
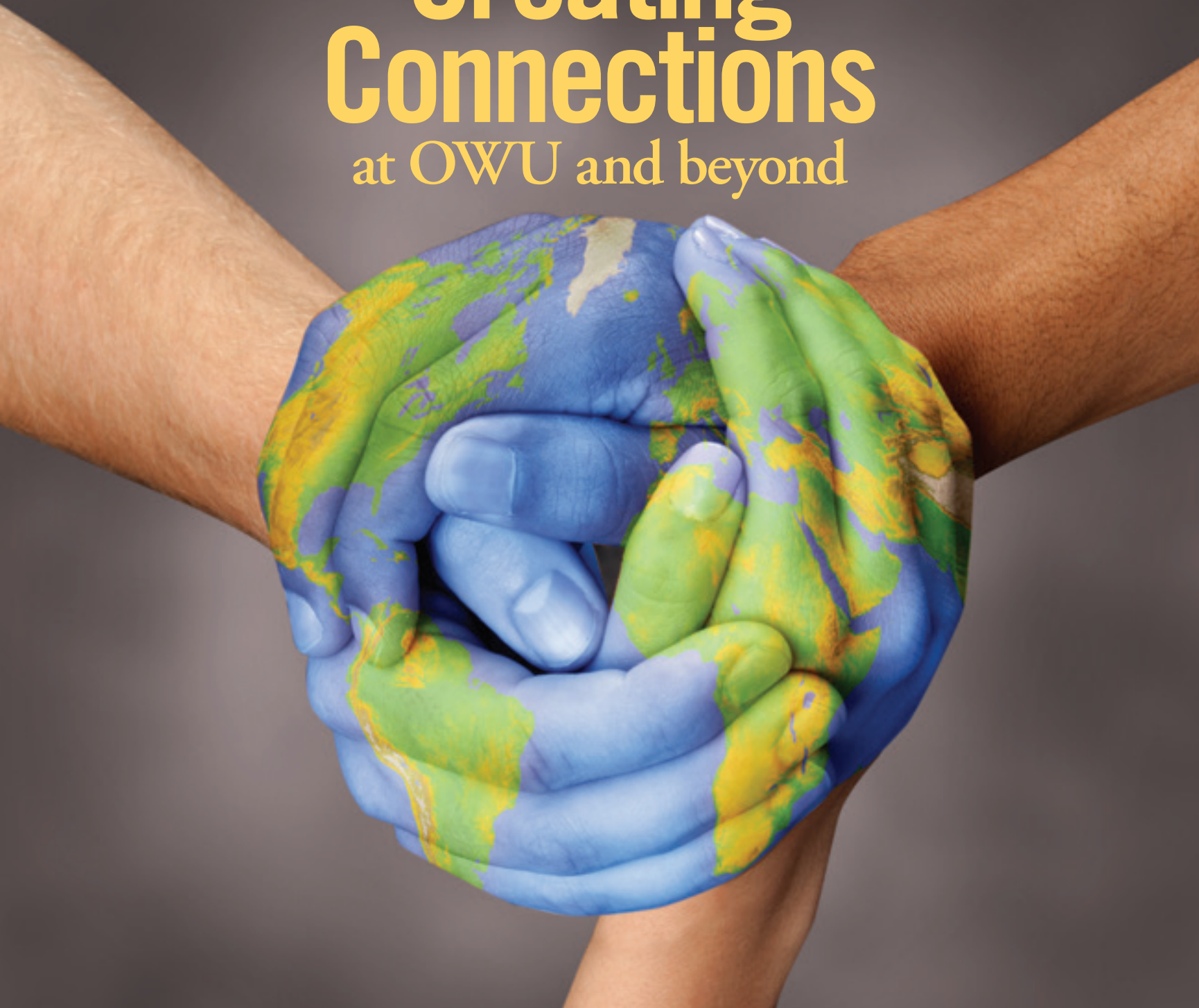


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Cover Image: The joined hands of OWU students and faculty—who were working on an OWU Connection research project—symbolize the creative power and global reach of Ohio Wesleyan connections. Working on the research project (described on page 7) and serving as hand models were, from left, zoology professor Dave Markwardt, Katelyn Nance '14, Ted Shipitalo '14, zoology professor Amy Downing, and Jonathan Overstreet '15.

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What is **Your** OWU Connection?

Over the past five years, the Ohio Wesleyan faculty has worked tirelessly to enhance the curriculum with the development of The OWU Connection. At the most basic level, The OWU Connection challenges students to recognize and experience the inter-relatedness of knowledge across the disciplines, the complexity and nuance that characterize the challenges their generation will confront, and the connection between theoretical understanding of knowledge and practical application of the same knowledge in ways that enhance the quality of human life and enrich the human experience.

At another level, The OWU Connection is a metaphor for what makes Ohio Wesleyan distinctive and for why an OWU education matters. Today's students will live and work in a world that requires the ability to make connections of all sorts. Their generation will be challenged to solve complex problems that require the ability to connect knowledge from a variety of disciplines, that in earlier times, might have seemed unrelated. They will live in a global society that requires the ability to make connections across diverse cultural boundaries, political structures, economic systems and social organizations. Imagine the complexity of confronting world hunger, climate change, sectarian violence, public health, and global poverty. These are enormous challenges that threaten the fabric of human society and the future of our planet. Understanding and solving these problems require the ability to make connections.

Connections happen at OWU every day. They happen pedagogically, in the structure of a curriculum that connects classroom learning with real-world experience, theory with practice, and a campus in central Ohio with study and travel around the world. Connections happen at a human level, as students work individually with faculty mentors and as they meet alumni who offer internships, externships, and settings for undergraduate research or volunteer service. They happen philanthropically, as loyal and generous alumni and friends provide resources to create opportunities for students to explore connections through travel-learning, course connection networks, and individual projects.

In this issue of the Magazine, we review ways in which students make connections every day. We also explore OWU Connections that extend beyond those of us who are on campus. Every person associated with Ohio Wesleyan has an OWU Connection. As you read the Magazine, I invite you to consider your own experience. What is your OWU Connection? How does OWU Connection serve as a metaphor for the impact Ohio Wesleyan has had on your life?

We are more connected than ever, and Ohio Wesleyan is leading the way in developing a 21st-century liberal arts education that emphasizes the connections that matter the most. Thank you for your abiding support, and for your OWU Connection.

Rock Jones

President of Ohio Wesleyan University



Well Connected

CURRICULUM LINKS STUDENTS WITH LIFE-CHANGING OPPORTUNITY

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DEDICATED 1855

Alex Webb '15, left, who studied myth and folklore this past spring with Anne Sokolsky, used her experience in two OWU Connection travel courses to help win a prestigious Boren Scholarship and a 7-month study program at National Taiwan University.

The word “connection” echoes in conversations across the Ohio Wesleyan campus. Students talk about Course Connections, connections with alumni, and connections with employers and grad schools. They’re connecting with cultures from around the world.

Faculty are connecting theory and practice, they’re connecting big ideas across disciplines, they’re connecting with students outside the classroom and lab.

“Connection” seems to be President Rock Jones’ favorite word these days. He uses it to describe life on the campus. And he uses it to define OWU’s unique curricular approach to the liberal arts.

“The OWU Connection engages students and faculty in shared intellectual experiences that enrich the Ohio Wesleyan curriculum through interdisciplinary course connections, the opportunity to connect theory to practice both in the classroom and in off-campus travel learning experiences, and in a wide variety of individual projects undertaken by students with important faculty support,” Jones says. “The OWU Connection embraces Ohio Wesleyan’s historic commitment to liberal education in

ways that are fresh and relevant for students whose life work will be accomplished through the middle of the 21st century.”

Ohio Wesleyan’s faculty launched The OWU Connection in 2009, and it’s grown to become the foundation of Ohio Wesleyan’s unique approach to a liberal arts education. It’s not just an academic program; it’s the way OWU approaches higher education.



The OWU Connection combines curricular and co-curricular elements that both deepen traditional liberal arts learning and connect that learning to real issues graduates will face on the job and in society.

“The OWU Connection shows our

commitment to helping students succeed in college, prepare for a career, and become a leader,” Jones says.

The goal: producing leaders who can understand complex problems, continually develop new skills, and work in diverse, global settings.

The expansive OWU Connection encompasses a number of curricular and co-curricular elements that shape the student experience from day one through graduation.

University Connections

The first component of The OWU Connection—the first-semester OWU Experience course—aims to start students on the path to success and a rich OWU experience.

Provost Chuck Steinmetz '84 says when new OWU students understand the resources and unique academic opportunities available to them, “it translates into students having greater academic success, stronger engagement in campus activities, and a clearer sense of their academic/career vector.”

The class begins with summer reading, which leads to lively discussion about the role of a liberal arts education in cultivating a rich and meaningful life (each class is limited to 16 students to promote discussion and one-on-one interaction). Students also learn about the wide array of services and academic opportunities OWU provides.

Results have been impressive. During each of the past two years, students enrolled in The OWU Experience were retained at a higher rate than students who did not take the course.

Course Connections

A second element of the program connects learning across disciplines. Through Course Connections, students study a topic (such as poverty, water, or the Silk Road) in greater breadth and depth by taking classes that approach the topic from social, political, philosophical, economic, scientific, artistic, and other perspectives.



Jennifer Eltringham '14, supplements her interdisciplinary Course Connections work with one-on-one office visits to faculty such as Erin Flynn to better understand the connections among the sciences, arts, and humanities.

“At their best, our Course Connections have been what the liberal arts is all about,” says Erin Flynn, associate professor of philosophy, who leads the Modern Society and Its Discontents Course Connection.

“We want students to be able to see and articulate the differences and understand the limitations of individual disciplinary approaches,” Flynn says. “My hope is that we’re complicating their lives, which is what we should be doing in undergraduate education.”

Jennifer Eltringham '14, one of Flynn’s students, loves that complication and complexity. “You get to a deeper understanding if you do a Course Connection,” she says.

Global Connections

OWU offers about a dozen Travel-Learning Courses a year, linking classroom learning with experiences to learn in settings around the world. In the past year, students have shot photography in the American Southwest, studied botany in Brazil, and applied mathematical models to study climate change in Alaska.

Anne Sokolsky, associate professor of humanities and instructor of a Travel-Learning Course exploring elegance and brutality in Japanese literature this spring, says Travel-Learning Courses have provided some of her most satisfying experiences in teaching. “We have a wonderful idea with these Travel-Learning Courses. They are not just ‘tours’ of a place. They are serious intellectual endeavors in which students and professors travel together to think deeply about an issue in a place beyond the confines of our classroom walls.”

In 2011, she took students to Japan as part of a course on the depiction of the Pacific War in literature and culture. “While we discussed these ideas in class, the students gained so much more in knowledge by experiencing first-hand the environment of Yasukuni Shrine, Hiroshima, Nagasaki, the military bases of Okinawa, and then Pearl Harbor.”

She says, “Traveling with students was amazing. I saw them in ways I never would be able to in a classroom setting. We were with each other 24-7. I was very impressed with their



OWU students visited Skogarfoss waterfall during a travel-learning course exploring the geology and energy resources of Iceland. “It was a really great opportunity for me to see what you could do with geology in a more practical way, said Elaine Young '15. “It helped me solidify my interest in geology.”

ability to be learned travelers rather than tourists. Even though they have all graduated now, I still keep in touch with them. Traveling with students for two weeks to study something so emotionally moving as the rhetoric of war and its aftermath on different groups of people was a deeply bonding experience.”

Alex Webb '15, who Professor Sokolsky calls one of her “top-notch” students from this past spring, previously traveled to Taiwan in 2012 and mainland China in 2013 in classes taught by Ching-Hsuan Wu, Ph.D., assistant professor of modern foreign languages. She said, “Through these trips, I came to the realization that I was passionate about these two Mandarin-speaking nations.”

“[In Taiwan], we explored the island, visiting different landmarks and important cultural and historical locations and touring Taipei extensively,” Webb said. “We also studied for two weeks at National Taiwan University’s International Chinese Language Program,”

With the background from her OWU

Connection courses, Webb this year received a \$10,000 David L. Boren Award for International Study from the National Security Education Program. She's using the award to return to National Taiwan University to study Mandarin Chinese from June through December.

Webb's Boren Scholarship requires that she work in the federal government for at least one year, which aligns well with her career goals. After graduation, she hopes to pursue a career with the U.S. government, working as an intelligence community case officer, or similar, focused on Taiwan-China-U.S. relations.

Theory-to-Practice Connections

One of the most exciting features of The OWU Connection links traditional liberal arts learning with real-world experience. Through the Theory-to-Practice Grant Program, students develop proposals for projects (usually two or three weeks long) anywhere in the world where they can apply what they've learned in the classroom or lab. Grants are competitively awarded and typically cover the full cost of the project, including travel.

The program is funded by the generous support of the President's Circle, a group of donors who have made special gifts to fund

initiatives related to Ohio Wesleyan's Strategic Plan.

Kelly Maier '14 used her grant to study early childhood education in Finland. "In Finland, I took advantage of every opportunity we had to immerse ourselves in the culture. From the family dinner table to talking with the National Finnish Board of Education, I was constantly learning something new," she says.

"After returning from Finland I can truly see the impact a culture can have upon an educational system."

When she returned, Maier infused her work with all she had learned in Finland, and this year, she was named the Student Teacher of the Year for all of Ohio.

In the 2013-14 academic year, OWU awarded \$169,000 in Theory-to-Practice Grants, and since the program was launched in fall 2009, it has enabled more than 500 OWU students and faculty to conduct research or complete special projects in 55 countries and 22 U.S. states.

More confirmation that Theory-to-Practice is working came this spring when three Ohio Wesleyan students and recent graduates received highly-competitive fellowships from the National Science Foundation. Each of these students had completed Theory-to-Practice experiences.

Mary Ann Lee '14 studied vocalizations of pilot whales with 1991 OWU alumnus Douglas Nowacek, Ph.D., of the Duke University Marine Lab, and she completed an internship at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts. She will now be attending Arizona State University to pursue a Ph.D. in animal behavior.

Brad Turnwald '13 received a Theory-to-Practice grant to complete a summer internship at European Molecular Biology Laboratories in Heidelberg, Germany. There, he conducted research in the field of nonsense-mediated mRNA decay, expanding work completed on the OWU campus with associate professor of zoology David Markwardt, Ph.D. He is now enrolled in Stanford University's biomedical science doctoral program.

Kristen Leer '11 also received a Theory-to-Practice grant and spent two summers researching evening bats in Texas to determine the style of house that attracted the most bats to live near the region's pecan orchards. She is now pursuing a Ph.D. in Integrative Conservation at the University of Georgia.

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THEORY-TO-PRACTICE



Three OWU students and recent graduates—Brad Turnwald '13, Mary Ann Lee '14, and Kristen Leer '11—received prestigious NSF grants this spring. Each had completed Theory-to-Practice projects at Ohio Wesleyan.

Career Connections

Students can also receive grants for research projects, internships, and other practical experiences that connect their OWU education to the world they will be working in after graduation. Students can coalesce four years of learning in these Student Individualized Projects, which normally extend through at least a semester or summer.

Through one such project this past spring, three zoology students (Katelyn Nance '14, Jonathan Overstreet '15, Ted Shipetalo '14) worked under the guidance of professor of zoology Amy Downing on a project they designed associated with the use of horseshoe crabs in the pharmaceutical industry. She suggested that they do collaborative research, decide on a research topic, and write a proposal for funding. They received \$1,200 and set up a large experiment with 36 horseshoe crabs in the zoology department.

These students knew about the increased mortality rate of horseshoe crabs on the eastern

seaboard, and their research focused on the potential link between changing ocean conditions and blood harvesting that is done on them by the biomedical industry, to acquire an important compound. Downing has nothing but praise for their resilience and professionalism throughout the project.

"I was there to guide their research, and to suggest further reading pertinent to their research," says Downing. "The troubleshooting skills they learned and their persistence will be helpful tools for the future."

A Distinct Advantage

The OWU Connection defines the approach that distinguishes Ohio Wesleyan from other colleges and universities. With its full array of initiatives, The OWU Connection provides a unique advantage for attracting students who want the deep learning of a traditional liberal arts education and need the experience of real-world problem solving.

More important, the program gives OWU graduates a distinct advantage in the workplace and in graduate school, where they'll be addressing complex, multidisciplinary issues.

The success rate of recent graduates provides evidence for the strength of The OWU Connection. In a survey of 2013 graduates, 94 percent were employed or in graduate school six months after graduation. Of those employed, 85 percent were working in the field of their choice.

Furthermore, three recent OWU graduates received prestigious National Science Foundation fellowships this year, and one received a Boren Award for International Study. All four of these students had participated in elements of The OWU Connection.

President Jones sums it up: "I'm grateful for the innovative work of our faculty in developing the OWU Connection, and it's equally rewarding to see students embrace these opportunities in ways that enrich their OWU education and help prepare them for moral leadership in a global society."

—Will Kopp is Chief Communications Officer



Indications of the joy that comes from four years of close connections between students and faculty are ubiquitous at Commencement.

The “stars” of a recently completed Student Individualized Project were 18 of the oldest living ocean fossils—horseshoe crabs, marine arthropods from the family Lamulidae—and three Ohio Wesleyan student researchers—Ted Shipitalo '14, Jonathan Overstreet '15, and Katelyn Nance '14. The students, all zoology majors, approached OWU professor of zoology Amy Downing last fall, in hopes of doing individual research projects with her.

“I suggested they collaborate on a project together,” says Downing. And that’s exactly what they did, selecting their research topic and writing their proposal, which they submitted for funding—a common occurrence at most graduate schools. The students received a green light to proceed with their research, along with \$1,200 to buy supplies for the project. The title of their research project, “Effects of Increased pH on Horseshoe Crab Bleeding,” encompassed the students’ investigations of the potential links between changing ocean conditions, blood harvesting that is done on these animals by the biomedical industry to attain an important compound—Limulus Amoebocyte Lysate—and the increasing decline in the number of horseshoe crabs on the eastern seaboard.

The students decided on each of their responsibilities, which included feeding and caring for the crabs, dividing them into control and experimental groups, bleeding them, weighing them, and carefully maintaining the proper pH levels in each of their containers. Part of the key to their



STUDENTS DIG THEIR CLAWS INTO HORSESHOE CRAB RESEARCH

success had to do with matching future career interests with the needed research methodology. Nance, for example, had worked at the Columbus Zoo, and knew how to take care of the horseshoe crabs. Her interest in marine biology helped with her hands-on care of the crabs. Overstreet’s interest in medical school inspired his curiosity about each test they performed and blood cell counting that revealed potential reduction of immune cells in the crabs. Shipitalo, who has a combined interest in marine life and conservation, designed the experiment to simulate how horseshoe crabs would respond to changing ocean pH, which required meticulous monitoring and maintenance of the pH and salinity levels of the water in each tank. Also working with the students, zoology professor Dave Markwardt, observed the important interdisciplinary nature of their work, and each student’s growth in performing “real scientific research,” when things often can go awry.

“They worked really well together,” says Downing, who emphasized how persistent the students were with the inherent ups and downs of science research. “This was their idea, and they never gave up.”

Read more about this research at magazine.owu.edu/summer2014.

—Pam Besel is Editor of the OWU Magazine



Ted Shipitalo, Katelyn Nance, and zoology professor Amy Downing examine one of the 18 horseshoe crabs.



Jonathan Overstreet and zoology professor Dave Markwardt.



Leaders, Scholars, Community Builders... Golden Bishops Set the Standard



President Rock Jones walks the red carpet to congratulate OWU's 2014 Golden Bishop Award winners.

Each spring, for the past 27 years, OWU students, staff members, and campus organizations have been nominated and selected to receive Golden Bishop Awards for their extraordinary leadership, academic accomplishments, and service contributions. This year, 25 Golden Bishops were recognized during a ceremony April 12, as family members and friends applauded and smiles and hugs filled the Benes Rooms of the Hamilton-Williams Campus Center with joy.

Awardees represented student government, community service, student involvement, athletics, and the culminating Meek Leadership presentations.

Read more about the winners at involveu.owu.edu/goldenbishops.



Tucker Fontella's travel-learning course in Italy led to a semester abroad, a "life-changing experience," and a career path.

Paying Homage to Umbra

When Ohio Wesleyan senior Tucker Fontella first visited the Umbra Institute in Perugia, Italy, in 2013 as part of Professor Chris Fink's travel-learning/qualitative research course, the health and human kinetics major from Stafford Springs, Connecticut, had his future career plans clearly in mind. At the institute, students learned about food traditions and aspects of food culture that are typical to that region, explains Fink. But for Fontella, those eye-opening experiences inspired him to complete a semester study abroad program in food studies at Umbra during this past spring.

From his classes at the institute, he gained insight into Italy's history and strong culture surrounding food. He attended one of the largest international wine conventions, VinItaly. Fontella's studies also involved food sustainability matters.

"Continuing a project begun by past students, we focused on promoting the use of take-home boxes to restaurants in the area, as most do not offer that option," explains Fontella. The result is food waste. A lot of it. He and his fellow students found a company that makes biodegradable take-home boxes and distributed them to three area restaurants,

while creating a website, social media outlets, and a promotional video for their project. The results were encouraging, as additional restaurants wanted to get involved. Says Fontella, "This has been such a life-changing experience for me. I have realized how much I want to work in the food industry. Studying the different aspects of food in a country with such a strong connection to it has been amazing."

Read more about Tucker and the competitive internship he secured with Goretta Wines in Perugia at magazine.owu.edu/summer 2014.

Helping Wild Horses

They're afraid of humans—and rightfully so. They have been beaten, neglected, abused, and often euthanized during horrific roundups in places such as Nevada and Arizona. And silently, they endure that which no living creature should experience.

"If These Horses Could Speak" was one of OWU's nine mission team trips this past year, this one offering students and staff members an opportunity to work with abused wild horses and learn to communicate with them. The 11-member group traveled to Mims, Florida, during spring break to the Wild Horse Rescue Center, a nonprofit organization that rescues, rehabilitates, and finds new homes for abused mustangs. For Alesha Showman '16 and her teammates, the trip was about learning to act as a team, as they bonded with horses and went about daily chores. Says Showman, "We needed to 'gentle' our horses and get them to trust humans." Staying in cabins at the Local KOA campground, the students, many of them freshmen, got a taste of their first spring break, OWU-style. They and two members of OWU's economics department, secretary Lisa Garvin, and business law professor Sue Ann Reulbach, learned about clicker training as a way to touch a wild mustang. The group watched as a veterinarian sedated a horse to trim its hooves—routine maintenance needed because of Florida's soil.

"Near the end of our week there, we had an opportunity to ride the mustangs that had been gentled and trained," says Garvin. In seven days' time, a new world of hope and kindness embraced these beautiful creatures so deservedly.

Visit www.wildhorserescuecenter.org for more information about helping abused and neglected wild mustangs.



Sean Anthony '14 and Bridget Haag '16 make friends with a mustang.

Hope in Haiti

As alumnae Kelsey Ullom '14 and Rachel Vinciguerra '14 are beginning their year-long volunteer work for Project Espwa orphanage in Les Cayes, Haiti, this summer, they thank, in part, their earlier mission team trip and Theory-to-Practice Grant experiences. Vinciguerra recalls her time spent in Haiti during spring break last May saying, "I made a commitment to myself to stay involved with the organization."

Founded in 1998, Espwa houses, feeds, and educates about 500 children, and an additional 200 come to the complex from nearby villages for school. Alumnus Doug Ditrack '55 has been instrumental in the operation of the facility; in 2010, the HaitiOWU Initiative was created.

As in previous years, the 2014 Hope in Haiti mission team trip called on students to help with construction, classroom assistance, sustainability issues and projects, and of course, playing with the children. For Lisa Jackson, assistant to the president, the opportunity to be on a team working with children was important.

"I traveled with an outstanding group of OWU students to the orphanage as a staff advisor," says Jackson, who has been part of several similar trips in past years. "Each one has been very different, but one thing that is the same is that you come home a changed person. I've learned that mission work does not end when you return; it stays with you forever."



Emma Drongowski '16 (top) and Lisa Jackson (bottom) work with children at the Project Espwa orphanage in Haiti.

Dental Office on Wheels

A recent edition of the *Journal of Dental Research* reported that an astounding 3.9 billion people living in mostly underdeveloped countries of the world, suffer from major untreated dental problems. OWU alumnus Dr. David Paul '85, a dentist and associate professor in diagnosis and health promotion at Tufts University, his students, and a number of colleagues are doing something even more than they have in the past about that—using their knowledge, skills, and a soon-to-be renovated 42-foot recreational vehicle (RV). The plan is for this future fully functional, two-chair dental office on wheels to reach out to patients in the Dominican Republic and offer the dental care they so badly need.

“We raised \$65,000 for this project, with funds being matched by the Nashoba Valley Rotary Club,” says Paul, explaining that the project is part of the “We Are One” joint project of the club as well as the Rotary Club of Santo Domingo Innovador and others. Paul, no stranger to this kind of outreach work, estimates that he has led 15 dental mission trips with more than 150 Tufts students over the years. He became involved with the mobile clinic effort through Richard Simon, vice president of

the Nashoba Rotary Club and one of Paul’s patients.

“Some of the biggest challenges involve working in poor facilities and with substandard resources,” says Paul, who must strive for high quality of care as he and his team members do fillings, cleanings, extractions, and other procedures. Toothpaste, brushes, and clean water can do wonders for the widespread cases of pediatric tooth decay he sees, and with each visit by his team, there are brushes and toothpaste a-plenty to hand out.

As the mobile clinic is completed some time this summer, Paul and his students will continue to treat patients at their home base in Santo Domingo Norte, and work alongside Dr. Frantz Compere, founder and executive director of Clinica Sodhaidesa, who has organized similar humanitarian efforts in the Dominican Republic and Haiti. The practical experience gained by his students is invaluable, and their service for those in need, is precious.

“I did my residency at Boston City Hospital, where I cared for very poor people, many of them AIDS patients,” says Paul, adding that Tuft’s dental clinic is the second largest in the country. “I enjoy taking care of those who need it the most.”



Dr. David Paul '85 has led 15 international dental mission trips to sites including the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

Bishops Forever

REFLECTIONS OF A FIRST-TIME ALUMNI WEEKEND ATTENDEE (CLASS OF 2009)

Talking about writing with my favorite professor over a beer at the Backstretch. Waking up in a dorm room that I share with my best friend on a Saturday morning. Walking down the JAYwalk, waving to friends and laughing. In so many ways, being on campus over Alumni Weekend for my fifth reunion felt exactly like it did five years ago. Yet, in so many ways, everything was different. Campus was different, of course, with beautifully renovated buildings, a lovely fountain on the JAYwalk, and a few new faces here and there. And we were different—no longer 22, but adults with jobs and graduate degrees and real-life responsibilities.

While it was bittersweet to see changes in OWU and in ourselves, it was also a source of comfort. That's the thing about coming home, after all. Home is the place that knows who you were, houses your memories,

but always welcomes the person you've become. That's what OWU does as a campus—but more importantly, that's what OWU does as a community. Coming home to OWU this May was a time for us to relive old memories and be grateful for them—but it was also a chance to create new ones, and continue the journey of what it means to be an Ohio Wesleyan graduate: laughing, learning, and growing with amazing people.

At Sunday morning brunch that weekend, my friends and I wondered aloud just what it is that makes OWU so incredibly special to us. “The thing about OWU,” my friend said, “is that since we came here, nothing has ever been the same. OWU is a part of everything that has happened to us since, and everything that's going to happen to us in the future.”

We're different people now, but Ohio Wesleyan is at the heart of our identities. We'll be a lot of things in our lives, but we'll always be Bishops.

—Amanda Zechie '09





Home for the Weekend

ALUMNI WEEKEND 2014

More than 700 Ohio Wesleyan alumni who graduated in years ending in "4" and "9" headed home to OWU for Alumni Weekend. Those in attendance came from as far away as Dubai, Bolivia, and Australia.

See more photographs from Alumni Weekend at magazine.owu.edu/aw. Read the Reunion Notes at <https://community.owu.edu/upcomingEvents/alumniWeekend2014.php>



"(M)y time here ... made me become the person I am today in so many ways, and that's why it was important for me to share this experience with my husband, bring him over from Bolivia and show him around campus, and let him experience a little bit of those four years that were so important for me."

Claudia Patricia Gamboa de Kattan '99

"We danced at the freshman mixer our senior year,"

Marjorie Butler Burkhart '54

"And that's when it really started," **Cecil 'Cy' Burkhart '54**

(The Burkharths are walking directly behind the banner in the top center photo.)





Strong Connections John and Kathie Bradford Milligan Contribute \$5 Million for The OWU Connection

JOHN AND KATHIE BRADFORD MILLIGAN, BOTH MEMBERS OF THE OWU CLASS OF 1983, ARE STRONG—AND GENEROUS—SUPPORTERS OF THE OWU LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION.

During Alumni Weekend, the Milligans gifted Ohio Wesleyan with \$5 million to create “The John and Kathryn Bradford Milligan ’83/’83 Endowed Fund for The OWU Connection.” Their contribution marks the lead gift for the upcoming capital campaign.

“The education I received at Ohio Wesleyan gave me a solid base in the liberal arts,” said Kathie, whose career path has included serving as a national spokesperson for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. “But OWU gave me so much more than an education. I was able to form relationships with peers and professors that helped me to move confidently forward in my career and in life. John and I are fortunate to count many of our closest friends as OWU graduates. We are confident that the same will be true for our son [Bradford ’15].”

John echoed his wife’s comments—and recently was selected to discuss his OWU education as part of a national initiative by the Washington, D.C.-based Council of Independent Colleges. For the project, John discussed how his life as a scientist was affected by an OWU humanities class. The course explored moral decisions in public

and private settings and included reading “The Plague,” which examines an outbreak of the bubonic plague.

“The in-class discussions of the behaviors and motivations of people under tremendous duress fascinated me,” John said. “The prospect of a deadly disease wiping out a society horrified me. Ironically, the year I read ‘The Plague’ was the same year that an unknown and deadly infectious disease was first described in scientific literature. Within a few years, America was experiencing its own plague as HIV/AIDS took hold.

“After I received my Ph.D., and at the height of the epidemic, I joined a small company that was directing its efforts to finding ways to combat HIV,” John continued. “Through hard work and persistence, our team was able to create a new medicine that was able to control the virus. ...

“Did one book discussed in one course make all this happen for me? Not literally, of course,” he told the CIC. “However, the book and discussions stuck with me for many years and influenced my choices. I saw the world differently as a result of what I had learned in the classroom and made choices accordingly. ... I have my liberal arts education and many professors to thank for preparing me to move out of my comfort zone, tackle new challenges, and succeed.”

—Cole Hatcher is Director of Media and Community Relations

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.

JULY

July 12 – Frankfort, MI

OWU Barbeque at Stratton Hill Cherry Farm

July 12 – Cleveland, OH

Young Alumni Habitat for Humanity Service Day

July 22 – Cincinnati, OH

Annual Summer Send-Off Picnic

July 25 – Denver, CO

OWU Night at the Rockies

AUGUST

August 3 – Cleveland, OH

Summer on the Cuyahoga Reception

August 29 – Cincinnati, OH

Shakespeare in the Park

SEPTEMBER

September 5 – Cleveland, OH

Young Alumni “First Friday” at the Cleveland Museum of Art

September 5 – Washington, D.C.

OWU Night at the Nationals

September 9 – Columbus, OH

Central Ohio Breakfast Series at the Athletic Club of Columbus

September 12– Sunbury, OH

11th Annual Team OWU and Alumni “W” Association Golf Outing

September 18 – New York, NY

Young Alumni Happy Hour

September 19-21 – OWU Campus

Family Weekend 2014

September 23 - OWU Campus

Columbus Monnett Club

September 29 – Morristown, NJ

OWU Golf Outing

OCTOBER

October 5 – Charlotte, NC

At the home of Bob '73 and Chris Campbell '73 Walters

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

October 6-14 – Various Cities

Bishops in Service Week

October 18 – Boston

Head of the Charles

October 18 – Far Hills, NJ

The Hunt

October 24-26 – On-Campus

Homecoming Weekend 2014 – Including the 25th Anniversary of Delta Zeta and the OWU Athletic Hall of Fame

DECEMBER

December 2 – Boston, MA

Holiday Event

December 3 – Philadelphia, PA

Holiday Event

December 4 – Chicago, IL

Holiday Event

December 4 – New York, NY

Holiday Event

December 7 – San Francisco, CA

Holiday Event

December 9 – Columbus, OH

Holiday Event

December 10 – Cleveland, OH

Holiday Event

December 11 – Washington, D.C.

Holiday Event

December 16 – Columbus, OH

Central Breakfast Series at the Athletic Club of Columbus



On June 1, D.C. alumni enjoyed a picnic at the home of Sharon Smitley Coale '72.

CLASSNOTES

1930s

Ivan A. Hall '39 was featured in the Cumberland Times-News as the only surviving charter member of the LaVale, Maryland Lions Club. Ivan helped to start the club in 1955.

1940s

George R. Hart '49 was featured in the New Castle News as a part of a "How We Met" Valentine's Day contest. He told the story of how he met his wife, Betty, to whom he's been married for 64 years.

1950s

Dave Puddington '50 and **Jean Hinton Puddington '51** are pleased to announce the adoption of their granddaughter, Shannon, whom they raised as a daughter since she was four years old in 1989.

Lewis Wallace Cross '52 retired from Central Hudson Gas and Electric Co. in 1998, where he was a vice president. Lewis and his wife have six great-grandsons who live near them in Poughkeepsie, New York.

Jean E. Carper '53 was inducted into the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges (OFIC) Hall of Excellence in April 2014. Carper is the New York Times best-selling author of 24 books on health and nutrition. The Hall of Excellence honors outstanding alumni from OFIC-member colleges.

Craig Dean Willis '57, president emeritus of Lock Haven University, was honored by the university where he taught for 22 years when they named their health professions building the Willis Health Professions Center in summer of 2013.

1960s

Evan Bukey '62 was awarded the Karl von Vogelsang State Prize for the History of Social Sciences by the Austrian government on April 25, 2014 in Vienna. Evan is professor emeritus of history at the University of Arkansas. An international jury of renowned scholars in intellectual, social, and political history gave the award to recognize Evan's significant contributions to historical scholarship.

William G. Batchelder III '64 gave the commencement address at Ashland University on May 10, 2014. William is the Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives.

George T. Bowden '67, a professor emeritus of cellular and molecular medicine, molecular and cellular biology, pharmacology and toxicology, and radiation oncology at the University of Arizona, recently announced a significant planned estate gift to benefit the cancer biology graduate

60 Years of Marriage

Paul "Kissy" Kisseberth '54 and **Ann Grinton Kisseberth '54**



commemorated 60 wonderful years of marriage by dressing in their wedding clothes and taking photos for their 2014 New Years cards.

interdisciplinary program at the University of Arizona Cancer Center. The gift will also support Parkinson's disease research in the department of neurology at the University of Arizona College of Medicine.

1970s

Brian Nolan '70 retired from teaching in 2010 having spent 40 years in education, the last 30 at Benedictine High School in Cleveland. There he taught British literature, grammar, and composition. Brian coached football (5 OHSAA state championship games, 4 titles), wrestling, and baseball during his teaching career at Benedictine, having served as head varsity coach in both wrestling and baseball and defensive coordinator in football. Since 2010 he has served as varsity assistant coach in baseball at Lakewood High School (2011-2013), varsity assistant football coach at Bay Village High School (2011), and varsity defensive coordinator at Lakewood (2013). In 2013, Brian



Aikido for women

Barbara Frentzos Butler '47 recently published "Aikido For Women: The Underlying Principles Of Why Women Have The Advantage," a book about the soft form of this self-defense martial arts practice. Barbara was 72 years when she received her black belt in Aikido, and she taught it until last year when she was at 89.

After Barbara's husband died, she was looking for something to occupy her mind and exercise her body.

"In 1975, I went to an educational conference in Kansas City called 'Awakening to Learn!' There, for the first time, I learned about Aikido and the unbendable arm. I was amazed, and it eventually changed my whole life."

Barbara says she had always wanted to write a book about Aikido. "So, when I finished teaching, I finally did it! I consider this to be handbook on what Aikido can do for women, the basics of Aikido, and its underlying principles," she explains.

The book is dedicated to all the abused women of the world, Barbara points out. She hopes that through Aikido, they can be better prepared to defend themselves, regardless of their age or size.

OWU Mission Team Connects with New Orleans Alum

Glenn Mueller '77, owner of 130 Domino's Pizza stores in Mississippi and Louisiana, donated dinner to an OWU Mission Team of undergraduates who traveled to New Orleans this spring. The team worked with the St. Bernard Project to rebuild homes damaged by Hurricane Katrina.



First row, L to R: **Valentina Marginean '16**, **Katie Butt '15** (team leader), **Xi (Cassie) Peng '17**, **Zoey Kramer '14**, **Akram Hossain '16**; Second row, L to R: **Rachel Vinciguerra '14**, **Anji Herman '15**, **Liam Dennigan '16** (team leader), **Jenifer Burks** (staff advisor), **Luke Peters '15**, **Robyn Madrishin '17**, **Lizzy Wynne '16**

was elected to the Greater Cleveland Softball Hall of Fame. He began playing competitive softball following graduation from OWU, and still competes at the national level in senior softball (55 years and older, 60 and older, and 65 and older age divisions). In 2013 he was voted to the 60 and over all-tournament team at the Winter Nationals in Ft. Myers, FL., leading his age division in home runs. He also competed in the Senior Olympics in 2013 in Cleveland, his team winning a bronze medal in the 60 and over AAA division after passing on an opportunity for gold medal at the A and AA levels. Former teammates and friends may contact Brian at bpnolan712@aol.com.

Barbara J. von der Heydt '72 Elliot spoke at Northwood University's Forum for Citizenship & Enterprise on February 5, 2014. Barbara is the founder of the Center for Cultural Renewal, a resource center for faith-based organizations working to renew the cities of America, and the WorkFaith Connection. She is a professor in the Honors College of Houston Baptist University.

Mimi Younkins '72, owner of R. Murphy Knives in Massachusetts, recently had her product featured in the Oscar goodie bag that goes out to celebrities before the big event. In addition, one of her knife sets was recently featured in "Epicurious—America's Best Recipes," a Conde Nast

special feature, and in "The Goods" section of Yankee Classics.

Richard D. Gordin Jr. '73 accompanied the United States flag-bearer during the opening ceremonies of the Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia on February 7, 2014. A sports psychologist and consultant for the USA Women's Gymnastics and Track and Field teams during the Olympics, Richard accompanied six-time Nordic combined skier Olympian Todd Lodwick (who Richard coaches) as he carried the flag. Rich was honored with the Distinguished Achievement Citation at Alumni Weekend 2014.

Michael E. Portnoy '73 was recently named a managing director at Westport Resources in Westport, Connecticut.

Cynthia C. Davidson '74 was recently awarded a 2014 architecture award by the American Academy of Arts and Letters. Cynthia is the founding director of the Anyone Corporation, an architectural think tank.

Michael E. Hall '76, who earned his Ph.D. in counseling psychology from Penn State University, recently conducted "Mind F.I.T.-ness: Coping with Failure-to-Thrive in Career" at the North Carolina Bar Association Lawyer Assistance Program's 4th annual Outreach Conference in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Principal of a solo

practice in counseling and consulting, Michael resides in Charlotte, North Carolina, with his wife **Barbara Jackson-Hall '77**.

Greg L. Moore '76, editor of The Denver Post and 2012-13 co-chair of the Pulitzer Prize board, gave a presentation at Ohio University in February. He spoke on the topics of the future of journalism and reporting the news partisanly.

Michael Murphy '76 was interviewed by examiner.com in February 2014 about his new book, "Eat Dat." An author and former book publisher, Michael's book is about food culture in New Orleans.

Martin R. Bielicki '76 was selected by the Florida Activities Association to be inducted into the "Coaches Hall of Fame." As a girls' volleyball coach at Martin County High School in Stuart, Florida for 28 years, he compiled a record of 636-191 with two State Championships and 18 District championships. He is the Dean of Students at MCHS and lives in Jensen Beach, Florida with his wife, Kathie.

William Staples '78, who currently serves as the president of the Academy

of Geriatric Physical Therapy, was awarded the Lucy Blair Service Award for outstanding service to the profession by the American Physical Therapy Association in June during their annual meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Beth Burns '79 was recently hired as assistant head coach for the University of Southern California women's basketball team. She comes to USC from San Diego State, where she was the winningest coach in the program's history.

1980s

Rogers J. Johnson '80 was recently named senior policy advisor for Andrew Hemingway's gubernatorial campaign in New Hampshire. Rogers is an independent healthcare and education consultant, and he previously served as the director of intergovernmental affairs for the U.S. Department of Education under George W. Bush.

Stephen G. Sawicki '80 joined HSZ Media, LLC early in 2014 as senior managing editor. In the new role, Stephen leads the firm's executive search and talent acquisition studies.



Golfing at Brookline, Massachusetts

L to R: **Dana Stewardson '84**, **Paul Mitchell**, **Henry White**, **Bill Jennings**

Mark Beckenbach '81 the sports information director at Ohio Wesleyan, recently received the Warren Berg Award from the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). A dedicated member and leader of the Academic All-America Committee since 1990, Mark's distinguished career has been recognized by CoSIDA before as a Lester Jordan winner (for outstanding support and promotion of CoSIDA's Academic All-America program) and as a member of the Hall of Fame class of 2011.

Beckenbach currently serves as co-chair of the Academic All-America Committee, coordinating all the internal/online operations for nominations and votings for the elite scholar-athlete program.

Steven T. Bruce '81, head women's basketball coach at Indiana University South Bend, was named the school's administrator of the year on April 21, 2014. He was honored at a leadership ceremony sponsored by the student government association.

Robert G. Walick '81, works for Nashville-based Walick-Kemp & Associates, which was recently honored with the 2013 Emerson Network Power President's Cup Award. Walick-Kemp & Associates, which has been an Emerson Network Power representative company since 2005, is recognized for exhibiting an extraordinary commitment to business management and leadership, personal and professional integrity, and an unwavering responsiveness to customer needs.

Sarah J. Stewart Williams '83 was recently named marketing & sponsorship director for Westfarms, a premier shopping center in central Connecticut. Sarah will be focused on developing programs and events, community relations, and all marketing and sponsorship activities for the center.

Douglas W. Dauray '87 was recently hired as publisher of Casual Living magazine. Doug has more than 20 years of publishing and integrated marketing experience.

Lecturing at the Library of Congress

Koritha Mitchell '96, associate professor of English at The Ohio State University, gave a lecture at the Library of Congress on March 14, 2014. She spoke about her award-winning book "Living with Lynching: African American Lynching Plays, Performance, and Citizenship, 1890-1930." Koritha's book tells the story of black authors who wrote plays about lynching in the 1910s and 1920s and provided their communities with scripts that affirmed their self-conceptions and encouraged them to mourn their losses.



A literary historian and cultural critic, Koritha focuses her research on African-American literature, racial violence in U.S. literature and contemporary culture, and black drama and performance.

During her lecture at the Library of Congress, Koritha discussed the book and offered a book signing. The lecture aired on C-Span's BookTV and is archived for online viewing. After the lecture, Koritha was presented with a Certificate of Congressional Recognition.

Leonard L. Chappel '89 recently joined the University of Akron's men's soccer coaching staff in Akron, Ohio. Leonard has nearly 20 years of collegiate coaching experience, and he most recently served as director of scouting for Toronto FC of Major League Soccer.

1990s

Gregory A. Zecca '90 was recently named the new head men's lacrosse coach at Ohio Valley University in Vienna, West Virginia. Gregory also serves as director of the university's sports management program.

Kevin McNair '91 is the founder and president of KREM Office Equipment (since 2010). KREM sells, services, and supplies office technology and connected devices. The company covers all of western Massachusetts and northern Connecticut.

Rebecca A. Roesner '92, associate professor of chemistry at Illinois Wesleyan in Bloomington, Illinois, delivered the keynote address at the school's Honors Convocation on April

9, 2014. Rebecca was the 2014 winner of the Kemp Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence, the university's highest teaching honor.

William C. Day '93 debuted his art collection, titled "Awakening," May 2-June 3, 2014, at the Anam Cara Gallery in Greenwich, Connecticut. The collection includes eight paintings inspired by his appreciation and love for the east coast.

Amy Prosenjak '94 was recently named president of Oregon's largest winery, A to Z Wineworks, LLC. Amy's previous roles within the company include controller, chief financial officer and, most recently, chief financial and operations officer.

Maria Taesil Hudson Carpenter '95 was recently named city librarian for the Santa Monica Public Library in Santa Monica, California. Maria has received nationwide recognition in her profession and holds a master's degree in library and information science from the University of Pittsburgh.

James T. Finn II '95 was featured in the Standard-Examiner newspaper

on March 24, 2014, for his work as Clearfield High School boys' soccer coach in Clearfield, Utah.

Nicole J. Detling '97 spent time at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia as sports psychologist for the United States ski team. Nicole has a private practice, HeadStrong Consulting, and this was her second time working with U.S. Olympians. She is also a professor at the University of Utah.

2000s

David J. Healy '03 was recently named president of Everest College in Burr Ridge, Illinois. In this new role, David will oversee all administrative departments, including admissions, student affairs, educational programs and community and business relations, for the college.

Jada G. Hamilton '04 was honored at the Quaker Foundation's annual awards banquet at Kent State University at Tuscarawas on May 2, 2014. She was given the Alumnus of the Year Previous Scholarship Recipient Award.

Joshua L. Dawson '05 competed in the Boston Marathon on April 21, 2014.

Brian E. Small '05 was recently featured on cleveland.com for his work as the men's lacrosse coach at John Carroll University in University Heights, Ohio. Brian encourages his team to train and play outside despite the Cleveland-area weather; the team played their first game outdoors on February 15. Brian was an All-American lacrosse player at OWU.

John Schlegel and Carrie Williams Schlegel '05, life-long teammates, were recently named to the All-Decade Lacrosse Teams by the North Coast Athletic Conference. Both were four-time NCAC selections, capping their careers as Players of the Year-John two times.

Andrew T. Warnock '06 was recently named to Columbus Business First magazine's Forty Under 40 list of awardees. Andrew works for Red Capital Group in Columbus, Ohio.

Evan M. Reas '07 was featured on the Stanford Graduate School of Business website on May 1, 2014. Evan was interviewed about his work as an entrepreneur in Silicon Valley, where he is the cofounder of Circle, a mobile social app.

Sarah E. Hahn '08 was recently profiled on ColumbusArts.com for her work as a sculpture artist.

Chris J. Myers '08, managing partner of Bespoke Search Group, recently announced that the company will become a division of Windsor Resources Division, focusing on Accounting and Finance. Through the partnership, Chris's group will focus on talent acquisition.

Dylan M. Brown '09 was featured on nxtsports.com on April 21, 2014 for his work as NXTsports director of education. NXTsports is a sports education and event management company specializing in lacrosse.

Willy Yoder '09 was featured on mashable.com on March 9, 2014. The story focused on his position as digital lead at Octagon sports agency near Washington, D.C.

2010s

Matthew Jordan '11 joined Christ House in Washington D.C. full-time in the fall of 2013 as coordinator of environmental services.

Ali Maurice '12 returned to her position as assistant case manager at Christ House in Washington, D.C. in the fall of 2013.

Ben Pigg '12 graduated from Washington University in Saint Louis on May 16, 2014 with a B.S. in mechanical engineering. This milestone



*Former OWU varsity baseball player **Rob Shane '12** met President Obama recently, when Obama stopped by a youth game being coached by Shane in Washington, D.C.*

marks the completion of a dual degree program he began at Ohio Wesleyan, and will mark his completion of a B.S. in physics from OWU.

Travis J. Wall '12 II recently joined Bowling Green State University's men's soccer coaching staff. Travis won national player-of-the-year honors on the pitch while playing soccer at OWU.

Michael S. McGlaughlin '13 recently announced that he will return to the AFC Cleveland soccer team as a part of the team's 2014 National Premier Soccer League squad.

Bradley P. Turnwald '13, a graduate student in Stanford University's biomedical science doctoral program, was recently awarded the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship and earned a three-year Graduate Fellowship from Stanford.

Kappa Alpha Theta alumnae honored



Abbey Kelley '07 received the Founder's Pin awarded by the Kappa Alpha Theta Cleveland Alumnae Chapter at their annual Founders Day luncheon. The pin is awarded to the alumna member who exemplifies Theta's ideals, whose friendship enriches the lives of others, and who willingly gives of herself to others.



Ann Tarbutton Gerhart '69 was named the Kappa Alpha Theta's Cleveland Alumnae Chapter Theta of the Year at their annual Founders Day luncheon. She was chosen because she is an active alumna who has contributed much to Theta and the community.



Monnett Club Gathering

The Monnett Club met on April 12, 2014 at Scioto Country Club in Upper Arlington, Ohio, where the guest speaker was **Lisa Schweitzer Courtice Hon '04**. Pictured are:

Third Row: **Susan Williams Bauer '74, Judith Williams '77, Jan Thome Kisting '93, Debbie Tavenner '77, Marjorie Werstler Horrocks '56, Betty Jackson Smith '52, Rayna Patton '77.** Second Row: **Selene Elliott Butters '49, Jeannie "Dusky" Johnson Reider '51, Carol Fox Green '51, Janet Ellis Tatham '57, Elizabeth Long Downey '06, Marilyn Ellis Haas '61, Lisa Schweitzer Courtice Hon '04, Elizabeth Shipps Yeater '01, Ginny O' Grady Shipps '70, Martha Hodge Noreault '66.** First Row: **Sara "Sally" Eliot Williams '48, June Snow Moncur '49, Ann Armstrong Knodt '61, Patricia Martin Wilson '62, Suzanne Sutter Sumner '75, Carol Ann Johnson Bowling '61, Carolyn Whipps Leick '60**



Alumni weekend included the presentation of Distinguished Achievement Citation Awards, Alumni Awards, and Young Alumni Awards. Pictured after the event are, from left, Alumni Association Board of Directors President **David Livingston '94, Alice Moore Batchelder '64, Rock Jones, Dr. Rich Gordin '73, Dr. Ed Folsom '69, Dr. W. Joseph Campbell '74, Maggie Smith-Beehler '99, Kathy Butler '74, Sahana Dissanayake '04, Dick Cassell '64, Ann Colson Cassell '64, Kathe Law Rhinesmith '64, and Dr. Claudia Coulton '69.** To read the complete citation of each award recipient, please go to: <https://community.owu.edu/alumniAwards/index.php>.



Michelle Nicholson Nielson '03 was married to Mike Fields Nielson on August 24, 2013 in Door County, Wisconsin. Joining in the celebration were, from left to right: **Brodi Feher Cole '03, Jordan Swisher '07 (bridesmaid), Elizabeth Dale '04 (ceremony reader), groom Mike Fields Nielson, bride Michelle Nicholson Nielson '03, Bernie Vendlinski '03 (ceremony officiant), and Morgan Phelps Crane '03 (ceremony singer).**

Marriages

2003

Carrie Paddock Naranjo was married to Chris Tsitouris, a graduate of Ohio State University, on February 14, 2014, at the Athletic Club of Columbus. The couple resides in Columbus, Ohio, where Nicole works as an associate strategy director at Ologie.

Births

1998

Carrie Paddock Naranjo and her husband Michael welcomed a second daughter, Leah Madeleine Naranjo, on January 24, 2014 in Oceanside, CA. The magazine apologizes for an error that appeared in this note in our spring magazine.

1999

Christina Ann Harding Dexter celebrates the birth of a son, Evan Joseph Dexter, born on April 30, 2014.

2001

Victoria Guinot Nielson and his wife Laura welcomed a daughter, Lola Nielson, on February 10, 2014.

Matthew C. Salts and his wife Laura celebrated the birth of a son, Andrew Christopher, in April of 2014.

2001 and 2002

Genie E. Sams '01 and **Bryan P. Sams '02** welcomed a daughter, Violet Elizabeth Sams, on April 11, 2014. Violet joins her brother, Colin Michael Sams, who was born on March 29, 2012.

2002 and 2003

Mathew J. Lavish '02 and **Tammy J. Blair Lavish '03** celebrated the birth of a son, Anthony James "AJ" Lavish, on March 23, 2014.

2003

Kevin Blair and **Katie Kneas Blair** welcomed their second child, Andrew James Blair, on January 30, 2014. His big sister, Natalie, was born in March of 2011. They moved from Washington, D.C. to Lansing, Michigan in January 2013 and are happy to be back in the Midwest and closer to family and friends.

Kristen E. Riegler Caldwell

welcomed a daughter, Nora Elizabeth, on March 21, 2014.

Brian J. Leach welcomed a son, Mason Robert Leach, on April 21, 2014.

Jennifer Rasmussen celebrates the birth of a daughter, Madison Larkin Meehan, born on April 17, 2014.

2004

Jaime Strabley Bratton celebrates a new son, Alexander, born on February 6, 2014.

Stacy M. Wideman welcomed a daughter, Olivia Kate Ahrens, on April 30, 2014.

2005

Emily Carleton and Timothy Dietsch welcomed a son, Jack Andrew Dietsch, on April 7, 2014.

Tracy L. Kelley celebrated the birth of her son, Emerson Noah Kelley, on March 20, 2014.

Ashley B. Kubly welcomed a daughter, Piper Delaney Pieratt, on February 7, 2014.

In Memoriam

1938

Elsie L. Straight Sloan, of Alpharetta, Georgia, died on April 3, 2014, at the age of 97. She was a member of Kappa Delta sorority.

1940

Marian Southard Graham '40X, of Marysville, Ohio, died on March 10, 2014, at the age of 95. She is survived by a son, **Robert T. Graham '70**, and was preceded

in death by her sisters **Margaret Southard Henrie '34** and **Catherine Southard Howard '32**. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Aaron H. Waldman, of Midlothian, Virginia, died on February 23, 2014, at the age of 95.

1941

Ruth Francy Martt, of Yellow Springs, Ohio, died on March 14, 2014, at the age of 94. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

Mary Lou Edgar Ward '41X, of Naples, Florida, died on February 8, 2014, at the age of 95. She is survived by a daughter, **Deborah Franz '72**. She was preceded in death by a son, **Alan D. Edgar '74**, and her husband, **Philip L. Edgar '35**. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

1943

Doris Parks Cart '43X, of Buffalo, New York, died on March 13, 2014, at the age of 93. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Dale M. Heinlen, of Seven Lakes, North Carolina, died on March 3, 2014, at the age of 92. He was predeceased by his wife, Jean Griffith Heinlen '44, and his sister, Kathy Heinlen Ziegler '31. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Gladys Breen Howson, of Cleveland, Ohio, died on April 4, 2014, at the age of 92. She is survived by a daughter, Judith E. Rickey '70. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Joan Laubenstein Kerlavage, of Worcester, Pennsylvania, died on February 7, 2014, at the age of 93. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

1945

Stuart M. Blydenburgh, of Lakewood, Ohio, died on February 4, 2014, at the age of 90. Stuart was preceded in death by sister Ellen Blydenburgh O'Donnell '47. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Margaret Alene Druhot Burnett, of Ashland, Ohio, died on March 1, 2014, at the age of 90. She was predeceased by her brother, **Raymond Druhot '48**, her mother, **Cora McElroy Druhot 1911**, and her grandfather, **Benjamin McElroy 1895**. She is survived by a son, **Raymond Burnett '74**.

June DeBoor Canfield, of Bloomington, Indiana, died on March 19, 2014, at the age of 89. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

Marilyn Mae "Turnley" Somerville, of Wakefield, Rhode Island, died on March 31, 2014, at the age of 89. She is survived by a son, **Roberd Somerville '70**, and she was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

1946

Nancy Dalee Ellis, of Indianapolis, Indiana, died on February 6, 2014, at the age of 89. She is survived by her sister, **Janice Dalee Foster '47**. Nancy was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Janet I. Rasor Howell, of Pleasant Hill, Tennessee, died on April 17, 2014, at the age of 89. Janet was preceded in death by her husband, **David Howell '48**, and she is survived by a brother, **Richard Rasor '50**. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

1947

Sara "Sally" Huston DuGene, of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, died on February 16, 2014, at the age of 88. Sara was preceded in death by a sister, **Virginia W. Huston Campbell '49**, and her husband, **Richard L. DuGene '47**. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Jeanette I. Wilson Pulliam, of Youngstown, Ohio, died on February 25, 2014, at the age of 88. She is survived by two brothers, **Robert E. Wilson '48** and **Dick G. Wilson '44**, a granddaughter, **Kimberly Hogan '03**, a nephew, **Richard B. Wilson '69**, and a niece, **Nancy A. Wilson Templer '70**. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

Ruth E. Long Neil, of St. Clairsville, Ohio, died on April 6, 2014, at the age of 88. She was preceded in death by her brother, **James A. Long '46**.

1948

Persis C. Hicks Martin, of Londonberry, New Hampshire, died on February 26, 2014, at the age of 87.

Thomas Miles Muchmore, of Scottsdale, Arizona, died on February 22, 2014, at the age of 89. He was predeceased by his sister, **Gale Muchmore '49**, and is survived by his granddaughter, **Kelly Muchmore '01**. He was a member of Chi Phi fraternity.

1949

Mary Louise Gould Bailey, of Woodbridge, Connecticut, died on March 1, 2014, at the age of 87. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Carolyn Robertson Bennett, of Westlake, Ohio, died on March 5, 2014, at the age of 87. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Herbert E. Bennett '49**, a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, and was survived by son **David R. Bennett '77**, of Van Nuys, California. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority. Please see longer version of this obituary online.

Mary Anne Zeller Stang Ensign, of Lima, Ohio, died on January 18, 2014, at the age of 86. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Charles "Lucky" Stang '47**. Mary Anne is survived by her children, **Stephanie Stang Comiensi '71**, **Elizabeth Stang Ryan '74**, and **Amy Stang Osborne '78**. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

George R. Hart, of Fort Myers, Florida, died on February 22, 2014, at the age of 88. He is survived by his wife, **Elizabeth "Betty" Fleigh Hart '48**, a daughter, **Patricia J. Hart Hoge '82**, and a sister, **Sally J. Hart Lindemann '51**. George was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

William M. Robinson, of Mesa, Arizona, died on February 8, 2013. William was preceded in death by his wife, **Barbara Palmer Robinson '49**. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

1950

John D. Lamme '50X, of Glenford, Ohio, died on February 4, 2014, at the age of 85.

James Arthur Seaman, of Elyria, Ohio, died on April 14, 2014, at the age of 92. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Don W. Sheffler '50X, of Massillon, Ohio, died on February 19, 2014, at the age of 85.

Helen M. Avery Watts-Brown, of Elkhart, Indiana, died on February 17, 2014, at the age of 85.

1951

Louise G. Still Armstrong, of Columbiana, Ohio, died on February 27, 2014, at the age of 84. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

Dorothy Ann Beck Fruit, of Kent, Ohio, died on April 29, 2014. She is survived by her children, **Jeff Fruit '74** and **Lynn Fruit '76**. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

1952

William J. Kohler '52X, of Johnson City, Tennessee, died on February 1, 2014, at the age of 86.

Ruth Platt Myers, of Lebanon, Ohio, died on April 5, 2014, at the age of 83. She was predeceased by a sister, **Margaret Platt Jones '43**, and her husband, **James Myers '52**. She is survived by a niece, **Judith L. Jones Kreeger '69**. Ruth was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

1953

Nancy J. Farquharson Berquist '53X, of Prescott, Arizona, died on February 5, 2014, at the age of 83. She is survived by her husband, **Goodwin Berquist '52**.

Ruth A. Geister Copps, of Kingwood, Texas, died on March 5, 2014, at the age of 81. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

John "Jack" Kelly, of Dallas, Texas, died on February 24, 2014, at the age of 88. Jack is survived by his wife, **Mary K. Snyder Kelly '52**. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Joan Ellen Walter Traverso, of Tinton Falls, New Jersey, died on April 6, 2014, at the age of 82. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

1954

Charles F. Crone, of Newport Beach, California, died on February 19, 2014, at the age of 82. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

LaVerne E. Anderson Dutcher, of Chazy, New York, died on March 20, 2014, at the age of 82.

Charles P. Farnham, of Bothell, Washington, died on March 17, 2014, at the age of 82. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Frederick N. McCommon Karaffa, of Granville, Ohio, died on February 27, 2014, at the age of 81. He is survived by his wife, **Jane A. Karaffa '56**, his son, **Robert J. Karaffa '82**, and his daughter, **Emily J. Karaffa '86**. Fred was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Joan Randolph Kyre, of Lubbock, Texas, died on February 20, 2014, at the age of 81. She is survived by her husband, **Martin Kyre '50**, and she was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

Nancy E. Tucker Navarro, of Saco, Maine, died on March 28, 2014, at the age of 82. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

1955

Richard A. Swain, of Mentor, Ohio, died on February 18, 2014, at the age of 80. He was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

1957

Putnam Sandles Pierman, of Columbus, Ohio, died on February 21, 2014, at the age of 78.

David A. Younkman, of West Liberty, Ohio, died on March 29, 2014, at the age of 79. David was preceded in death by his sister, **Carol Younkman Kutz '60**, and his wife, **Jane Mikesell Younkman '58**. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

1958

Robert R. Clifton of Rutherford, New Jersey, died on February 22, 2014, at the age of 78. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Robert H. Crumbaker, of Bainbridge Township, Ohio, died on March 13, 2014, at the age of 77. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

1959

Martha Ann Clark Kirk, of Galion, Ohio, died on April 25, 2014, at the age of 77. She is survived by a sister, **Elizabeth Clark Kazee '69**, and was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

1961

David Clark Grout, of Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, died on February 24, 2014, at the age of 74. David was preceded in death by his wife, **Linda Lowry Grout '62**. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Lynda M. Wood Hartman, of Canandaigua, New York, died on March 31, 2014, at the age of 75. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

Robert D. Nelson, of Manchester, New Hampshire, died on March 29, 2014, at the age of 76. He was preceded in death by a brother, **James C. Nelson '61**, and he is survived by a brother, **William D. Nelson '60**. Robert was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

1965

James W. Schultz, of Port Charlotte, Florida, died on March 20, 2014, at the age of 71. He is survived by his wife, **Anne A. Mallard Schultz '66**, and a daughter, **Amy A. Commins '00**. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

1966

William M. Stanton, of Potomac, Maryland, died on April 5, 2014. He is survived by his wife, **Jane P. Neff Stanton '66**, and two nieces, **Kelly Neff Shoffstall '09** and **Carolyn D. Traylor '03**. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

1967

John M. Patton, of Powell, Ohio, died on March 9, 2014, at the age of 68. He was preceded in death by father, **Richard Patton '36**, and is survived by his mother, **Sarah Spencer Patton '36**. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta.

1968

June Woodbury Karassik, of Ellicottville, New York, died on March 5, 2014, at the age of 67. She is survived by her husband, **John I. Karassik '68**, and she was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

1972

Harry F. Radcliffe, of Uniontown, Pennsylvania, died on February 27, 2014, at the age of 63. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

1976

Michael T. Benoit, of Plano, Texas, died on April 15, 2014, at the age of 60. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta.

Gloria McDuffie, of Plantation, Florida, died on March 16, 2014, at the age of 60.

1977

Elizabeth H. Stevens, of Anchorage, Alaska, died on February 27, 2014, at the age of 58.

1986

Lucinda M. Kitzman, of Winnetka, Illinois, died on February 23, 2014, at the age of 50. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Faculty/Staff

Dr. William F. Quillian, former Ohio Wesleyan professor of philosophy, died on March 4, 2014, at the age of 100. William was awarded an honorary Ohio Wesleyan degree in 1952.

Friends

Eunice Hill Waber, of Delaware, Ohio, died on March 10, 2014, at the age of 88. Eunice is survived by three children, **Loyann Waber Brush '80**, **Elise Hays '82**, and **Renee Waber Caserta '85**, and a granddaughter, **Rebecca Caserta '15**.

Sympathy to

Sally Eliot Williams '48 for the death of her husband, Donald Herbert Williams, who died on July 17, 2013, at the age of 87. Sympathy is also extended to Donald's children, **Susan Williams Bauer '74**, **Judy Williams Henning '77**, and **Steven Eliot Williams '83**, and his grandchildren, **Jessica Jean Bauer '03** and **Claudia Elizabeth Henning '11**.

Kathryn "Kathi" L. Tighe '73 for the loss of her mother, Margaret S. Hoar, on October 13, 2013.

Kathryn Shepherd Strang '77 for the loss of her mother, Elsie Shepherd, in Denver, Colorado on March 27, 2014.

Abigail Adams '78 and **Samuel Adams '82** for the loss of their mother, Anne Hopkins Adams of Owls Head, Maine. She died on March 20, 2014, at the age of 84.

Doreen Maddox Canning '81 for the death of her mother on March 31, 2014.

Carol Doubikin '99, a retired secretary in the OWU history department, for the loss of her mother, Ann Florence Gregory, on February 26, 2014 in Delaware, Ohio. Also mourning the loss are Carol's children, **Gregory A. Doubikin '90** and **John E. Doubikin '89**, and Carol's grandson, **Joshua T. Rodman '99**.

Tim Junglas '06, **William Junglas '81**, and **Lynn Lynch '84** for the death of Don Junglas, Tim's grandfather and William and Lynn's father. Don died on January 2, 2014, at the age of 80.

Brandy N. Booth '15 for the loss of her father, John C. Booth, who died on March 28, 2014, at the age of 52. John lived in Butler, Ohio.

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“WILSON’S WARBLER:
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KATE BALL '10

“This April, I attended the Wilson Symposium at OWU, organized by zoology professor Jed Burtt. Alexander Wilson (1766-1813), the conference’s namesake, published a nine-volume bird guide during his lifetime and was an accomplished writer, naturalist, artist, and weaver. Wilson’s work and the conference exemplified the liberal arts. With this piece, a “field sketch” of the symposium, I wanted to illustrate the interdisciplinary connections I see between Wilson’s biography, OWU, and liberal arts studies.”



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OWU students N'Toia Hawkins '16, Onyinye Okoli '17, and Trenton Williams '17 dance at Culture Fest, an annual celebration of OWU's internationally diverse campus.