as director of sailing at the College of Charleston. Greg is celebrated for the diversity and enthusiasm he has brought to the sport on campus.



## Alum Successes at National Senior Games

**David Janson '73** competed in the 400 meters at the 2013 National Senior Games in Cleveland, Ohio in July, despite a recent achilles injury. In the preliminary round, he severely reinjured it but managed to qualify for the final. In order to stand on the awards podium, he had to walk the final. It was David's third attempt to medal at these games. David lives in Anderson Township near Cincinnati, Ohio, where he trains with the Anderson High School track team under the guidance of Anderson's head coach and former Ohio Athletic Conference competitor, **Andy Wolf '71** from Marietta College. Pictured left to right are: **David Janson '73**, **Coach Marv Frye**, and **Bill Iovino '74**.



## A DENTIST GIVES BACK

**Steve Walton '77** has had a dental practice in Columbus, Ohio for over 30 years—but that's not the only way he participates in the community. He also actively volunteers with the OPTIONS program (Ohio Partnership To Improve Oral health through access to Needed Services) and the Vineyard

Community Center. OPTIONS helps those with low income or without dental insurance to receive affordable dental care, and the Vineyard Community Center offers free health clinics to people in similar situations. From cleanings and crowns to dentures and fillings, Steve is able to offer his invaluable services to these organizations.

Since 1997, Steve has been a part of the OPTIONS program, through which he sees patients in his own office. In the past few years, he's extended his involvement to include the Vineyard Community Center, where he volunteers once a month.

"I feel I have been blessed in many ways, and dentistry has provided a wonderful life for me and my family," says Steve. "These are just small ways of giving back to the community. The most rewarding aspect of this work is to provide dental services to people who could otherwise not afford to have the work done. This can involve taking people out of pain as well as fixing their smile."

**Robert A. Hill '76** was inducted into the Nottingham High School Wall of Fame in Syracuse, New York, in October 2013. The honor acknowledges Robert's significant contributions within his community and profession as a pastor in the United Methodist Church.

**William Rees '76**, and his son Tommy Rees were featured on the Notre Dame Athletics website on October 17, 2013, for their family legacy in football. Tommy is the quarterback for Notre Dame, and his father played football at Ohio Wesleyan. Bill continued with a career in football coaching, recruiting, and scouting. He is currently a college scout for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

**Robert Mauck '77** associate professor of biology at Kenyon College, was featured in "The Kenyon Collegian" on September 5, 2013, reflecting upon his experiences as a first-year student at Ohio Wesleyan.

**Linda Copp Sheffield '78** was named controller and chief accounting officer for NewPage, in Miamisburg, Ohio, on September 19, 2013. NewPage is a leading producer of printing and specialty paper, and Linda has been with the organization since its origin in 2005.

**Joy Wyatt '78** recently joined the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Christian Home in Cleveland, Ohio. Joy is a licensed psychologist and director of the Counseling Center at Baldwin Wallace University.

## CLASS OF 1979 Alumni Weekend 2014

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Kate Asbeck, Chris Jones, Matt Palmer

**B.J. Davis and Sheila Murphy '79** celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary on August 31, 2013. They have two daughters, Emily and Shayna. They live in Raleigh, North Carolina.

## 1980s

**Daniel Dickerson '80** was featured in *The Detroit News* in August 2013 for his work as a radio announcer for the Detroit Tigers. The 2013 season marked Daniel's 13th season announcing for the Tigers and his 10th year as the lead play-by-play voice for the broadcast.

**Robert J. Hanna '81**, a commercial litigation attorney at Tucker Ellis LLP in Cleveland, Ohio, was selected by peer review for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* publication in August 2013.

**Julie Stahler Henahan '82** executive director of the Ohio Arts Council, recently announced her retirement, effective August 1, 2014, culminating 30 years of service with the council. Julie lives in Upper Arlington, Ohio, with her husband Jim.

**Jeffrey P. Long '82**, athletic director at the University of Arkansas, was chosen in October 2013 to be the first chairman of the College Football Playoff selection committee. Jeffrey has been with Arkansas since 2008. He played football and baseball at OWU.

**Bruce Tall '82** was recently named the Charlotte 49ers football defensive coordinator, a top assistant to the

team's head coach. Previously, Bruce was a defensive coordinator for Ohio Wesleyan and, most recently, he was the defensive line coach for the University of Michigan.

**Pam Kuong '83** an award-winning amateur golfer, won the New England Women's Senior Amateur title for 2013 and qualified for the U.S. Women's Senior Amateur and Mid-Amateur championships. She also was named to the USGA Massachusetts state team for 2013.

**James C. McConoughey '83** was hired in October 2013 as president of Conserve Lake County, a nonprofit organization in Lake County, Illinois. The organization focuses on land preservation, conservation, and regional planning of natural resources. Previously, James was president and CEO of Heartland Partnerships in Peoria, Illinois.

## CLASS OF 1984 Alumni Weekend 2014

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Tim Dill, Liz Dempsey Gilbert, Christine O'Hara, Sheila Fagan Plecha

**Bill Jennings '84** CEO of Precision Health Media in New York, New York, published an article on [adotas.com](http://adotas.com) on October 18, 2013, titled "Putting It In Context: How Pharma Marketers Can Finally Leverage Programmatic." Bill holds an MBA from Northeastern University.

**Sarah Schulte '85** was recently profiled on the ABC 7 News site for Chicago Illinois, where she works as a general assignment reporter. Sarah has been with the station since 1998. Previously, Sarah was a reporter at WSMV-TV in Nashville, Tennessee, and at Westinghouse Broadcasting in Washington, D.C.

**Todd Fitch '86**, was inducted into the Bellaire High School Hall Of Fame/Wall of Fame in Martins Ferry, Ohio, on September 14, 2013. Todd was an exceptional football and track athlete at Bellaire, and at OWU, he was a three-year starter as defensive back, earning All-League honors in 1985. He has worked in college coaching for 27 years.

**Vikram Malhotra '87** head of Credit Suisse Group's investment banking department for Asia-Pacific, recently led the team that worked on several M&A and financing transactions for Chinese online retail conglomerate Alibaba Group, including its \$7.6 billion share buyback from U.S. Internet giant Yahoo. This career success is one in a line of achievements in technology, media, and telecommunications since he began his



### Special Summer Reunions

The families of **Rusty McClure '72** and **Steve Chase '72** enjoyed quality time together over the summer. Pictured from left to right are Rusty and Steve, then their daughters Haileigh McClure (left) and Ester Chase (right), who toured Normandy, Northern France, and Paris together in August.





## Rising Star in Michigan Law

**Trent Collier '96** was recently named to the 2013 list of Michigan Rising Stars by "Super Lawyers Magazine." As a lawyer at Collins Einhorn Farrell, Trent focuses his practice on the defense of legal and other professional malpractice claims. He also represents clients in defending insurance, commercial, and general liability claims at both the appellate and trial level. Trent is a graduate of University of Michigan Law School.

## Alum Directs Musical

**Rachel Spetrino '11** directed the musical "Songs for a New World," which opened August 9, 2013 at CAMEO, the artist-in-residence of the Medina Performing Arts Center and the theatrical division of The Medina County Arts Foundation.

career after graduating from OWU with an economics degree.

**Susan Meck '87**, will publish *I Forgot to Remember: A Memoir of Amnesia* in February 2014. The book is the story of a traumatic brain injury that completely depleted Su's memory and her journey to put her life back together in the years that followed. Su and her husband Jim Meck '85 met at Ohio Wesleyan.

**Alexander T. Riley '88** professor of sociology at Bucknell University, was the recipient of a 2013-2014 Fulbright Scholar Award. Through this prestigious award, he will travel to Paris, France. Alexander's work has focused on the symbolism of how people process tragedy and the role of religion in shaping identity. He also has written a significant amount on Émile Durkheim, considered the French father of sociology. He received his Ph.D. from the University of California in San Diego.

## 1990s

**Natalie Hurst's '91** career highlights were featured on the website of KBOI 2News in Boise, Idaho, where she co-anchors the 5, 5:30 and 10 p.m. news segments. Natalie began her career at Eagle Newspapers in Syracuse, New York. She later worked for the PBS affiliate, WCNY-TV, in the Educational Services Department. Natalie has since worked on Capitol

Hill for WDAY-TV in Fargo, North Dakota; then KNDO-TV in Yakima, Washington; and WFRV-TV in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

**Douglas P. Nowacek '91** was featured in "The Chronicle," the student-run independent daily newspaper at Duke University on August 11, 2013. Doug is the director of Undergraduate Studies at Duke's Marine Lab in Beaufort, North Carolina, and he was interviewed about his work in the Marine Lab and his approach to research.

**Sean Smith '91** was inducted into the Gallia Academy High School Athletic Hall of Fame in September 2013. A 1987 graduate of the high school, located in Gallipolis, Ohio, Sean was an award-winning football player in both high school and college.

**Evelyn Jones Walter '91** was recently elected to the board of directors for Be the Gift, a nonprofit organization in Colorado that offers support to widows, orphans, single moms, and their children.

**Jill Abbamonte Brower '92** was recently named principal of Lakewood Elementary in White Lake, Michigan. Jill has been teaching for the school district since 1998. At Ohio Wesleyan, Jill was a double major in political science and international relations. She also has a master's degree in education with an emphasis in multicultural education from Wayne State University and is currently working

on an education specialist degree in educational leadership at Oakland University.

## CLASS OF 1994 Alumni Weekend 2014

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**Todd Hawke '97** was recently interviewed by *The Repository* newspaper in Canton, Ohio, about his candidacy to be a Jackson Township Trustee in Stark County, Ohio.

**Tami Hampshire Bell '98** was inducted into the Logan High School Hall of Fame in Logan, Ohio, in September 2013. An accomplished high school basketball player, Tami played basketball for two years during her time at Ohio Wesleyan.

## CLASS OF 1999 Alumni Weekend 2014

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**Alvin Conley Jr. '99** was recently named principal of Minshew Elementary in McKinney, Texas. Alvin earned his Master of Science in Educational Administration from the University of North Texas. Most recently, he served as assistant principal of Malvern Elementary, also within the McKinney school district.

## 2000s

**Julie Freyermuth '01** recently published her first children's book, *Norbert: What Can Little Me Do?*, a picture book inspired by a real 3-pound registered therapy dog. Julie's mother, Virginia K. Freyermuth, M.F.A., Ph.D., illustrated the book.

**Matt D'Amato '02** was recently hired by Union County College in New Jersey as an instructor of chemistry. He earned an M.A. in climate and society from Columbia University and an M.S. in materials science from the University of Wisconsin.

**Mike Kubinski '02** recently opened two CLE retail store locations in Cleveland, Ohio. The store sells Cleveland-themed T-shirts, glassware, stickers, pins, bumper stickers, caps, and sweatshirts. The company has sold items online since 2008.

## CLASS OF 2004 Alumni Weekend 2014

REUNION OFFICERS: **MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.** Please contact Brenda DeWitt at (740) 368-3329 or email to bedewitt@owu.edu Khadija Garrison Adams, Jenny Brodie, Elizabeth Dale, Ericka Greene, Chris Moore, Michael Pattison

**Erin Higgenbotham '04** graduated from Kent State University's Master's ITEC program on May 4, 2012. Erin also received a degree for her studies at Wasada University in Tokyo, Japan. She obtained her initial Master's Degree in Japanese Linguistics/East Asian Studies from the University of Arizona. Erin is employed as an Instructional Designer for Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories in Pullman, Washington.

**Joseph D. Winteregg '04** was featured on examiner.com on October 5, 2013 regarding his campaign against House Speaker John Boehner in next year's Republican primary.

**Bradford Sadler '05** played a lead role in the comedic play "Don't Dress for Dinner," performed by Stage Right



## Volunteering with the President

**Courtney Durham '12** volunteered at Martha's Table, a nonprofit that fights poverty in Washington D.C., this past Columbus Day. President Obama surprised the organization by arriving to help prepare food, and Courtney shared a work station with him. The two discussed Ohio Wesleyan, travel learning, and the spirit of volunteerism fostered on campus during their time together. Courtney is the niece of **Sharon Smithey Coale '72**.



## Young Alumni Reunite in D.C.

A group of young alumni gathered for Sunday brunch (and bottomless mimosas) in Washington D.C. on November 3, 2013. Among the group were both D.C. residents and visitors to the city. Pictured in the back row: **Brian Marion '08, Tatev Khudinyan '13, Peter Joyce '10**. Pictured in the 3rd row: **Sarah Bruno '10, Trevor Hawley '10 Christopher "Kit" Faiella '11**. Pictured in the 2nd row: **Kim Leary '09, Leanna Bucceri '10, Amanda Zechiel '09, Ethan Baron '11**. Pictured in the front row: **Katie McGarr '10, Kendra Klossner '10, Alison Kennedy '10, and Gina Davenport '10**.

community theater in O'Hara, Pennsylvania, in October 2013.

**Sarah Wall '05** was recently named to the North Coast Athletic Conference's 30th Anniversary All-Decade women's soccer team. Sarah is the only women's soccer player in league history to earn four straight Offensive Player of the Year awards.

**Kai Watson '05** was featured in *The Gleaner* newspaper in Jamaica on August 25, 2013, for his blossoming career as a painter. After hosting his first art show in Jamaica in 2009, his reputation and work have continued to develop. Kai's grandfather, father, and uncle are all well-known in the Jamaican art world, and Kai hopes to follow in their footsteps and open his own gallery on the island.

**Sarah Kieta '07** began working for American Greetings in August 2013. She works in marketing analytics and product management.

**Matthew Kempton '07** was the winner of the Georgetown to Idaho Springs Half Marathon in Colorado on August 10, 2013. A former member of the Ohio Wesleyan track and field team, Matthew finished the race in 1 hour 12 minutes. He lives in Denver, Colorado.

**Kevin Lehman '07** participated in the 33rd annual Joel Barlow High boys' soccer alumni game on August 25, 2013, in Redding, Connecticut.

Kevin, who went on to play soccer at Ohio Wesleyan, graduated from the high school in 2003.

**Michelle Corbett Coutts '09** was recently named to the North Coast Athletic Conference's 30th Anniversary All-Decade women's soccer team. Michelle is the only player chosen for the team to earn All-NCAC first-team honors four years in a row in the decade.

**Gregory Vasami '09** was featured on lohud.com on August 27, 2013, for his work at Vasami Training, a baseball training facility in Mamaroneck, New York. Greg is a personal trainer and strength coach for the company, where he works with his brothers Chris and Ralph. Greg is a former OWU baseball player.

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## 2010s

**Rafaya Sufi '10** represented OWU at the "Back to School" fair, hosted by the U.S. Educational Foundation in Pakistan (USEFP) in Islamabad, Pakistan, on September 15, 2013. The event helps Pakistani students interested in attending

college in the United States to learn more about admission, scholarships, programs, etc. Rafaya is an alum of USEFP and an educational advisor for the organization.

**Tyler Wall '11** was recently named to the North Coast Athletic Conference's 30th Anniversary All-Decade men's soccer team. His successful soccer career at Ohio Wesleyan included back-to-back Offensive Player of the Year awards in 2009 and 2010.

**Courtney Durham '12** was recently hired as manager of federal affairs at McAllister & Quinn, LLC, a lobbying firm in Washington, D.C.

**Carleton Levert '12** has recently been pursuing a graduate degree in speech pathology from University of the District of Columbia in Washington, D.C. He is also a tutor at ABC Kids Therapy Group.

**Robert Shane '12** was recently hired as a research analyst at Costar Group, Inc., in Washington, D.C.

**Bill Reilich '13** was recently named an assistant basketball coach at Indiana University South Bend, where he will be working for former OWU assistant coach Scott Cooper, who was named head coach at IUSB in June.

**Andy Winters '13** was recently named an assistant basketball coach at Ohio Dominican University.

**Carly Shields '13** was recently hired as a writer for *The International Business Times*. She studied journalism and environmental studies at Ohio Wesleyan.

**Anjuwon C. Spence '13** was selected as a recipient of the NCAA Division III Ethnic Minority and Women's Internship Grant in July of 2013 and will serve as the Liberty League's Assistant to the Commissioner. In this position, he will work with the League's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. He will also take on tasks in several areas of compliance and governance, championships, public relations and marketing, special projects and fiscal management.

## Marriages

### 1970

**Dr. Thomas Urban** and his partner for the past 10 years, Mr. Marc J. Samuels, were married in Georgetown, Delaware, on July 8, 2013, following Delaware's enactment of marriage equality legislation in May 2013. Thomas and Marc moved to Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, following Thomas's retirement from Houston Community College in Texas in December 2012, where he served as head of the philosophy program and was the 2011-2012 president of the 6-college institution's 3,300-member Faculty Association. On July 1, 2013, Thomas became chair of the American Philosophical Association's Two-Year College Committee, to run through June 2016. Thomas is a member of Chi Phi fraternity.



***Claudia Foulk '10** was married to Drew Mosley on August 3, 2013. Celebrating with the couple were, from left to right: **Aaron Soltis '10, Elizabeth Doyle '10, Shannon Sedgwick '10, Marie Krulewitch-Browne '11, Eilyn Segura '10, Gretchen Erhart '11, Claudia Foulk Mosley '10, Lyndsey Planicka '10, father of the bride David Foulk '75, Tristan Krulewitch-Browne '10, David Austin '75, and Doug Walker '75.***



***Tess Ireland Hallinan '07** was married on June 8, 2013. Celebrating together were, from left to right: **Britton Lombardi '07, Kristen Cemate '06, Ha Nguyen '06, M. Christina Intal '07, Tess Ireland Hallinan '07, Avin Assumol '06, Emily Deegan Hau '06, Julian Erickson '06, Hugh Pace '06, Krista Ritter Gemmel '07, Austin Steinmetz '05, and Cara Steinmetz '06.***

## Births

### 1996

**Samantha Harbaugh Jacobs '96** and her husband, Corey, of Norwood, Colorado, are pleased to announce the adoption of William Alexander Jacobs (age 4) and Lilliana Grace Jacobs (age 6) on August 14, 2013, in Montrose, Colorado. William and Lilly join older siblings Marcello Miguel (age 13), Angel Acosta (age 8), and Claire Alayne (age 8). Paternal grandparents are Michael Jacobs of Bozeman, Montana, and Marjorie Jacobs of Gunnison, Colorado. Paternal great-grandmother is Dorothy Coen of Ramona, California. Maternal grandmother is Judy Harbaugh of Dalton, Ohio.

### 1997

**Andrea Cipriani** and her wife, Sunny Green, welcome a son, Charlie Vaughn Cipriani Green, born on June 26, 2013.

### 1999

**Aman Narain** and his wife, Sonia, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Nyla on August 18, 2013. The happy family lives in Singapore.

**Andrea Misko Strle** and her husband, Jason, welcomed a son, Jacob James, on July 19, 2013. Jacob joins sisters, Julia (age 5) and Lillian (age 4). The family resides in Lewis Center, Ohio. Andrea is a freelance writer and editor, group

fitness instructor and personal trainer, and Stella & Dot stylist.

### 2000

**Mollie McCready Holleran** and her husband, Michael Holleran, welcomed their first child, daughter Madison Reese Holleran, on September 20, 2013. Madison was 6 pounds, 4 ounces and 20.25 inches.

### 2002 and 2003

**Elizabeth Hammond '02** and **Mindy Hammond '03** welcomed a son, Peter, on August 1, 2013.

### 2003 and 2004

**Joe Wechsler '03** and **Sarah**

**Hansen Wechsler '04** welcomed a son, Benjamin Richard Wechsler, on September 10, 2012 in Reston, Virginia. The couple was married on October 11, 2008.

### 2005

**Megan Sanders Ellis** welcomed twins, Baylor Rose and Nola Irene, on May 17, 2013. Also celebrating is Megan's brother, **Josh Sanders '97**.

### 2008 and 2010

**Ryan Adkins '08** and **Catherine Corrai Adkins '10** announce the birth of their son, Adam Corrai Adkins, born October 19, 2013.

## 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, Amanda Zechiel, at [arzechie@owu.edu](mailto:arzechie@owu.edu). This modification of In Memoriam will allow for more comprehensive information sharing.*

## Alumni

### 1930

**Edith Robbins Hurt**, of Venice, Florida, died on August 26, 2013, at the age of 104. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

### 1938

**James R. Stewart**, of Mount Vernon, Ohio, died on October 14, 2013, at the age of 97. He is survived by his son, **Robert Stewart '79**. He was preceded in death by siblings **Walter R. Stewart '26**, **Graham F. Stewart '27**, **Dorothy Stewart Worcester '29**, **David R. Stewart '31**, **E. Dana Stewart '35**, **William R. Stewart '39**, **Norman R. Stewart '41**, and **John J. Stewart '42**. James was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

### 1939

**Joseph P. Moran Jr.**, of Brooklyn, Michigan, died on July 30, 2013, at the age of 97. Joseph was a standout swimmer during his time at OWU. He is survived by his granddaughter, **Holly M. Moran '97**, and he was preceded in death by his brother, **Edward R. Moran '39**. Joseph was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

### 1940

**Katherine Emmons Hovey**, of Placentia, California, died on August 29, 2013, at the age of 96. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

### 1942

**Lauder W. Jackson**, of Dublin, Ohio, died on October 21, 2013, at the age of 93. He is survived by a granddaughter, **Megan Borgia '06**. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

**Marijane Forsythe Mitchell Seaman** of Beachwood, Ohio, died on September 30, 2013, at the age of 93. She is survived by her son, **Robert Mitchell '76**. Marijane was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

**David Benson Weaver**, of Alexandria, Virginia, died on October 6, 2013, at the age of 92. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

### 1944

**Emily Jewell Husted**, of Warren, Ohio, died on September 1, 2013, at the age of 90. Emily is survived by her daughter, **Susan Minahan '73**, and she was preceded in death by her mother, **Alma Latimer Jewell 1908**. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

**Margaret Stephens Quimby**, of Santa Barbara, California, died on August 25, 2013, at the age of 91. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Professor Rollin W. Quimby '43**. Margaret was a member of Alpha Xi Delta.

**Jay F. Lachot**, of Scottsdale, Arizona, died on August 9, 2013, at the age of 94. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

### 1946

**Robert Glendening**, of Delaware, Ohio, died on August 15, 2013, at the age of 88. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

### 1947

**Kenneth C. Hamister**, of Naples, Florida, died on September 27, 2013, at the age of 88. He is survived by his wife, his wife **Donna Baker Hamister '47**.

### 1948

**Elliott Soule**, of Frederick, Maryland, died on August 19, 2013, at the age of 90. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

**Dorothy R. Greenler Johnson**, of Bellevue, Ohio, died on August 29, 2013, at the age of 87.

**John P. Robinson**, of Durham, North Carolina, died on September 28, 2013, at the age of 90. John is survived by his brother, **Milton C. Robinson '50**, and

his niece, **Whitney E. Mitchell '08**. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

**Margery Sonneman Young**, of Pebble Beach, California, died on September 14, 2013, at the age of 88. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

### 1949

**Ruth Dewar Balcomb**, of Findlay, Ohio, died on August 9, 2013, at the age of 87. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Robert B. Balcomb '49**.

**Nancy Newcomb Howatt**, of Natick, Massachusetts, died on October 3, 2013, at the age of 86. She is survived by her daughter, **Diane Howatt '83**, and her son, **Kenneth Howatt '80**. She was preceded in death by her son, **Ben A. Howatt '77**.

**Maryanne Jones**, of Clearwater, Florida, died on September 28, 2013, at the age of 86. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

**Bebe Green Webner**, of Akron, Ohio, died on September 8, 2013, at the age of 86. Bebe is survived by her son, **Anthony Webner '72**, and was preceded in death by her husband, **Anthony "Tony" Webner II '48**. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

### 1951

**Cornelia Draves Baker**, of Franklin Lakes, New Jersey, died on August 16, 2013, at the age of 84. Cornelia is survived by her brother **Ralph Draves '49** and **Linda Draves Greenwood '61**. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

**Michael F. Vance**, of Sarasota, Florida, died on September 6, 2013, at the age of 84. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

**Roberta Lee Matsuda**, of Kailua, Hawaii, died on July 30, 2013, at the age of 86. Roberta was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

**Shirley Rogers Saddler**, of Elyria, Ohio, died on September 13, 2013, at the age of 84. Shirley was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

**Jay Taber**, of Webster, New York, died on August 22, 2013, at the age of 86. Jay is survived by his niece, **Bonnie Meszaros '67**, and he was a member of Chi Phi fraternity.

### 1952

**Mary J. Coulter Brower**, of Montgomery Township, New Jersey, died on September 18, 2013, at the age of 83. She is survived by her husband, **Forrest A. Brower '52**; her daughters, **Elizabeth M. Nordlinger '78** and **Catherine L. Zettler '78**; her sister, **Margaret C. Sauerhoff '49**; and her nephew, **Nathaniel J. Barber '12**. She was preceded in death by her mother **Mary Lovell Coulter '20**. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

**Marjorie Yarnell Coley**, of Sarasota, Florida, died on August 19, 2013, at the age of 83. Marjorie is survived by her sister, **Mary Yarnell Humphrey '40**. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority.

### 1953

**Dottie Huff Oberhaus**, of Bronxville, New York, died on September 5, 2013. Dorothy is survived by her son, **Anthony Oberhaus '81**. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

**William A. McManigell**, of Anderson, Indiana, died on August 7, 2013, at the age of 85. He was a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity.

### 1954

**Anne Stillson Peck**, of Poland, Ohio, died on October 3, 2013. She is survived by her cousin, **Jacquelyn Comey '51**. She was preceded in death by her parents, **Lloyd T. '29** and **Dorothy Kelley Stillson '32**, as well as her husband, **Reuel J. Peck '54**. Anne was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

### 1955

**Jack E. Short**, of Xenia, Ohio, died on October 19, 2013, at the age of 80. Jack is survived by his wife, **Mary Short '54**; his son, **Thomas C. Short '80**; his daughter, **Melissa de Cordova '82**; and his niece,



**Katherine Eckerson '79.** He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

## 1957

**James Urban,** of Leland, North Carolina, died on September 2, 2013, at the age of 78. He is survived by his sister, **Joanne Urban Taylor '52;** his brother, **Thomas Urban '70;** and his wife, **Lois Urban '58.** He was preceded in death by his parents, **George J. Urban '28** and **Helen Williams Urban '30.** James was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

## 1958

**Dean R. Wagner,** of Baltimore, Maryland, died on September 11, 2013, at the age of 77. Dean was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi.

**Gaylord Coleman White,** of Columbia, South Carolina, died on September 28, 2013, at the age of 76. Gaylord was predeceased by his wife, **Linda Hunt White '58.** He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

## 1959

**Penelope Appleman,** of Rocklin, California, died on August 29, 2013, at the age of 76. She is survived by her husband, **Wayne Appleman '59,** and three cousins: **George Amick '51,** **William Amick '54,** and **Elizabeth Murtfeldt '65.** Penelope was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

**Donald Hirt,** of Santa Rosa, California, died on August 17, 2013, at the age of 76. He was under the loving care of his wife, Andrea, and Hospice. Donald was a passionate gardener, and he took care to plant trees wherever he lived. He donated his body to the University of Southern California for medical science. Donald is survived by his brother, **Geoffrey A. Hirt '66.** He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

**Alan Washburn McCracken,** of Dingmans Ferry, Pennsylvania, died on October 15, 2013. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

**Alice Hoyt Spence,** of La Cañada, California, died on August 1, 2013, at the age of 75. Alice is survived by her husband, **David A. Spence '58.** She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

## 1961

**Elizabeth P. Lytle-Rupp,** of Richmond, Virginia, died on October 5, 2013. She is survived by her sister, **Martha Schipfer '61,** and was preceded in death by her mother, **Elizabeth "Betty" Nase Lytle '30.** Elizabeth was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

## 1962

**Julia Boyce,** of Springfield, Missouri, died on September 15, 2013, at the age of 73. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

**Philip Barton Herron,** of Dayton, Ohio, died on October 21, 2013, at the age of 73. He is survived by his daughter, **Rev. Katharine A. Herron-Piazza '94,** and his son, **Steven M. Herron '89.** He was predeceased by his wife, **Ann Patton Herron '62.** Philip was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

## 1965

**Sarah Rowland Aplin Kocsis,** of Columbus, Ohio, died on September 2, 2013, at the age of 70. She is survived by her brother, **Dr. Charles E. Aplin II '69.** Sarah was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

## 1966

**Alison Rand,** of Atlanta, Georgia, died on August 24, 2013 at the age of 68. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

## 1968

**Brian Raia,** of Eastham, Massachusetts, died on August 31, 2013, at the age of 66. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

## 1969

**David Bowman,** of Athens, Ohio, died on August 9, 2013, at the age of 65. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

## 1975

**Gail Hoesterey LaPlant,** of Clifton Springs, New York, died on August 26, 2013, at the age of 60. Gail is survived by her brother, **John Hoesterey '73.**

## 1978

**Elizabeth J. Mulkie Nelson,** of Fairview Township, Pennsylvania, died on September 19, 2013, at the age of 56. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

## 1980

**John Arbour,** of Bridgeport, Connecticut, died on September 1, 2013.

## Friends

Bethany Dubovec died on August 15, 2013. She is survived by her father, **Robert Dubovec '73;** her brother, **Mark Dubovec '10;** her sister, **Kimberley Dubovec Miller '02;** and her brother-in-law, **Philip Miller '02.**

Glynn Meggison died on October 4, 2013. Glynn is survived by his daughter, **Tricia Meggison Kalinowski '83,** and two grandchildren, **Justin Kalinowski '08** and **Kristen Kalinowski '11.**

Verna Motto, of Haverford, Pennsylvania, died on July 30, 2013. She was predeceased by her husband, **Rocco L. Motto '39.** Verna and her husband created a scholarship in 2004, The Rocco L. Motto M. D. Scholarship, and contributed to the University in other significant ways throughout their lives.

## Faculty/Staff

**Helen Owen,** of Marion, Ohio, died on July 13, 2013, at the age of 93. Helen worked as a secretary at Ohio Wesleyan for 23 years until her retirement in 1983.

**Elwood B. Shirling,** retired professor of microbiology, died on September 25, 2013. He was 99 years old.

Contributions in his honor may be made to the O'Neal-Jones-Burns-Shirling Fund at OWU. Checks may be made out to Ohio Wesleyan University, with the name of the fund noted in the memo line. To make a contribution online, visit [giving.owu.edu](http://giving.owu.edu), enter the gift amount, select "other" from the Designation menu, and type the name of the fund into the box. After clicking "Add donation," the form will expand to include a "Tribute Information" section, where donors may include Dr. Shirling's name.

## Sympathy

**Kathy Shape Hedrich '77** and **Nancy Shape Buettner '73** for the loss of their father, Robert C. Shape, on October 15, 2013.

# Value of a Private School Education

By Jonathan Hargis

My wife, Gretchen, and I are proud parents of three great daughters. Like all parents, we want the best for our children. Of course, a quality college education ranks either near or at the top of this list.

With each of our daughters, we evaluated all types of schools, from big state universities to small liberal arts schools. At the conclusion of each of those stressful evaluations, we chose a private school. Not only did these private schools meet the needs of our children, but they were also the overall best value.

Maybe the best example of how a private school provided the best overall value pertains to our middle daughter, Madeline, who graduated from OWU in 2012. Madeline was an early childhood

education major. OWU provided Madeline with a great foundation for teaching. In the classroom, her professors taught her the theoretical aspects of teaching. The small class sizes facilitated invaluable professor/student interaction that would not be available at a large school. Madeline also received great practical learning opportunities by being placed in area school classrooms from her freshman through senior years. These practical learning opportunities gave Madeline both the experience and confidence that she was prepared to be a teacher.

Upon graduation, Madeline was offered and accepted a co-teacher position at the prestigious Greenwich Country Day School in Greenwich, Connecticut. These teaching positions are very competitive, with more than 100 applicants for each position offered. Madeline's educational experience at OWU both inside and outside



the classroom prepared her for this career opportunity.

Maybe we could have selected a school that cost less, but I do not believe we could have selected a school that delivered a greater value.

*Jonathan Hargis  
Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing  
Officer at Charter Communications*

*Past Co-Chair of OWU Parents Leadership  
Council 2012*

*Ed. Note: The Parents Leadership Council (PLC) is the executive body of the Ohio Wesleyan Parents Association. The PLC offers a forum for discussion between the parent community and University leadership and faculty; opportunities to develop and implement parent and family volunteer activities that benefit OWU; and leadership in support of the University mission and the Parents Fund.*

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# Outstanding Alumna

OWU alumna Shirin Siddiqi Tahir-Kheli '61 was a guest speaker at a recent meeting of the Columbus Council on World Affairs and was joined by several Ohio Wesleyan students. Dr. Tahir-Kheli spoke on "America and the World of Islam: The Role of Women in Muslim Society." She formerly was Senior Advisor for Women's Empowerment to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Ambassador to the United Nations.

*Pictured are Dr. Siddiqi Tahir-Kheli with OWU seniors Haneya Hasan, Reizo Prakash, and Chenny Ren.*

