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Rock Jones greets 2019 graduate Lexi Heberle at Commencement. Lexi triple-majored in psychology, neuroscience, and zoology, and she is working as a mental health technician at Sun Behavioral Health in Columbus and is applying to graduate school.

Preparing students for a meaningful life – and a good job

Sometimes in today's world there seems to be a new parlor game that challenges players to one-up each other claiming that a liberal arts education cannot prepare students for lives of meaningful work and a salary to support a reasonable standard of living. A quick survey of Ohio Wesleyan graduates, both those who graduated half a century or more ago and those who graduated in the past decade, shows this is not the case.

Our alumni, benefitting from the rigor of an education that gives exposure to a wide range of disciplines while also demanding mastery of the content and methods of one or more major disciplines of study, move quickly to the work force and to jobs that are meaningful and rewarding in every way. Surveys of recent graduates have found that within six months of graduation 96 percent of our graduates are in full-time jobs or full-time graduate study, with

85 percent of those in the work force gaining a first job in their expressed field of interest.

These data are consistent with what corporate and nonprofit leaders in the United States indicate they seek when looking for college graduates to employ in their organizations. The *Harvard Business Review* recently (September 19, 2019) reported the results of the Association of American Colleges and Universities survey of 501 executives and 500 hiring managers at private sector and hiring organizations, noting, “employers overwhelmingly endorse broad learning and cross-cutting skills as the best preparation for long-term career success. The college learning outcomes they rate as most important are oral communication, critical thinking, ethical judgment, working effectively in teams, written communication, and the real-world application of skills and knowledge.

“Internships and apprenticeships were deemed particularly valuable, with 93% of executives and 94% of hiring managers indicating that they would be more likely to hire a recent graduate who has held an internship or apprenticeship with a company or organization.”

Broad learning, cross-cutting skills, internships and apprenticeships.

It is no wonder that Ohio Wesleyan students are so well prepared for the workplace. Our curriculum has long valued learning that blends theory and practice, giving students the opportunity to complement meticulous work in the classrooms, laboratories, and performance halls with practical, real-world experiences. While these experiences are increasingly commonplace among the nation's top liberal arts colleges, Ohio Wesleyan was a pioneer in offering academic credit for internships and apprenticeships.

In the middle of the last century, the Institute for Practical Government and Public Affairs at OWU developed the Wesleyan in Washington program to give students the opportunity to spend a semester in our nation's capital, completing both internships and independent studies. This is the work that happens at the intersection of theory and practice, and it is the ideal way to bring practical learning to a liberal arts education. For decades, OWU students have benefitted from internships in government agencies, nongovernmental organizations, think tanks, media outlets, museums, and other settings in Washington, D.C.

In November of this year, the Ohio Wesleyan New York Arts Program will celebrate 50 years of continuous opportunity for students from OWU and other colleges and universities to spend a semester in New York City. The semester includes an internship and seminars in writing and publishing; visual arts and art history; music, sound and film; and theatre and dance.

While the connection of theory and practice is longstanding at Ohio Wesleyan, in the past two years we have made a major commitment to enhance our work with students in preparation for careers that will be rewarding and fulfilling.

The OWU Career Connection works closely with other aspects of The OWU Connection signature program to engage students from their first days on campus to the early years beyond their graduation in thinking about the career paths that will be most meaningful for each individual student. Internships are

central to the Career Connection, but the services provided to students are far more comprehensive.

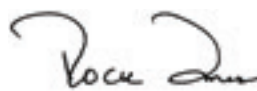
The Career Connection builds on our longstanding commitment to support students in connecting their passions and intellectual capacities with careers that make a difference in the larger world. Indeed, the charter of Ohio Wesleyan written in 1842 indicated

that our education was "to be designed for the benefit of citizens in general." We fulfill this historic commitment when our students are prepared to be entrepreneurs, scientists, artists, corporate leaders, public servants, educators, and humanitarians whose careers are both personally fulfilling and of service to the greater humankind.

This is the essence of an OWU education.

In this issue of *OWU Magazine*, you will read in particular about the Career Connection and Wesleyan in Washington programs and the life of our graduates in the nation's capital. I invite you to think about the ways Ohio Wesleyan prepared you to find meaning and purpose in your careers as you read how this continues to happen on our campus today.

That's a parlor game of a different sort; but then OWU is an institution of a different sort, as well. ■



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Student scientists learn, grow during summer research program

Student project offers net benefits

Combining her classroom knowledge, internship experience at a public utilities department, and her research skills from the Summer Science Research Program, **Brianna Graber '20** used Theory-to-Practice Grant funds to design and install a storm drain net in the Delaware Run, which flows through campus and into the Olentangy River. This net, one of the first of its kind in the nation, will prevent both trash and organic materials from polluting the river. A zoology major and Spanish minor, Graber chose this project for her OWU Geography 360 class because she “wanted to do something big.” Part of the project involves monitoring the health of the Delaware Run. The project will provide data that has not previously been a focus of research.



Brianna Graber says her project is expected to also improve the health of the Olentangy River, a tributary of the Delaware Run.



Accelerating arsenic atoms

Colin Hawes '20 worked with physics and astronomy professor Robert Haring-Kaye to investigate the orbitals of arsenic atoms. The most memorable part of the experience? “Operating the particle accelerator” at Florida State University, says Hawes.



Collaborative learning

Collaborating with faculty provides plenty of opportunities to strengthen bonds between professors and students. Zoology professor **Shala Hankison '95** (left) and **Jennell Betts '20** (right) studied paternity and mating behaviors in the sailfin molly.



Flying drones in Delaware

Under geography professor Nathan Amador Rowley's guidance and in conjunction with the City of Delaware, **Kait Aromy '20** (left) and **Aliyah Hannig '21** (right) used drones to monitor DelCo reservoirs for algal blooms. "The most memorable part was learning how to fly the drone for the first time," says Hannig.



Watching wren behavior

Engaging in a combination of field work and lab work, **Abbigail Turner '20** (left), **Moira Meehan '20** (right), and zoology professor Dustin Reichard researched whether mate switching is an adaptive behavior in house wrens.

Lunch & learn

Shannon Agler '20 (front) and **Logan Rice '20** (back) worked with zoology professor Danielle Hamill on the project, "Characterizing Rhabditid Nematodes." **Rice** particularly enjoyed the weekly lunch meetings where he could "present on our own research and listen to the other labs present on the research that they are doing."



Gaming and the mind

Bradley Orzolek '20 (left), **Hien Mai '22** (right), and psychology professor Kira Bailey spent their summer gaming to discover how video games can improve cognition and brain function. **Orzolek** enjoyed working with the group to design their own game with "a whole story, unique mechanics, and great replayability."

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2020 Mock Convention to prevail Feb 21-22

It's back! The Mock Presidential Nominating Convention, that is, a 136-year-old campus tradition, slated for February 21-22. Held once every four years and coinciding with presidential elections, Mock Convention is a lively affair involving mock protests, costumes, and absurd motions from the floor, such as the failed attempt by Texas to secede from the union in 2016. Ashley Biser, associate professor of politics and government and faculty director for the event, said Mock Convention is an example of "the kind of experiential learning that is a central part of the OWU Connection, and demonstrates OWU's longstanding and innovative approach to practical politics." Details: owu.edu/mockconvention.

THINK Tank center to support honors students

The Honors Center, which is newly renamed the THINK Tank (by **Katie Flack '19**), has opened in the former Beeghly Library Internet Cafe. THINK, which stands for Theory, Honors, Innovation, Networking, and Knowledge, represents a special space for honors students, said Amy McClure, Rodefer professor of education. "Honors students need a place to gather, to find each other, to talk with like-minded people, to study, to work collaboratively with classmates — in short, to engage in an intellectual life." The Honors Center was previously housed in what is now the Entrepreneurship Center.

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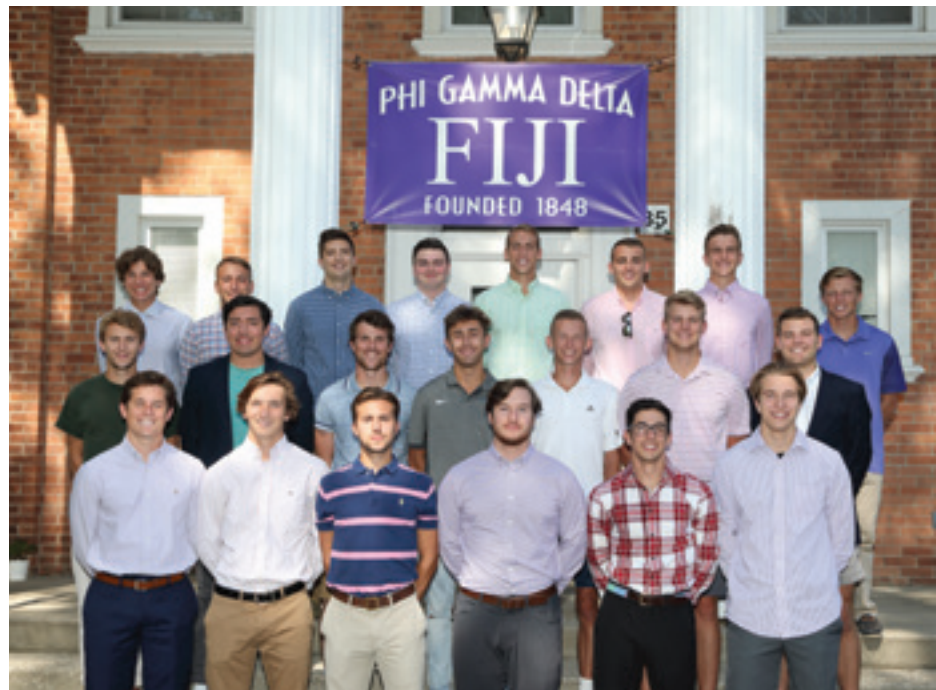
From Twitter to Snapchat, you'll find OWU on almost every social media platform. OWU recently launched a Spotify channel showcasing OWU faculty and staff themed playlists. Songs include:

Ubu Pere's "Final Solution" (philosophy professor Erin Flynn); ACDC's "Thunderstruck" (football coach Tom Watts); Woody Guthrie's "This Land is Your Land" (politics and government professor Sean Kay); and Aretha Franklin's "Respect" (marching band director Mary Kate McNally). Search "Ohio Wesleyan University" on the Spotify app, or go to owu.edu/spotify on the Web.



Fijis score top GPA in the USA

The mascot of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity is the snowy white owl, and it's especially fitting for the wise members of Ohio Wesleyan University's Theta Deuteron chapter. The OWU men earned the fraternity's 2018 Jordan Bowl, recognizing them for having the highest comparative scholarship among the nation's 147 Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji) chapters. This marks the Ohio Wesleyan chapter's second national award in two years. The men also earned the 2017 Owen Cup for most improved scholarship.



Front Row (Right to left): Justin Petty '22, Jordan Auriemma '20, Eli Rajotte '20, Jarrod Ferstl '20, Brody Kannally '22, Ben Sobotka '21. Middle Row (R to L): Chase Dusek '22, Jack Funderburg '21, Jay Welch '21, Joseph Patterson '22, Bradley Wolford '22, Jose Matute '21, Adam Yingling '20. Back Row (R to L): Grant Brooks '22, Ryan Hulesman '21, Peyton Larkin '21, Joesph Brush '20, Jack Foley '22, Phoenix Huron '21, Jared Hileman '20, Ben Loeper '20. Not pictured: Max Berry '21, Matt Brault '20, Nick Braydich '20, Duncan Copeland '20, Jack Dugan '20, Will Efke '20, Aunders Erikson '20, John Keller '20, Ryan Lesmez '20, Billy Lewis '21, Billy Luckett '20, Wyatt McQueen '22, Peter Mihok '20, Sam Miller '20, Garret Voigt '20, Louis Yank '20.

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Juan Armando Rojas Joo: Professor of Spanish, chief diversity officer, and associate dean for diversity and inclusion

Juan's journeys as a transborder poet, narrator, and essayist permeate his teaching and his work, including inclusivity. Among his many international experiences, Juan's literary and cross-cultural travels have taken him into caves, across rivers and deserts, and to the tops of mountains throughout Latin America, Egypt, Iraq, Spain, and his native Mexico.

Masks, crystals, artwork, and other artifacts from around the world greet a visitor to his office — and illuminate the world of learning that guides his teaching. He finds them a comfortable reminder of why he challenges students with projects that blend literature, culture, politics, history, and economics. He is also proud to serve as co-chair of the Delaware County MLK Celebration committee and as trustee for the Central Ohio Symphony. Born in Ciudad Juárez in Mexico, Juan says his interests mirror his own bicultural heritage as Mexican and Chinese — and, of course, there is an artifact for that in his office, too.

1 **Going down under in Mexico**

Juan received this selenite crystal as a gift from his trek to the Cave of the Crystals in Naica, Chihuahua, which in parts runs as deep as 984 feet. Connected to the Naica mine, the main chamber contains some of the world's largest crystals ever found, and formed from underground magma and water. "We could only stay minutes inside the crystal cave — temperatures can reach up to 120 degrees with more than 90 percent humidity."

2 **Art and poetry are necessary**

This figure of Xochipilli, the god of art, poetry, beauty, dance, and song in Aztec mythology, is more than just a statue. "It's a reminder that we all need art in our lives."

3 **Poetry is a bridge**

Juan's collected poetry includes his most recent, *Como luz de rio, Like River Light*, which was also just translated into Arabic. During a presentation in Cairo, Egypt, he found people receptive to the idea of the conflicting identities of rivers and deserts as both bridges and borders.

4 **A global masking**

His diverse mask collection hails from travels to Mexico, Brazil, Africa, and numerous other places. "Each mask is different and tells a particular story, but they all have a common use in rituals worldwide."

5 **Mexican Buddha**

"This Buddha represents my East Asian background. A lot of people don't realize that the Chinese settled in Mexico as far back as during the Spanish colonization, and then later as merchants and laborers in the late 19th-century." Juan is writing a story about his Chinese grandfather, who crossed the Rio Grande from the United States to Mexico during the Mexican Revolution and married a curandera mestiza, a woman of indigenous and Spanish heritage.

6 **Tools for creating**

This stone from Mexico was used as a tool by natives in ancient times. Juan notes that

its fine craftsmanship reveals a lot about the spirit and ingenuity of the ancestors.

7 **Time to celebrate**

Many a Mexican celebration includes these colorful papel picado (cut paper). So why not hang them from a shelf of a fine collection of literature?

8 **Who isn't a coffee lover?**

Café Bustelo is available in many U.S. grocery stores these days, but its colorful can tells any visitor to Juan's office that every morning needs to start with a good cup 'o joe. ¡Qué rico!

9 **All in the family**

Juan's son, Adryán, now 18, and daughter Amaya, who is 16, are bilingual and pluriracial. "Their mixed heritage — Mexican, indigenous, Chinese, and white — reflects the plurality of many people in our country, and it's something to be proud of."

— Lisa Lopez Snyder



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DeWitt coaches the players **and the coaches**



Men's basketball head coach Mike DeWitt (left) with new assistant coach Nate Axelrod.

When former Ohio Wesleyan men's basketball standout **Nate Axelrod '18** returned to OWU to become the Battling Bishops' assistant men's basketball coach under head coach **Mike DeWitt '87**, it was perhaps the best career move he could have made.

DeWitt's previous assistant, Nate Conley, was named the head coach at Manchester (Ind.) University in October, becoming the sixth of DeWitt's former assistant coaches to go on to a head coaching position. Four others are current head coaches — Scott Cooper at Indiana University-South Bend, Scott Cutter at Defiance College, John Ellenwood at Ashland University, and Jon VanderWal at Marietta College.

"I think our assistant coaches are attractive to other schools for a variety of reasons, and I believe that one of my responsibilities as a head coach is to mentor and prepare them for advancing their careers," says DeWitt.

He explains that OWU assistants are given responsibilities in every aspect of the program in order to prepare them to become head coaches.

It's not only DeWitt's former assistants who are progressing to the

coaching ranks. DeWitt also has two former players who are head coaches, **Travis Schwab '04** at Muskingum University and **Andy Winters '13** at Otterbein University, and two who are assistant coaches, **Rob Gardiner '10** at Ashland University and **Seth Clark '18** at Wabash College.

National Division III player of the year in 2017-18, Axelrod began his coaching career at Oberlin College last season, then accepted a position on Winters' staff at Otterbein. When the Ohio Wesleyan position opened, he jumped at the chance like it was a loose ball on the court.

"This school is a really special place to me, and I'm grateful that I get to contribute to the basketball program and campus community, especially after going to school here," says Axelrod. "I feel great working for Coach DeWitt because we had a great relationship when I played for him and I have a ton of respect for his success. He has built an incredible culture here."

Axelrod is eager to learn from DeWitt, whom he said was a very supportive mentor throughout his playing career.

Axelrod's favorite aspect of coaching is that it doesn't feel like a typical job with the fast-paced work environment. "I am surrounded by a great group of guys on our team, and they make it a fun environment to be in," he says.

DeWitt is excited to have Axelrod join the men's basketball staff. "Nate had one of the best playing careers in OWU men's basketball history, and to provide him the opportunity to return to his alma mater is very rewarding," he says. "He has exemplified what we want our program to represent in terms of success on and off the court as a player."

Axelrod capped his Battling Bishop career by winning the Jostens Trophy as the nation's most outstanding NCAA Division III men's basketball player and receiving NCAA Division III Player of the Year laurels from D3hoops.com. He was a three-time All-America selection by both the National Association of Basketball Coaches and D3hoops.com, a two-time Academic All-America® choice, and North Coast Athletic Conference Player of the Year for three years in a row, making him the first men's basketball player in conference history to be so honored.

Axelrod also was a four-time, first-team All-NCAC selection, only the third men's basketball player in conference history to accomplish that feat, and was named NCAC Newcomer of the Year in 2015. During his senior year, he led the NCAC in assists and in scoring with 19.2 points per game, becoming the first player in conference history to lead the league in scoring and assists in a single season. Axelrod finished his career as the second Ohio Wesleyan men's basketball player and the fourth in NCAC history to surpass the 2,000-point mark. He also is Ohio Wesleyan's all-time leader in assists with 655 and consecutive games started with 114. ■

— By Caitlin Jefferson '22

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Thomas Winston, a visionary authority

In parts of Ohio that rely on manufacturing as the main source of revenue, recovery from the Great Recession of 2008 has been slow. A 2011 report by IHS Global Insight, an economics consulting firm, noted that at least four Ohio cities — Canton, Dayton, Toledo, and Youngstown — are not expected to be fully recovered until 2021 or later.

However, in Northwest Ohio, the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority might have a hand in addressing this forecast, thanks in part to the vision of the port authority's new president and CEO, **Thomas Winston '92**.

"The Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority has a critical and unique role in driving economic development not only in Northwest Ohio but also throughout the state of Ohio," says Winston.

His bold efforts rely on the port authority's unique responsibilities in order to advance economic opportunities in the Toledo area. While most port authorities focus on infrastructure development, the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority's reach spans from overseeing maritime activity of the largest inland port on the Great Lakes and managing two area airports, to serving as an innovative financing arm to support large-scale development as well as residential and commercial energy-efficiency projects. The port issues development revenue bonds and has a bond fund portfolio of approximately \$100 million.

When Winston first joined the port authority as vice president and chief financial officer in 2010, he leveraged his past corporate experience as a way to support the vision for improving the area economy. At that time, the port authority purchased an abandoned, 80-acre industrial site — once home to the Toledo Jeep plant — with the goal of developing it into an innovative business park. That effort meant deploying



Source: Toledo/Lucas County Port Authority

millions of dollars in site remediation work. "The strategic decision was made to construct a 'spec' building with the purpose of attracting industrial firms looking for a viable home to purchase or lease the facility, with the intention of bringing manufacturing jobs back to the area," he says.

Located near two major interstate highways, two active rail lines, and a strong manufacturing workforce, "the possibilities were set," he says. Today the site, now called Overland Industrial Park, is thriving with four operating businesses, and Winston expects to see 1,500 jobs at the park by the third quarter of 2020.

"Those are the types of things that I think are exciting," he says.

"The next challenge is how long [economic growth] is going to be sustained," Winston adds. "People are wondering about whether or not another recession may be forthcoming in the next couple of years, so it's really that challenge of looking for new job creation opportunities that will foster positive and sustainable economic conditions throughout the Northwest Ohio region."

Service as leadership

For Winston, leadership has been a natural part of his life. After graduating from Ohio Wesleyan with a bachelor's in philosophy and economics, he returned to his hometown of Chicago to earn an MBA from Loyola University Chicago.

He went on to serve in a number of financial leadership positions over the following years, including with Owens Corning in Toledo, before joining the port authority as vice president and chief financial officer.

Winston also has become a community leader in the area. He serves on the board of trustees for ProMedica Health System, Imagination Station (Toledo science museum), Boys & Girls Club of Toledo, Toledo Opera Association, and the Toledo Museum of Art.

"Community service is something I prioritized as a proud student and graduate of Ohio Wesleyan — the need and responsibility to give back and be a contributor to society, and specifically, your local community," he says.

"I think that is part of our responsibility as leaders." ■

— Maddie Marusek '22

Teaching Victorian novels in the Twitter Age

Mark Allison, Associate Professor of English



Mark Allison says Victorian-era literature challenges his students in more ways than one.

Even in this age of tweets and memes, Associate Professor of English Mark Allison doesn't think students should be intimidated to read a 1,000-page novel written 200 years ago.

In fact, Allison believes literature of the Victorian period — an era of mass industrialization, the growth of major cities, class stratification and conflict, and long social reform novels — has poignant relevance and tangible appeal to students today.

"I think the writers of that period are addressing what is recognizable as our modern world as it comes into being," says Allison.

"The social conditions we take for granted now were resisted very strongly when they first came into being, particularly an economy that produces extreme stratifications in quality of life and income," Allison says. Through the distance a historical novel provides, students can delve into their current world from a new perspective to examine education, marriage, women's

roles, religion, and social and political reform.

English major **John Keller '20** says, "One element of Dr. Allison's classes that I have always enjoyed is his ability to connect specific facts about the literary works we study with larger themes in the societies that created them."

Despite the Victorian period's ties to the present, Allison makes it a point to say he doesn't politicize his teaching. "I'm not a professor of politics."

Instead, he says his job is to help students make their own connections, to infer messages from a period of writers who rejected the notion of art for art's sake and wrote literature to inspire social change. He says the authors' spirit and idealism mirrors that of many OWU students, who are learning more deeply about the world around them and their roles and responsibilities in making it better.

Allison also relishes the opportunity to present great, timeless stories to students — something they come

to appreciate once they get over the initial intimidation of voluminous works such as George Eliot's *Middlemarch* or Charles Dickens' *Bleak House*.

"I think students who have grown up with social media are also more aware of the desirability of taking a break from it — or at least to learn at a different speed," Allison explains. "Students often thank me afterwards, even if they didn't enjoy it along the way. They find a sense of accomplishment when they finally get over the hump. Some of these books and authors still have an aura about them. They still have cultural capital."

This shared social knowledge and insight make literature worth studying, and Allison wants to leave students

"I'm not a professor of politics."

with an important message not only about the value of literature but also about the value of the liberal arts education they will carry with them wherever they go.

"Students shouldn't be afraid to study literature or to pursue whatever they are interested in," he says.

"Students with liberal arts backgrounds have a better chance at fulfilling work. We live in an age with great economic anxiety and a natural tendency to prioritize education that seems practical and career oriented, but employers value liberal arts students for their ability to think critically, communicate orally, and write clearly.

"These skills will always be in demand."

Timeless skills. Timeless novels. ■

— Natalie Kopp



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Healing, romancing, dunking for 200 years at Sulphur Spring

Belief in the benefits one could gain by drinking from Sulphur Spring prompted the growth of Delaware as a resort town in the 1830s, and it's said that Rutherford B. Hayes, who would become the 19th U.S. president, met future first lady Lucy Webb at the spring. In the 1920s (top) and into the middle of the 20th century, freshmen were routinely dunked in the spring if caught without their dink (beanie cap). Today the steps and seating area around the spring have changed little, but the spring is capped and the mineral-rich water rarely flows. Above, a class of first-year students meets at the site.

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on Life

OWU alumni reflect on why they love the capital city of Washington, D.C., and why you will, too

— By Carrie Madren '02



Gaze across the grassy expanse of the National Mall in Washington, D.C. — with the stately U.S. Capitol on one end and the Washington Monument rising in the other — and it's hard not to feel a sense of awe. Such iconic city vistas are why tourists from around the world and D.C. residents alike revel in and revere the District of Columbia.

Congressional staff assistant Tom Dolan on the steps of the Ulysses S. Grant Memorial across from the U.S. Capitol. (Photo by Mike Morgan)

It only took one summer in the nation's Capital to convince **Sara Amy Leach '80** to return for good. After her experience interning in the public relations department at the Corcoran Gallery of Art (now the Corcoran School of the Arts and Design) before senior year at OWU, "I packed up my Volkswagen and headed right back here after graduation," says Leach, whose District career has taken her from the *Washington Business Journal* to the Smithsonian Institution, the National Park Service, and now the National Cemetery Administration of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, where she's a senior historian. "I absolutely fell in love with the city of D.C."

With Washington at the center stage of politics and government, plus home to so many organizational headquarters, world-class restaurants and entertainment, nationally known museums, and more, it's no wonder OWU alumni residents feel like they're in the heart of it all.

Political Capital

"D.C. is where the conversations are happening," says **Irfan Nooruddin '96**. Formerly a professor at the Ohio State University, Nooruddin came to Washington in 2014 to serve as a professor and director at the Georgetown India Initiative at Georgetown University. In D.C., he's had the opportunity to join discussions with policymakers from South Asia and the broader global community, as well as the federal government — participating in a way he wouldn't be able to elsewhere.

"The opportunity to be in the center of national and international politics was too attractive to pass up," says Nooruddin, whose work and study on issues in India, South Asia, and global politics has included the D.C.-based IMF and the World Bank.

An interest in public policy also drew **Tom Dolan '18**, to D.C., where he's a staff assistant for Rep. Neal Dunn (R-FL). Dolan hails from Maryland, but it was two Capitol Hill internships during college — including a Wesleyan in Washington semester — that won him over. "I was interested in the policy side of the career, and the Hill was the best place to start," says Dolan, who thrives in the fast-paced atmosphere on Capitol Hill.

In the business world, working with government-related clients requires its own skill set to handle the level of detail and budget required, explains **Stephanie Taylor '07**, a producer at Ogilvy PR, who works largely with government contracts, a client base unique to the D.C. area.

In addition to government agencies, many internationally-reaching nongovernmental organizations, institutions, foundations, and charities base their headquarters in D.C., creating unique



(Photo by Mike Morgan)

opportunities to make contacts, says **Susan Headden '77**, whose 25 years in D.C. included working at *U.S. News and World Report* and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation before her current role as an independent communications consultant. "I'm constantly running into people that I know," says Headden. "The networking here is fantastic."

For the People, By the People

It's D.C.'s wide diversity of people, ethnicities, ideas, and backgrounds that many find so intriguing. "This town is so motivated in that everybody is here for a cause, be it environmental or policy-making," says **Courtney Durham '12**, who works on Coastal Wetlands and Coral Reefs at Pew Charitable Trusts, a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization that advances public

Stephanie Taylor loves to walk everywhere in D.C., and one of her favorite stops is the Smithsonian's Renwick Gallery.

policy. “It’s such an interesting melting pot of many different thematic interest areas,” says Durham, who grew up in Silver Spring, Maryland, just outside of D.C., and returned to the city after graduating from OWU.

Nooruddin and his wife **Heidi Sherman ’98** met at OWU and now live in Chevy Chase, D.C. He says living in such an international community has meant having daughters who become friends with children of foreign diplomats. “For them to be able to grow up in a neighborhood where there are a lot of people from around the world, they learn that the world isn’t a scary place, but a place of opportunity,” he says.

With frequently changing political offices, D.C. can be a somewhat transient city, with workers here for a short time. The city and surrounding area has attracted many young professionals, who are putting down roots and starting families. Durham has noticed a lot of millennials moving to the area in the past decade.

This younger generation has brought a new vibe to an old city. Says **Bridget Newton ’80**, mayor of nearby Rockville, Maryland. “There’s a buzz about the District that’s just fun.”

A Taste of D.C.

The international nature of D.C.’s population extends to its robust restaurant scene. “We’re seeing oodles of new restaurants and eateries,” says Leach. “The attraction is the endless choice of international foods that are here.” The entire metropolitan area boasts authentic cuisine from every corner of the world. Diners will find Ethiopian, Latvian, Peruvian, Lithuanian, Indian, Ghanaian, Salvadoran, Thai, Irish, Chinese, Greek, and German restaurants, in addition to the American standard of seafood, barbecue, and steakhouses. “It’s sort of like dining room travel,” Leach says.

Durham echoes her love of D.C. as a food city, citing the increasing number of star chefs who have gained prominence in the city, such as Jose Andres. Like other alumni, she’s noticed the variety and caliber of restaurants take off in the last five years — “since the Obama years,” she estimates.

Long-time resident alumni attest to a D.C. that not only offers new restaurants, but growth of all kinds. Newton recalls when she first moved to the area post-graduation that a police officer warned her to avoid driving 14th Street at night. Now the 14th Street corridor boasts acclaimed restaurants, shops,

Gregory Dyson, COO and executive VP at the American Nurses Association, loves touring the Smithsonian Institutions, particularly the National Museum of African American History and Culture, which opened in 2016.

(Photo by Mike Morgan)





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and businesses. “It’s amazing to me, the changes downtown,” says Newton, who’s lived in Rockville, 13 miles north of D.C., since 1981 with husband **Fred Newton ’80**.

Washingtonians know the city and its environs by neighborhood or community — Arlington, Bethesda, Capitol Hill, Columbia Heights, National Harbor, Georgetown, Dupont Circle, Adams Morgan, NoMa, Chinatown, and The Wharf, to name a few. Each has a particular character and feel, along with unique businesses and neighbors, lending to the diverse climate of the city.

“I like exploring the different pockets of D.C. — Shaw, Petworth, Logan Circle, Georgetown,” says **Ryan Martin ’05**, head coach for the newly formed Loudoun United FC team, a second-division team under D.C. United. Between the monuments, events, concerts, and festivals, “it always seems like there’s something going on,” says Martin.

That’s a boon for current residents, especially those who have seen recent decades draw out a new kind of international city.

“The changes in the area have been incredible,” says **Nick Calio ’75**, President & CEO of Airlines for America, who remembers when Logan Circle was a red light district. Now it’s a vibrant area with restaurants, shops, and renovated buildings. “It is a far more vibrant, sophisticated city than it was when I moved here in ’78,” says Calio, who in past decades

has worked for both President Bushes, and represented companies as a lawyer and a lobbyist. As a result of the new construction, many younger professionals have moved into the city.

“In 1980, it was still a very gentle, sleepy southern town,” says Leach, who lives in Arlington, Virginia, and commutes to her office in the NoMa neighborhood (North of Massachusetts Avenue, east of Union Station), where she says no one would have walked through a decade ago but is now an up-and-coming area. “It’s been fascinating to see the city fill out its empty spaces and underutilized lots.”

Walk This Way

With years of growth, however, has come notoriously bad traffic, OWU alumni say. But a convenient Metro and public bus system, along with increasing bike lanes, easy walking, and a robust Uber/Lyft option, make getting around easier.

Like many residents, Taylor prefers the plentiful public transportation and car ride options such as Uber, but owns a car for when she needs to leave the District.

But by far, alumni residents say they love to walk, and wide sidewalks on every street make it possible for pedestrians to access every area of the city. “You can walk this city very easily,” says Calio, who’s married to alumna **Lydia Keller Calio ’77**.

Nick Calio, outside his Pennsylvania Avenue office, says he enjoys walking the streets of this “very beautiful city.”

When he’s not coaching, Ryan Martin, here greeting Elvis Amoh coming off the field, enjoys bicycle trails around the city, including the C&O Canal trail.

This is the first in what we plan to be an annual series featuring alumni in "Ohio Wesleyan's favorite cities." We will shine a spotlight on some of the OWU alumni living, working, and making a difference in locations across the nation. And we hope to give you inside info on what to do and see when you visit.

Martin, son of OWU men's soccer coach Jay Martin, enjoys hopping on his hybrid bicycle to get around the city and enjoy surrounding scenic biking/walking trails, including the popular historic Chesapeake & Ohio Canal trail that follows the Potomac River for 184.5 miles from Cumberland, Maryland, into the heart of Georgetown.

If you need to get out of town, travel options include three major metropolitan airports, plus a major Amtrak station, luxury bus lines, and Interstate 95, which runs the length of the East Coast.

"One thing that makes it attractive is that it's easy to go up and down the Eastern Seaboard," says **Gregory Dyson '80**, chief operating officer and executive vice president at the American Nurses Association in Silver Spring, Maryland. The city's location makes it three hours by Amtrak train to New York, as well as a two-hour drive to ocean or mountains.

Though it has a vital role as the center of the U.S. government, D.C. maintains authentic character and appeal. "It's such a manageable city — I feel really comfortable here," Taylor says, because it's clean, friendly, and highly walkable. "It's big enough, but not so big that you feel lost."

Hot and Humid, with Southern Charm

Though summer in D.C. often means scorching heat and high humidity, residents savor the changing of the four distinct seasons. The city especially shines during temperate springs and falls, when trees and flowers offer blossoms and showy leaves. Known for its flowering cherry trees, the entire area anticipates the peak cherry blossom season in late April, when the annual Cherry Blossom Festival draws crowds to stroll the Tidal Basin area, one of D.C.'s beautiful park-like areas. "D.C. has this great balance of feeling urban and really green at the same time," says Taylor.

The District's residents treasure not only the many green spaces, but also the tree canopy along many streets. Leafy D.C. has nearly a 38 percent tree cover, making it among the greenest cities in America based on canopy cover, according to Durham. In addition to green appeal, D.C.'s lack of skyscrapers creates a signature skyline.

Says Dyson, a native Washingtonian, "It's a big city with a lot of Southern charm." ■

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OWU alumni

shaping policy, touching lives in the

U.S. CAPITAL

When we began searching for OWU alumni in the Washington, D.C., area to interview for this article, we quickly saw we had an abundance of riches. We could have interviewed dozens of OWU movers and shakers in D.C. and devoted the entire magazine to this single topic. Across an array of fields in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors, a web of Ohio Wesleyan alumni are making a difference in what Nick Calio calls the capital of the most powerful country in the world. These are just a handful.



Nick Calio '75: President and CEO of Airlines for America, Calio says, “I couldn’t work anywhere else.” He began his career as a lawyer, then became a lobbyist, worked for President George H.W. Bush, started his own firm to represent major trade associations and companies, and returned to the White House to work for President George W. Bush before taking on his current

position. “My profession is here at the intersection of business and government, and it’s a profession I love,” says Calio. “What policies mean in terms of the free market, jobs, and the economy are fascinating, and I’ve spent my whole lifetime at this intersection.”

Susan Headden '77: Headden’s position as an independent communications consultant entails writing, editing, and public relations for organizations such as the Lumina Foundation (a foundation dedicated to higher education), the 2020 Census, and the Aspen Institute. “From my Washington perch, I’ve been fortunate to have the access and the resources to help raise public awareness and build understanding of important public policy issues,” says Headden, whose career has spanned from journalism to the nonprofit world. As a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, she hopes to have helped shape a more informed electorate by explaining complicated subjects in an accessible and engaging way. In her nonprofit work, she has helped

policy-makers and the public understand the complexities of our educational system. “If we can get education right, we can solve a lot of our problems.”



Gregory Dyson '80: As chief operating officer and executive vice president at the American Nurses Association in Silver Spring, Maryland, Dyson provides vital support to the ANA’s mission to create a healthy world through effective nursing. More than 4 million registered nurses in the United States are leading healthcare delivery in the 21st century,

Dyson explains, and the ANA seeks to advance the profession and help these professionals excel in their practice. From technology to product development, marketing and communications, and talent management and acquisition, Dyson has been able to help lead the ANA’s work on behalf of nurses.

Sara Amy Leach '80: Leach’s career in D.C. has spanned more than 30 years and two federal agencies. As a historian, she helps preserve the facts, present compelling stories, and protect significant places essential to understanding American history. “Both the National Park Service (U. S. Department of the



Interior) and the National Cemetery Administration (U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs), have noble missions that would be incomplete without a full understanding of their past,” explains Leach. Part of the federal government’s job is to steward vast and diverse historic properties, which can be challenging at times, she explains. “I am very proud to be part of a cadre of professionals who strive to preserve essential American places, keeping them relevant for current and future visitors.”



Bridget Newton '80: Newton has served as mayor of Rockville, the third largest city in Maryland, for six years. Thirteen miles northwest of the nation’s capital and right on the Metro’s Red Line, Rockville is home to over 70,000 people. “But the sense of Rockville is small community,” Newton says, noting the “nice sense of belonging.” After graduating from OWU, Newton worked on Capitol Hill and lived in Alexandria, Virginia, before moving to Rockville in 1981. She soon became involved in her children’s schools and eventually ran for city council.

Irfan Nooruddin '96: Professor of Indian Politics in the Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University and director of the university’s Georgetown India Initiative, Nooruddin says living and working in Washington allows him to stay centrally plugged into many important conversations in his field. “D.C. encourages a particular form of intellectual entrepreneurship, which, as an academic interested in the policy world, has allowed me to participate in debate and be part of policymaking discussions in a way that may have been harder if I lived anywhere else,” he says.

Ryan Martin '05: As head coach for Loudoun United FC, the reserve team of Major League Soccer’s D.C. United in Leesburg, Virginia, Martin has helped young players on their way to become full-time professionals. “My path is exciting because you’re taking talented kids from very diverse backgrounds and helping them achieve a dream,” Martin says. As a coach, Martin takes a holistic approach, developing and mentoring the players as people as well as athletes. The D.C. area has a rich youth soccer community, he explains, which creates a large



talent pool. “Being a part of the D.C. United organization has been tremendous, with really good people all pushing the same direction and trying to win championships, and helping the community at the same time.”

Stephanie Taylor '07: As a producer at Ogilvy, a marketing and public relations firm, Taylor works with consumer, corporate, and federal clients — including the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, PEW Charitable Trusts, Peace Corps, and Inova Hospital Systems. Through her work, Taylor helps client organizations promote healthy choices and preventative measures. In her current work with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention CDC, she is working on campaigns to help destigmatize opioid use disorder and to encourage women to get screened for gynecological cancer. “There is intention and passion behind the work we produce,” she says.



Courtney Durham '12: In her role as senior associate for Coastal Wetlands and Coral Reefs at Pew Charitable Trusts, Durham works with policymakers on environmental issues, particularly climate change and ocean policy at the international level. Much of her work has focused on the Paris Agreement, a United Nations agreement adopted by 197 countries that have committed to reduce emissions to combat climate change. Durham has found being based in D.C. particularly useful due to the proximity to relevant stakeholders such as the World Bank, major environmental NGOs, the State Department, and think tanks. “I’m lucky to have a network that is locally based but globally focused,” says Durham. “I’m not sure there are many other cities that can offer that vantage point in policymaking.”

Tom Dolan '18: In his current position as a staff assistant for Rep. Neal Dunn (R-FL), Dolan supports legislative staff, drives Rep. Dunn to events, reviews letters from constituents, and books Capitol and White House tours for constituents. “Getting a tour of the Capitol building or the White House really goes a long way for someone visiting D.C.,” explains Dolan, who in the past months has set up tours for constituents in Dunn’s district, including those who lost their homes through hurricane damage. Dolan often researches legislative bills and tracks them through Congress to help accurately respond to constituent concerns. “I was always fascinated by the policy side,” says Dolan, who has an interest in issues such as foreign policy and trade, in addition to disaster relief. “That’s really what drew me back to the Hill.” ■



When in

D.C.

OWU alumni offer their top travel tips



Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens
National Park Service



John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
(Photo by Yassine El Mansouri)



Dumbarton Oaks museum and gardens

What to Do

“The crown jewel of D.C. is the **Smithsonian Institution**,” Dyson says, which encompasses 17 museums and galleries, plus an urban zoo, all of which offer free admission. Stroll down the **National Mall** and explore the museums plus the Capitol Building, monuments, and large-scale events such as the annual spring Blossom Kite Festival. Dyson recommends securing tickets to the **National Museum of African American History and Culture**, the most recent addition to the Smithsonian network.

Plan a visit to the **National Cathedral**, “which is just as magnificent as any cathedral you’d see in Europe,” Headden says. Don’t miss city views from the tower, the 112 gargoyles, and the renowned stained-glass windows, including a stained-glass Space Window that holds a moon rock collected by Neil Armstrong.

Wander through the **National Portrait Gallery** to explore a museum of American biography, says Headden, who’s a docent there. “Every portrait tells a story about a person who helped shape our country — for good or ill,” she says. Rest and recharge in the gallery’s beautiful, sun-filled indoor courtyard.

Visit the Smithsonian’s **Renwick Gallery**, recommends Taylor, for its eclectic, funky vibe. Or buy tickets to immerse yourself at the digital, experiential, interactive art installations at **ARTECHOUSE**, Taylor advises.

Nooruddin recommends **Dumbarton Oaks** museum and gardens for its living history, where discussions about the formation of the United Nations took place in the 1920s. Stroll the spectacular gardens, where “it feels a bit like a secret garden in the middle of the city,” Nooruddin says. Follow it up with long meander through **Georgetown University** and **Georgetown**, with its “lush gardens and beautiful houses.” Dolan enjoys launching a rented kayak from Georgetown for a Potomac River paddle.

Sports team allegiance runs high in our nation’s capital, with the NFL’s **Washington Redskins**, the **Capitals** ice

Washington National Cathedral
(Photo by Danielle E. Thomas)



hockey team, **D.C. United** soccer team, World Series champion **Washington Nationals**, the NBA **Wizards**, and WNBA champion **Washington Mystics**. Cheer for Martin's **Loudoun United FC** team during a home game at Segra Field in Leesburg, Virginia.

For world-class theater and performance — plus elegant interiors and city views — don't miss the elegant

and iconic **John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts**. Find a modern mix of speakers and bands at **The Anthem**, where Dolan recommends seeing a show, located on **The Wharf** — a newly developed riverside stretch in Southwest. Hop a water taxi to **Alexandria** or **National Harbor**, advises Dyson, where you can ride the **Capital Wheel**, a 180-foot-high Ferris wheel.

Though the Capital's best known waterway may be the Potomac River, its other major river, the Anacostia River, offers scenic beauty as well. "There's **Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens**, boardwalks, bird-watching, and stand-up paddle boarding in a tranquil space," Durham says.

For a truly D.C. literary experience visit **Politics and Prose** — "one of the very best independent bookstores in the nation, with an incredible inventory and knowledgeable salespeople," says Headden, who highlights free readings by nationally-known authors.

Where to Dine

Brunch at **Le Diplomate**, a delectable French brasserie in the 14th Street Corridor, earns praise from Dyson, Taylor, Dolan, and Martin.

Calio recommends **Tosca** restaurant and its Northern Italian fare. "It's the best, most reliable Italian restaurant in town," he says.

Zamy's Neapolitan Pizza in NW gets a thumbs up from Ryan and Taylor.

Millie's Spring Valley restaurant, a seafood restaurant with New England flair, and **Macon Bistro & Larder** for southern low country food in Chevy Chase are where Dyson and family enjoy dining.

Durham favors **El Sol Restaurante & Tequileria** for inexpensive authentic Mexican cuisine, and **Thai X-ing**, where the chef serves up a flavorful nightly prix fixe menu. At the higher end, she recommends **The Dabney** for regional local dishes, including many foods roasted over a fire.

Savor fantastic classic Indian food at **The Bombay Club**, recommends Nooruddin, and you'll find great ambiance and a likelihood of seeing a congressperson, due to its location near the White House.

"**Old Ebbitt Grill** has been a cozy destination for drinks at any hour," says Leach, who favors the raw oysters. ■



WNBA Washington Mystics
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Macon Bistro & Larder



Old Ebbitt Grill



CAREER CONNECTIONS

New program redefines career services to help students become “life ready.”

— By Lisa Lopez Snyder

Seattle, Washington, means a lot of things to **Allisa Schuller '19**: Backpacking the trails of Mount Rainier, making trips to Pike Place Market, and doing fun runs in the city.

And it reminds her about how the personal and professional connections she made while a student at Ohio Wesleyan gave her the confidence to find her “amazing” job at Spark Foundry, a global media agency in downtown Seattle.

A business administration major with accounting and religion minors, Schuller got her start with Spark Foundry through an OWU Connection Grant grant her senior year. She took full advantage of all that OWU had to offer before that, which included four other internships and support from several alumni, including REI COO **Tracie Winbigler '87**, who eventually connected her to an opportunity at Spark Foundry.



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– Allisa Schuller



Schuller says her internships and the relationships with professors and OWU alumni gave her the critical thinking skills necessary for a successful career and the confidence to take charge of her own personal development. That confidence prompted a bold act as her internship at Spark Foundry was ending: She developed an evaluation form and asked her coworkers and senior company leaders to do a formal review of her work after her internship ended.

“I let it be known to my managers that I wanted to work here and why I deserved to be here. I feel like that’s what OWU taught me — how to articulate my ideas and communicate,” she says.

Schuller works with a team that manages media channel marketing for REI. With 70 employees in the Seattle office, Spark Foundry “is the best of both worlds,” she says. “You get the feel of a start-up company with the capabilities of a large firm.”

Learning to explore, thrive

Schuller’s experience illustrates what OWU’s newly launched Career Connection program is all about, says Executive Director **Megan Ellis ’05**: preparing students to become “life ready.”

Ellis, who also directs the Delaware Entrepreneurial Center at OWU, says the goal of the OWU Career Connection initiative is to help students explore opportunities, understand their personal strengths, and learn how to become more confident about parlaying those strengths across disciplines. “We want students to learn how to be nimble and able to thrive in the work world while on their journey to finding a satisfying and meaningful life.”



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Career Connection, which was formerly known as the Office of Career Services, has transitioned to become a comprehensive career development resource that provides tools for students to find internships, jobs, and unique opportunities for graduate school and beyond.

While practical help with job interviewing skills and resume writing is still offered, Career Connection helps students understand more about themselves — their values, passions, and strengths, along with career exploration. The program also engages faculty and alumni in that endeavor — beginning with students’ first-year orientation through their last year of college and beyond.

“We are seeing nationally a transition away from more traditional, transactional models of career services into this more all-encompassing, more well-rounded approach,” she says.

“For example, we’re creating internship career kits, which include pre-internship sessions to prepare students so that these internships will be a more fulfilling experience for them. That develops them as better communicators and critical thinkers.”

To strengthen this holistic vision, Career Connection is partnering with faculty and alumni.

Faculty as partners

Among the faculty partners is Michael Esler, professor of politics and government and director of the Arneson Institute for Practical Politics and Public Affairs. While the institute’s goal has always been to make the connection between academics and practical politics, he says, “Career Connection has really given us new energy and a renewed emphasis on our goals. It has been a rejuvenating experience.”

The Arneson Institute connects students with practical politics primarily through its internships, the flagship of which is Wesleyan in Washington, which matches students with public affairs and public policy internships in D.C. Internships include a wide range of public policy and government experiences, from the White House and the U.S. Congress to nonprofit advocacy organizations, the media, and private sector businesses and legal firms.

Building on the Career Connection focus, Esler is working to establish “semi-permanent” internships with alumni in the D.C. area.

Alumni in the public policy/lobbying arena include **Nick Calio '75**, president and CEO of Airlines for America International. “He takes two OWU interns each year,” says Esler.

Another alumnus, **Andrew Doll '09**, manager of programs and membership for the United Nations Association of the National Capital Area, also established a program in his office for Ohio Wesleyan interns.

Within the past two years, Wesleyan in Washington has coordinated four internships with alumni working for members in the U.S. Senate and three internships in the U.S. House of Representatives. “We arrange housing for them, and students receive credit, so they don’t miss a beat,” Esler says.

“You definitely see a maturity in students when they return,” he says. “They become quite self-confident — that’s probably the most immediate and important development I see.” The connections they make in these positions also frequently lead to full-time work, he says.

Phoenix Huron '21, a politics and government major who interned for Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia in summer 2019, says his experience working for Manchin — a ranking member of the Senate Appropriations Committee — gave him not just an eagle-eye view of how Congress works but also a hand in it. He worked closely with the appropriations team to write reports on the progress of the 2020 Senate appropriations bill.

“It was exciting. It was a lot of work but proved to be beneficial in the end — and exciting to see how the whole political process works,” Huron says. “It’s one thing to learn how a bill becomes a law and another to work on

an appropriations bill and help it become a law.”

He also drafted letters for the senator challenging the FCC on the accuracy of its maps and advocating for broadband coverage in rural West Virginia towns. “I’m working on trying to map these out still,” he says, “and hoping to turn it into independent study here at OWU.”

In D.C. he was introduced to professionals in urban planning and infrastructure, and that prompted him to pursue a mapping and GIS (geographic information systems) minor when he returned to OWU.



Photo by Paul Vernon

“I was new to the operations and what it means to be a business, but she connected me with mentors who helped me figure that out.”

— Darren Lo



Photo by Mark Schmitter

“I’ve always been comfortable working with numbers, but after those trips I knew I wanted to end up doing something in finance in New York.”

— Hilary Quinn

“I’m really interested in doing research that finds a relationship between urban happiness and walkability, and using the Washington, D.C., community as a case study for that. This all stemmed from the Wesleyan in Washington internship.”

Exploring tech, finance

For budding entrepreneur **Darren Lo '23**, Career Connection is all about supporting the skills he needs to grow ExPandable Esports, an e-business that emerged from his love for video game competition.

“It started when a group of my friends and I started a gaming community,” he says. “I saw an opportunity to grow this community and make it sustainable by monetizing it.” Lo took on the charge to lead the group and become an owner. ExPandable Esports gives players a platform to game, and if they choose, to compete with the aim of attaining the professional level. The community is free to join, and revenue is gained via merchandise sales, support of the content creators, and sponsor hosts.

A data analytics and finance major, Lo says Megan Ellis’ help in connecting him to mentors and other resources of the Entrepreneurial Center at OWU has helped him learn how to balance college studies with the ever-evolving nature of the e-sports business.

“I was new to the operations and what it means to be a business, but she connected me with mentors who helped me figure that out,” he says.

As of August 2019, ExPandable Esports had more than 1,000 members, with eight teams of six to 10 people each.

Lo hopes the business stays afloat until he graduates. At that point, he says, “I will either apply the data analytics and finance major to the business, or I hope to gain enough experience to potentially find another job in the e-sports space.”

Exploring a field in person was impactful for **Hilary Quinn '19**, now a financial analyst in the global capital markets with Morgan Stanley in New York City. As part of her Economics Management and Accounting fellowships, she visited financial firms in the Big Apple.

“I’ve always been comfortable working with numbers,” she says, “but after those trips I knew I wanted to end up doing something in finance in New York.”

During her sophomore year, she was introduced to OWU alumnus **Danial Khan '14** at Morgan Stanley. She secured an internship there her sophomore year, and she returned for another internship as a senior.

She credits both fellows programs — offered through The Woltemade Center — for her ability to link classroom learning to real life.

“Programs like these really show you what your reality can be,” she says. Now, being in the boardroom on the 40th floor looking out at the New York skyline, “really puts it into perspective.”

Industry experts, alumni support

Two Career Connection programs — the Career Catalyst and Alumni-in-Residence programs — are helping to place more structure into existing services, adds Ellis.

Career Connection has hired two career catalysts to support students: Carolyn Lammert as assistant director of the Career Catalyst program, who will provide expertise on economics and business, and **Janelle Valdinger '19**, an expert on environmental sciences, geology, and geography.

The Alumni-in-Residence program brings alumni back to campus (virtual or in-person) to help students with career advice, mock interviews, cover letters, and resume reviews.

Caitlin McNaughton '16, who had an internship with the Columbus Zoo and volunteered with the nonprofit Ohio Wildlife Center, which led to a full-time position as wildlife educator, is giving back as a Career Connection speaker.

A zoology and environmental studies major and Spanish minor, McNaughton says taking biology professor Laurel Anderson's class “made me realize I wanted to work with animals. It made me feel like I could make a major impact.”

Today she oversees 65 animal “ambassadors,” works with 35 volunteers, and travels around the state speaking to groups, primarily schools, about how to appreciate and live with native species.

“I told the students that talking with mentors about your interests is a great way to help you start to broaden your horizons and find opportunities for growth. It's all about being open to learning.”

Career Connection is also reaching out to young alumni who are within five years of graduation. Ellis and her team offered drop-in hours during Homecoming 2019 for young alumni and will soon introduce coffeehouse sessions for young alumni in Columbus and Cleveland to talk to them about their career path.

Alumni are encouraged to get involved with the Career Connection program. Contact Megan Ellis and the office via email at careers@owu.edu. ■

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LIVE FROM NEW YORK

IT'S THE NEW YORK ARTS PROGRAM!

OWU junior at SNL connects with OWU alumnus — By Noah Manskar '15

Shay Manuela's life as an Ohio Wesleyan student at the New York Arts Program is different in many ways from the one **JP Olsen '87** lived.

During Olsen's Big Apple semester in the fall of 1985, he lived at the gritty Paramount Hotel near Times Square, where he saw Andy Warhol at a movie theater on his first day in the program. On television, he could watch *Saturday Night Live* airing in its 11th season from the NBC studios nearby, with a cast that included Robert Downey Jr. and Jon Lovitz.

Since Manuela arrived in September, she has ended most of her days gazing at the Manhattan skyline from across New York

Harbor in Brooklyn Heights, the new home of OWU's New York Arts Program. And though she spends her evenings in Brooklyn, her daytime view of *SNL* is much closer.

In her NYAP internship, Manuela is helping to produce the 45th season of NBC's legendary live sketch comedy program, televised weekly from Rockefeller Center.

"I feel like I'm gaining the best internship experience imaginable: hands-on, in the media capital, with professionals in the field," says Manuela, a communication major. "Many of the people I work with have been

working for *SNL* for longer than I've been alive, which gives me access to knowledge and advice that will prove valuable for the rest of my professional career."

From the week of the show's September season premiere through the end of her internship in December, Manuela will be part of the cast of hundreds responsible for turning out the award-winning variety show known for its acerbic satire of American politics and pop culture.

"Once you're in these internships, you're there." — JP Olsen

Manuela says *SNL* is an "ideal learning ground" for how to contribute to a "high-functioning" team in the fast-paced media field. As part of the show's musical production staff, she works with band and musical guests such as the pop stars Billie Eilish and Taylor Swift. Her four-day week on the job ends with the live show on Saturday, when she gets to see the finished product of the cast and crew's efforts.

"What I love most about it is seeing the contrast between what is happening backstage to create the result that people see on the television," Manuela says.

SNL is known across the world — including in Manuela's native Netherlands, where she says the internet and social media have facilitated its popularity. She's a fan of 16-year *SNL* veteran Kenan Thompson, whom she met in her internship's first week. "He had a role in nearly all of my favorite sketches, and I admire the versatility of roles he can play," she says.

The NYAP experiences of Manuela and Olsen — though separated by seven subway stops and more than three decades — have brought them together. Call it their NYAP Connection.

They met at OWU last fall, when Olsen, now a journalist and filmmaker, returned to campus and had lunch with the group of students and talked about the New York Arts Program.

Then this fall, Olsen returned to the program as an artist-in-residence. Manuela now attends his NYAP seminar, in which he led a recent discussion on how technology has changed the media industry. And he provides guidance to Manuela and other students.

Olsen's 1985 NYAP internship at *The Paris Review* had him sorting through submissions by day and sometimes hobnobbing with literary lions such as Norman Mailer by night. He says the program set him on a path that has led to his current role as director of original programming at HBO, with stops at CBS News, PBS, and *The New York Times*.

"That experience put me in an environment where I recognized that if you're good at your job, and you're working hard, and you're contributing things of value and being thoughtful about what you're doing, that there's a place for you," Olsen says. "That seat at the table was not a seat that I thought was available to me until I was there. I guess that's kind of my lesson to all students — once you're in these internships, you're there."

Manuela hopes to maintain a connection with NBCUniversal after her time with *SNL*. Her NYAP experience also has her thinking about returning to New York for graduate school — though she says her internship will give her professional and personal tools to build on wherever she goes.

And when she leaves in December, Manuela says she'll miss looking out across the water at the sleepless city that has been a proving ground for innumerable OWU students.

"It's at those moments that I really have time to stop and realize I'm in New York City," she says. ■

Noah Manskar is a journalist in New York City.



Photo by Noah Manskar

Director of original programming at HBO JP Olsen leads a seminar, one of his responsibilities as an artist-in-residence at the program where he participated as an OWU student in 1985.

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SUBA/BSU reunion at the House of Black Culture, from left: Kamila Goldin '13, Carleton Levert '12, Christopher Marshall '13, Andrew Dos Santos '13 (behind Natalie Davis), Natalie Davis, and Steve Brown '10.



From left: Mollie Mott, Tyler Mott '04, the Bishop, Mason Mott, and Megan Mott.



At the Celebration of Donors & Scholars Brunch, from left: Chad and Kerri Donelson '20, Amy Glendening, and Hanna Donelson '20.



Joni Manos Brown '78 speaks after being presented with the David Hamilton Smith Greek Alumni Award.



First-generation students and alumni connect at the tailgate, clockwise from lower left: Dylan Hayes '20, Joy Purvis, Cheyenne Hall '20, Devin Cotton '20, Kara Rutkowski '22, Adrian Moran '23, and Ankita Patel '22.



Bridget McQuaide '16 talks to Carlos Jackson '17 at Young Alumni Brunch.



The OWU Marching Bishops kick-off the Homecoming tailgate with a rousing tune.



From left: Kit Weber '20, Nancy McGowan P'20, and Chris Weber P'20.

Weekend 2019

More than 1,000 alumni, students, family members, and friends celebrated Homecoming & Family Weekend October 18 -20. Highlights included the Hall of Fame and Team of Distinction ceremony, young alumni brunch, OWU tailgate, affinity reunions, sporting events, and a special performance by Wendie Malick '72! Download photos at owu.edu/2019hfw.



From left: 2019 Hall of Fame: Director of Athletics Doug Zipp, Jeff Nieman '09, Craig Neal '07, Chris Eccles '09, Sarah Downs '06, Jen Musbach-Wellman '05, Michelle Corbett Coutts '09, Ben Chojnacki '07, Justin Balckburn '06, and Rock Jones.



Family members of first-year football player Miles Dearing meet the Bishop before the Homecoming game: from left, cousin Joshua James, aunt Elitha James, mother Trinilda Johnson, and grandmother Bernice Carter.



Delta Zau tailgate gathering, from left: Katie Flack '19, Katherine Bleile '18, Katie Kuckelheim '19, Hayley Glessner '19, Charlotte Gross '20, Denise (Sabo) Brenner '00, Traci Kennedy-Brockfield '01, Laura McCunn-Jordan '01, and Carrie (Lippert) Reinhardt '94.



From left: Marty Kalb, Joan Kalb, Bob Holm '60, and Mary Holm '60 listen to Linda Diamond H '18 and Joe Diamond H '18.



Students Jack Dugan '20 (left) and Will Efkekan '20 (right) meet Carolyn Short McKenna. The two are recipients of the Doug Short '76 Memorial Scholarship.



From left: Wendie Malick '72 and Dan Lauria, Love Letters post-performance.



Jess Slauson '22 speaks to members of GOOF (group of old friends), made up of classmates from the Class of 1972. Jess is the recipient of the GOOF group scholarship.



Madeleine Juszyński '18 and Meaghan Teitelman '18



Bishop fans cheer as Ohio Wesleyan defeats DePauw 28-13.



Members of the 1998 men's soccer team, recognized as a Team of Distinction during the Hall of Fame ceremony, greet members of the current team. Pictured are Keith Rozanski '99 (left) and TJ Manfrass '02.



From left: Maribeth (Amrhein) Graham '55, Thomas Tatham '56, William Rowland '68, and George Hess '67.



Kieran O' Doherty '19 greets friend at tailgate.



Beth Burns '79 recipient of the Dr. Robert M. Strimer Award high fives the Bishop.



Marching band drum major Alex Gillooly '22 with his parents, Kate and Greg Gillooly.



From left: Doug Sheffield '73, Mark Shipp's '70, and Jim Long '73

calendar of events

2020

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 close to home. **To RSVP for an event, visit owu.edu/alumni or call 740-368-3325.**

February 15
Royal Poinciana Golf Club, Naples, Fla.
Red & Black Luncheon

May 15-17
On campus
Reunion Weekend
(celebrating classes ending in 0 and 5)

July 11
Michigan Red & Black Luncheon

August 8
Home of Rich '82 and Kim Alexander
Cape Cod Clambake

September 2
Various Locations
Welcome to the City

October 2-4
On campus
Homecoming & Family Weekend

November 6-7
On campus
Women of Ohio Wesleyan, WOW

Drew Pang shocked with surprise of donating 200 millionth dollar

Five years of fundraising achieved a major result this fall on campus, as the Connect Today, Create Tomorrow campaign surpassed the \$200 million mark.

The comprehensive campaign, the largest in the University's history, allows OWU to chart a bold path forward with everything from building and renovating campus facilities to supporting scholarships and financial aid to creating transformation experiences for students through The OWU Connection.

Although the campaign still has another two years until completion, reaching \$200 million — the campaign's original goal — was time for pause and celebration. Fittingly, this happened when Bishops, past and present, were already celebrating their love for OWU during Homecoming and Family Weekend.

As alumni and donors scattered across campus at different events, the Ohio Wesleyan University Advancement team pinpointed the donor who tipped the fundraising efforts over that \$200 million mark.

Drew Pang '15 from Dublin, Ohio, was back in Delaware connecting with friends at the Young Alumni Brunch, with no idea of the impact he had made.

Amid the light conversation and laughter at the Delaware Entrepreneurial Center, Katie Webster, OWU's director of alumni engagement, snuck up the stairs and around the corner with the Bishop



Katie Webster, director of alumni engagement, and the Bishop surprise Drew Pang, the donor who put Ohio Wesleyan over the \$200 million milestone in the Connect Today, Create Tomorrow campaign. They made the announcement at a Homecoming Weekend event at the Delaware Entrepreneurial Center at OWU. (Photo by Mark Schmitter '12)

and a sign that read, "Thank you, Drew."

Webster tapped Pang on the shoulder, got everyone's attention and explained that he had pushed the campaign over the top. Cheers and "Drew" chants erupted. Pang was caught off guard as the center of attention, but he was grateful for the recognition.

"Just shocked that the small donation that I made happened to be the 200 millionth dollar," he says.

Pang was given a bagful of Ohio Wesleyan apparel, along with balloons and plenty of high fives from the Bishop.

The former OWU men's soccer player says he still feels very much

connected to OWU, "being a part of the small community and knowing that your professors and students will always help you even after you graduate. You stay in touch with professors and friends and the people you met in Delaware."

Pang says he's proud to even be a small part of the legacy of this campaign, which has already made changes on campus that are obvious for alumni who return for a visit.

"I'm sure when I was at school there were a bunch of donors who contributed to help make Ohio Wesleyan the way it was, so I am just glad to be a part of the future," Pang says. ■

— Allie Hausfeld

Ellen Arnold, associate professor of history, was elected to serve on the Executive Board of the American Society for Environmental History, the national organization for her field.

Jill Becker, lecturer in dance, retired after teaching at OWU for 12 years. She lives in Yellow Springs, Ohio, and continues to teach dance to people with Parkinson's Disease, tai chi for balance, and community dance classes.

Andrew Busch, assistant professor of health and human kinetics, was a coauthor of the article "Relationship of Movement Screens with Past Shoulder or Elbow Surgeries in Collegiate Baseball Players," *International Journal of Sports Physical Therapy*, 2018,13(6): 1008-1014. He also presented "Improving Shoulder Mobility in Overhead Athletes" at the National Strength and Conditioning Association state conference, with OWU as the host university.



Sean Kay, professor of politics & government, spent two weeks over the summer working as an assistant guide rafting down the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon. He did the work in preparation for a Travel-Learning Course, Environmental Politics and Policy, he is teaching fall and spring semesters this year. At the conclusion of the spring class, he will travel with the students to the Upper Colorado Basin in Utah and Colorado, meeting with water management officials, attending a water law conference at the University of Colorado at Boulder, and taking a four-day river-rafting trip through Dinosaur National Monument.



Bernard Murchland, emeritus professor of philosophy, is the author of a new book, *Becoming a Philosopher: Selected Reviews and Essays 1960-2015*. The book is divided into three parts — writings with themes of education, with themes of social and political philosophy, and with themes of existentialism — each reflecting Murchland's interests as a philosophy professor. Above, Murchland donates a copy of the book to OWU Libraries, accepted by Dee Peterson, director of libraries.

Amy Butcher, assistant professor of English, published an essay on climate change, Alaska, and the arts, "Harvesting Irony in Alaska," in the *New York Times* Opinion Pages in August.

Mary Anne Lewis Cusato, associate professor and director of French and Francophone studies, authored "Alien-Nation and the Algerian Harraga: The Limits of Nation-Building and Cosmopolitanism as Interpretive Models for the Clandestine Immigrant," published in *The Limits of Cosmopolitanism: Globalization and Its Discontents* in *Contemporary Literature*, edited by Alexander Stevic and Philip Tsang. Routledge Press.

Erin Flynn, associate professor of philosophy, presented his paper, "The Elementary Value of Winning," at the 47th annual meeting of the International Association for the Philosophy of Sport, in Kyoto, Japan. He also presented "Close Contests and the Value of Winning" at the 46th annual meeting of the International Association for the Philosophy of Sport, in Oslo, Norway.



In August, Makeready Films acquired film rights to Amy Butcher's forthcoming book, *Mothertrucker*, the story of Alaska truck driver Joy Wiebe. Plans call for the film to star Academy and Golden Globe-winning actress Julianne Moore and to be directed by primetime Emmy-winning director Jill Soloway. Makeready Films' credits include *The Revenant*, *Birdman*, *Gone Girl*, *12 Years a Slave*, and *The Big Short*, and they have garnered 34 Academy Award® nominations and 12 wins. Butcher took the photo above during one of her trips to Alaska to ride with Wiebe.

Jeffrey Ford, adjunct professor of English, published two short stories: "The Jeweled Wren," in the anthology *Echoes* from Saga/Simon and Shuster, edited by Ellen Datlow, 2019, and "Sisyphus in Elysium," in the anthology *The Mythic Dream* from Saga/Simon and Shuster, edited by Navah Wolfe and Dominik Paresien, 2019. Ford also was the subject of the book *Exploring Dark Short Fiction Volume 4, A Primer to Jeffrey Ford*, which features his stories, critical analysis, a biographical essay, an essay on historical research for fiction, and a complete bibliography, published by Dark Moon Books and edited by Eric Guignard, 2019.

Paul Kostyu, emeritus professor of journalism/communication, was invited to represent the Society of Professional Journalists as a member of the newly formed Ohio Debate Commission. The commission is developing policies and standards for statewide political debates.

Amy McClure, Rodefer Professor of Education Emerita, received the Jerry Johns Outstanding Teacher Educator in Reading award, given by the International Literacy Association.

Michele Nobel, assistant professor and director of the special education program, conducted an in-service workshop on the administration of the DIAL-4 assessment for the staff of the OWU Early Childhood Center.

Nathan Rowley, assistant professor of geology and geography, was elected chair of the Cryosphere Specialty Group with the Association of American Geographers at the annual meeting in April in Washington, D.C. He also published two articles: "Instruments and Methods: A Novel Semi-automated Mapping Technique for Generating a Supraglacial Melt-lake Inventory in Polar Geography," and "Relationships

of Supraglacial Melt-lake Attributes with Local Climate and Atmospheric Circulation in West Greenland," in *International Journal of Climatology*, in February and September 2019, respectively.

Katherine Thomas, associate professor of chemistry, published the article "1,3-Dioxane-Linked Bacterial Topoisomerase Inhibitors with Enhanced Antibacterial Activity and Reduced hERG Inhibition" in May with the American Chemical Society.

D. Glen Vanderbilt Jr., professor of theatre, served as a scenic consultant and projection designer for the Columbus School for Girls fall production of the new play "Decision Heights" by M. D. Levy. The production ran in November.

classnotes

1940s



Alumna shows Bishop pride
Dorothy Curtis Brown '49 at a P.E.O. Sisterhood meeting on March 27.

1950s

Norma Hostettler Wygant '51 was honored as a member of the Ashland (Ohio) High School Distinguished Alumnus Award Class of 2019.

1960s

William Garrison '62 was presented with the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award by Marquis Who's Who for his leadership in the social work industry.

George Gebhardt '63 graduated from the Amos Tuck Graduate School of Business at Dartmouth College in 1965, and for 51 years, he has lived in Baltimore County, Maryland. He is married to Joan Marie Schaer. George reflects on his “amazing” journey to OWU in an essay in the online version of *OWU Magazine*, where he describes his efforts “to go to a college at least one airplane ride away from Long Island.” Read it at owu.edu/magazine.

George Ross '63 was honored in May for his work with *Nomi Network*, a human trafficking nonprofit organization headquartered in New York, with offices in India and Cambodia. Ross has served

as board chairman since its inception 10 years ago. He has led a multigenerational board, supporting the organization and the goals it has achieved.

Alton Clark Dubois '67 has lived in the Chicago area since completing his MSW degree at the University of Illinois Chicago. He went on to obtain his doctorate at UIC and worked at Concordia University Chicago for the next 25 years as a professor and department chair for the sociology and social work department. Since retiring in 2012 he has taught as an adjunct professor at St. Augustine College in Chicago. He continues to sail on Lake Michigan and spend summers at Gilson Park, Wilmette beach. During the summers, his wife of 37 years becomes a “sailing widow.”

Henry Lukas '67, Chi Phi, has been the education director at the Spellman Museum of Stamps at Regis College in Weston, Mass., since 2004, retiring after 35 years as a high school teacher and principal. His video production for the museum recently received two silver Telly Awards for the monthly video he produces with the local cable station about stamps and history. The 15-minute video is shown on local cable TV stations and can be viewed on the museum's webpage at spellmanmuseum.org. In August he celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary.

Patricia Young '68, a judge, was appointed to the Idaho Commission of Pardons and Parole.

1970s

Victoria King Heinsen '70 released her third novel, *Jessica F. Woods, Attorney of Record*. Two of the major characters in the novel are graduates of Ohio Wesleyan.

James Alford '71 joined Hughes Hubbard & Reed's Latin America Practice as counsel.



Roomates share a reunion

Rachael Crawford Gumpf '56, of Naples, Fla., recently visited her college roommate, **Ellen Harmas Haffner '56**, in Menlo Park, Calif. They lived in Stuyvesant Hall and were Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority sisters.

Beverly White-Seals '72, president and CEO of the Community Foundation of Howard County, Md., was recognized as a “Bridge of Hope” at JustLiving Advocacy's Bridges of Hope Community Leadership Luncheon for her work connecting donors with local nonprofit organizations to improve the lives of Howard County residents.

Paula Lukeman Furr '73 was inducted into the Southern Public Relations Federation Hall of Fame, an honor that recognizes “current and former southern practitioners or educators who have brought honor to the field of public relations.”

Jim Kizziar '73 of San Antonio, Texas, an attorney and partner with Bracewell LLP, was selected as a 2019 Texas Super Lawyer in the category of Labor and Employment. Jim also was selected for the 2019 Best Lawyers in America in the practice areas of Labor Law and Employment Law — Management, and Litigation — Labor and Employment. Jim was recognized by Best Lawyers in America as the Best Management Labor and Employment Attorney in San Antonio, Texas, for 2018.

T. J. Antich '78 (Sigma Phi Epsilon) and **Chuck Narwicz '77** (Beta Theta Pi) teamed up on the field in Frederica, Del., refereeing in the Adrenalin Summer Boys Lacrosse Tournament. The two were also on the field together some 43 years prior when the Battling Bishops played their way into the hearts of lacrosse enthusiasts

across the globe. Antich, a sophomore student-athletic trainer under the tutelage of legendary Dr. Fred Myers was on the sidelines keeping the Red and Black going throughout their incredible NCAA tournament run, which saw them beat Kutztown State (Pa.) in the highest scoring NCAA playoff game of all time. Narwicz, a junior first team All-MLA midfielder on Coach Rich Seiler's OAC championship unit, teamed up with John Hildebrand, Bob Sargent, Peter Zonino, and others to then go on to upset No. 1-ranked Cortland State to make it to the semifinals with Hobart. The pair, originally from Long Island, currently reside in southeastern Pennsylvania where they were both quite active as coaches in their local youth lacrosse programs prior to joining the ranks of PIAA officiating.

1980s

Christine Sherrill Vass '81, *Chattanooga Times Free Press* public editor, has been named president of the Tennessee Press Association.

Stacey McKinley '82 was selected for the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Hall of Fame.

Maureen Ryan '85 joined Odgers Berndtson, a top-six global executive



Three friends reunite
Ellen Hart Richardson '77, A. Brad Richardson '81, and Mike Newcomb '73 enjoyed a reunion.

Geologist wins Distinguished Career Award

Paul "Jeff" Fox '63, an emeritus geology faculty member from Texas A&M, received the Distinguished Career Award from the Geological Society of America. Jeff has long been at the forefront of research on the structure and tectonics of transform faults and fracture zones and served as leader of the international Ocean Drilling Program and its successor. Drawing upon investigations of ophiolites, and utilizing submersibles and high-resolution swath mapping systems, Jeff and his colleagues developed models for the processes that occur at transform plate boundaries and how they affect the formation of oceanic crust, providing the foundation for our current understanding of mid-ocean ridge segmentation. Jeff also helped guide the direction of marine scientific research as one of the chief architects of the RIDGE Program for over a decade, serving as Director of Science Operations for the Ocean Drilling Program, and then as Director of Science Services for the Integrated Ocean Drilling Program, where he led scientists from more than 20 countries in the geoscience's most successful international scientific program.



search firm, as a partner in its Healthcare Practice, where she will lead the U.S. Health Systems team.

Tracie Winbiger '87 was named to the board of directors of Rocky Brands, Inc.

Robert Barnes '88 was named head coach of the Indiana University South Bend women's soccer team.

Stephen Harff '88 was named vice president of commercial leasing for DiMarco Realty Services.

1990s

Quentin Derryberry III '96 was named director of advancement at St. Thomas Episcopal Parish School in Coral Gables, Fla. He most recently was vice president of development for the YMCA of South Florida.

Kristen Lindsay '96 was named vice president of student affairs and enrollment services at Terra State Community College. Lindsay has served as interim VP of student and enrollment services since September 2018.

Irfan Nooruddin '96, Georgetown University professor and director of the school's India Initiative, is the new head of the Atlantic Council's South Asia Center. Through partnerships with key institutions in the region, the Atlantic Council facilitates dialogue among decision makers in South Asia, the United States, and Europe with the aim of "waging peace" and securing democracy and prosperity in the region.

C. Paul Palmer IV '96 was promoted to CEO of National Lime and Stone Co.

David Lauffer '98 joined Wells Fargo Corporate & Investment Banking's

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classnotes

Healthcare Investment Banking group as a managing director covering the biopharma sector.

Joshua Shade '99 was named Arizona market president for U.S. Bank. In this role, he will lead the market in company-wide efforts and activities and direct commercial banking in Arizona. He earned his MBA from Weatherhead School of Management, Case Western Reserve University.



Dorothy Geyer update

Dorothy Geyer '79 is the natural resource specialist at Colonial National Park in southeastern Virginia. She spends a large amount of her time working with staff to develop adaptation and resiliency plans for the impact of sea level rise on the park. The rest of her time she spends with family and dogs and travels as much as she can, especially on church mission trips to Guatemala and locally with Habitat for Humanity. She attended the OWU 40th reunions with **Anne Roetzel Hess '79** and reconnected with other classmates. It was amazing for her to see the change in the campus, and she was energized by the efforts to keep OWU relevant as a liberal arts university.

2000s

Eleana Drakatos '00 is an attorney in Columbus, Ohio. She practices with her husband, Dennis Yacobozzi II, in the law firm of Yacobozzi Drakatos, LLC. In 2018, Eleana was elected president of the Ohio State Bar Association and is serving as the State Bar President for 2019-2020.

Sara Gebhart Ott '00 was named city manager of Aspen, Colo.

John Vandersall '00 moved back home to Indianapolis a few years ago. Now a

licensed real estate agent/broker with the largest independent brokerage in Indiana, FC Tucker, John has been able to help many individuals and families buy and sell property. In 2018 he ranked in the top 10 percent of new agents. FC Tucker was a founding member of Leading Real Estate Companies of the World.

Edward Canterbury '02, a real estate attorney at Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A., was selected as one of *Gulfshore Business Magazine's* 40 Under 40.

Veronica Dillard '02 resides in Chicago as an established actress/voice over artist, and recently starred in two films, "See The Light" and "Humanity Without A Home." "See The Light" has been selected in this year's Inspired Faith Film Festival (Atlanta) and Chicago's South Side Film Festival. A free film screening and panel discussion was also held for suicide prevention and mental health awareness. "Humanity Without A Home" is available on Amazon Prime.

MeganRose Forman-

McCaulla '02 is the new principal of Hanby Elementary School in Westerville, Ohio.

Kelsey Guyselman '09 joined Information Technology Industry Council, the global voice of the technology sector, as senior director, government affairs.

2010s

Maria Del Toro '11 was featured in the spring issue of *Professional Women's Magazine* in an article called, "What My MBA Did For Me," in which she discusses the importance of mentorship for underrepresented groups and her path to business school. During her time at OWU, she was a chair of VIVA and a member of the President's Commission on Racial and Cultural Diversity. She is currently completing her MBA



Alumnus summits Handies Peak

Monte C. Magill '83 shows off his OWU pride on the summit of Handies Peak in Colorado. He has now summited 51 of the 58 14,000-plus-foot mountain peaks in Colorado. He even ran into another former Battling Bishop on the descent — small world!

Annie Roetzel Hess '79 is, at 62, navigating new and uncharted waters of life and marriage with her dear matey Steve Hess (pictured left) as he courageously faces his



fourth bout with bladder cancer. They created a second home on the Eastern Shore in Cambridge, Md. When not cruising the Choptank River on their boat, they can be found exploring the historic routes where her childhood heroine Harriet Tubman lived and worked as a conductor on the Underground Railroad. Their primary residence is in Frederick, Md., on a mountaintop where bears, coyotes, deer, and rabbits are frequent visitors. Art studios in both homes allow her illustration career to thrive. She is working on illustrating her second children's book. See her website: anniehessarts.com. One of her greatest adventures has been casting all of the characters for her illustrations using family and friends for models. This spring when she attended her 40th OWU reunion, Annie had the good fortune to meet Erin Fletcher, the new director of the Ross Art Museum. Erin is looking for OWU alumni artists to exhibit their work. Consider having a show; see owu.edu/ross. Contact Erin at elfletch@owu.edu, 740-368-3870.

at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

Ha Le '14 is the founder of two companies, including Succulents Box, which has been so successful on Facebook's Marketplace that it was mentioned by Sheryl Sandberg on Facebook's earnings call in May and was featured in a Facebook success case study. Succulents Box is now on track to reach its first \$1 million this year. The products of Ha Le's other company, Less is More Jewelry, are now being sold at more than 200 boutique stores across the country. Both companies give back to the community by donating a portion of their profit to Smile Restaurant in Vietnam, which provides free lunches to disadvantaged Vietnamese families.

Stephanie Toole '14 was named education and outreach manager at the Massillon Museum in Massillon, Ohio.

Christopher Brinich '17, senior associate at Rea & Associates, a regional accounting and business consulting firm, completed and passed the Level III Chartered Financial Analyst exam.



Annual Fiji golf outing

Twelve 1977 OWU Fijis reunited for their annual golf outing in Youngstown, Ohio. Since six are from Ohio and six from other states, they compete in a Team Ohio vs. Team USA "Ryder Cup" match each year. They are, from left: **Bob DiBiasio, Ken Sternad, Greg Sponseller, Paul Eddy, Doug Kennedy, Bruce Smith, Chris Swift, Rick Goclano, Steve Walton, Dave Vadas, Byron Choka, and Greg McComas.**

Rachel Ballitch '18, a private music teacher at Richland Academy of the Arts, competed in the National Association of Teachers Singing (NATS) semifinal competition. Ballitch finished third in

her age division. NATS is the largest professional association of teachers of singing in the world, with more than 7,000 members in the United States, Canada, and more than 35 other countries.



Rowers participate in 2019 Regatta on Cuyahoga River

Rowing team "1X" is pictured at the 2019 Regatta, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the burning of the Cuyahoga river, which led to the Clean Water Act. The 2019 Regatta is sponsored by the Western Reserve Rowing Association, which includes more than 50 teams that row 8-person shells on the Cuyahoga river. Two Bishops — identified by the OWU hats — are members of the team. **Carmen Bowen Pepe '95** (Delta Delta Delta) is the heart of the team and has been with the team for 17 years, and rows in a key position (stroke), which sets the pace for the rest of team; **Bob Jefferis '79** (Fiji) is captain of the team and has rowed with the team for five years.

Births

1980s

Robert Albrecht '80 and his wife Kelsey welcomed their third child and first daughter, Tegan Rae, on Aug. 8. Tegan joins her older brothers, Bryson and Preston, as well as her half-siblings, Ashley, Michael, Tom, and Alison.

2000s

Jessica Sprajcar Aiello '00 and husband Jim welcomed their first child, daughter Annamarie Louise Aiello, on July 1. The family hopes to see everyone at the reunion in 2020.



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classnotes

1 Rupp-Capobianco wedding

Emily Rupp '02 and Mike Capobianco were married on May 26 in Edinburgh, Scotland. Among the OWU alumni in attendance were Rupp's parents, who met at OWU. From left: **Emily Walz Jones '02, Jamie O'Brien '02, Nicole Dimonte Diroff '02, Lynn Gableman Rupp '70**, the bride and groom, **Robert Rupp '69, Gargi Pal Chaudhuri '01, Katie Zoerhoff Nayak '02, Carrie Steele Madren '02**.



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2 Slager-Skarsten wedding

Sadie Slager Skarsten '14 and Steven Skarsten '13 were married June 1 in Cleveland, Ohio, with more than 40 OWU alumni in attendance! From left: **Don Sheehan '81, Kaye Fritz Ridolfi '83, Stacey Ryen Sheehan '82, Melissa DeWall Slager '82, Rob Shane '12, Courtney Durham '12, Haley Schafer Henderson '15, Zach Bott '13, Alexa Bean Martin '11, Michael McLean '13, David Hunter '11, Dylan Walsh '12, Will Stone '13, Sara Schneider '16, Andrew Martin '11, Tim Knezovich '12**, the groom, the bride, **Chris Taylor '12, Corstiann Burns '13, Kylea Davis '15, Andrew Sloan '13, Nazar Zhdan '14, Tyler Allen '12, Samantha Simon Sloan '14, Jennifer Morris '14, Sophie Kiendl '14, Caroline Marini '14, Greg White '13, Katherine Watson '14, Lauren Salustro '14, Hunter Erensel '16, Meg Greff '14, Anne Frissora '14, Samantha Weeks '14, and Sarah Dailey '15**.



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3 Mannix-Salk wedding

Sam Salk '08 and Katharine Mannix '10 were married on May 25 in Lynchburg, Va. OWU alumni joining in the celebration were, from left: (back row) **Chris Myers '08, George Franz '08, Andy Hicks '08, Will Bridgeo '08, Ali Hill '10, Mollie Campbell '10, Eliot Hubbell '10, Lucy Warren '11, Elizabeth Lambert '10, Alex Miller '09**, (front row) **Kelly Marchesi '10, Maggie Meloy, Kendra Vellante '11, Katherine McNamara '11**, the bride and groom, **Haleigh Rohr '10, Jess Copeland '10, Gavin Bennett '10, and Matt Rissell '08**

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4 Love-Anderson wedding

Sarah Love '15 and Steven Anderson '15 were married on Oct. 5 at the Glidden House in Cleveland, Ohio. They are both currently living in Wilmington, Del., while Sarah completes her psychology residency at Nemours/Alfred I. DuPont Hospital for

Children. Alumni in attendance include, from left: **Samantha Cacciatore '17, Blake Andrews '17, James Murphy '17, Kara Dawson-Conroy '15, Sarah Love-Anderson '15, Steven Anderson '15, Joseph Cicchillo '17, Evan Katz '17, and Nate Dedek '17**.

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Marriages

Stephanie Stropp '91 married **Michael Hoban '89** in April 2019.

In Memoriam

1940s

Joann Smith Leavenworth '42, of Hudson, Ohio, June 15, at the age of 98. She was predeceased by her mother, **Rachel Smith 1918**, and is survived by her husband and children. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Doris Cannell Price '42, of Springfield, Va., Sept. 20, 97. She is survived by a daughter and multiple grandchildren. She was a member of Alpha Xi sorority.

Jeanne Riddle '42, of Columbus, Ohio, July 12, at the age of 98. She was predeceased by her husband, **Philip Riddle '38**, her parents, and three siblings. She is survived by a daughter and a granddaughter.

Dorothy Foss Tainton '43, of Eugene, Ore., June 13, at the age of 97. She was predeceased by her husband. She is survived by two daughters and multiple grandchildren, and was a member of Kappa Delta sorority.

Harold Will '43, Nov. 2, 2017, at the age of 95. He was predeceased by his wife Rachel Lenhart Will, who passed away in December 2000.

Barbara Blake Bell '44, of Santa Clarita, Calif., June 23, at the age of 96. She is survived by her husband and three children. She was a member of Kappa Delta sorority.

Helen Barnum Frye '44, of Catawba Island, Ohio, Sept. 13, at the age of 96. She was predeceased by her parents and husband. She is survived by a son and two grandchildren. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Elizabeth Hart '48, of New Wilmington, Pa., Aug. 24, at the age of 92. She was predeceased by her husband, **George Hart '49**, and sister **Patricia (Fleigh) Moles '56**. She is survived by four children and multiple grandchildren. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

Andrew Sparks '48, of Deep River, Conn., Sept. 9, at the age of 69. He is survived by his wife, **Marilyn "Mike" Quay Sparks '50**, three children, multiple grandchildren, and a half sister. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Patricia Dynes Dye '49, of Venice, Fla., Sept. 24, at the age of 92. She was predeceased by her husband, **Thomas Dye '49**, and survived by many extended family. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

William Sheehy '49, of Delaware, Ohio, Aug. 2, at the age of 94. He was predeceased by his parents, wife, and sister. He is survived by a son and multiple grandchildren. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

John Smith '49, of Sarasota, Fla., June 4, at the age of 93. He is survived by his wife, daughter, and two sons. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and the OWU Tower Society.

Elizabeth Manuel Way '49, of Clarksville, Tenn., January 1, 2019, at the age of 90. She was predeceased by her parents, husband, and youngest child, Bruce. She is survived by two sons, Stuart and Glenn; one daughter, Cindi Verbist; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

1950s

Thomas Cecil '50, of Dayton, Ohio, July 21, at the age of 92. He was predeceased by his parents and siblings, **Martha Stauffer '53**, **David Cecil '55**, and **Nancy Albrecht '47**. He is survived by multiple grandchildren. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Richard Mauer '50, of Dublin, Ohio, July 15, at the age of 93. He was predeceased by his wife, **Helen Mauer '49**, and a brother. He is survived by two children, a brother, and multiple grandchildren. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Robert Riegger '50, of Medina, Ohio, June 18, at the age of 94. He was predeceased by his parents, including mother **Pauline R. Riegger 1921**, and a brother, **Hugh C. Riegger '49**. He is survived by wife **Jane M. Riegger '50**, two daughters, brother **David Riegger '51**, and multiple grandchildren.

He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Edward Schlicht '50, of Sandusky, Ohio, June 6, at the age of 90. He was predeceased by his parents and a sister. He is survived by his wife, a sister, three children, three stepchildren, and multiple grandchildren. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

John "Jack" Swisher Jr. '50, of Indio, Calif., June 10, at the age of 91. He is survived by two children and a brother. He was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

Lois Abell Dalton '51, of Wakeman, Ohio, Sept. 12, at the age of 89. She was predeceased by her parents, husband, a son, a granddaughter, and three brothers. She is survived by two children and multiple grandchildren.

Hazel Mutersbaugh Martindale '51, of Rocky River, Ohio, Sept. 5, at the age of 90. She is survived by her son, grandson, and great-grandson. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Jeannie Johnson Reider '51, of Delaware, Ohio, May 28. She was predeceased by her father, mother **Emma Paulie Brittain Johnson 1917**, and husband. She is survived by two sons, including **Carson Reider '82**, two siblings, and multiple grandchildren. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Mildred Gray Arehart '52, of Plano, Texas, June 3, at the age of 88. She was predeceased by her parents and four siblings. She is survived by three children and a grandson.

Goodwin "Goodie" Berquist Jr. '52, of Prescott, Ariz., Feb. 16, at the age of 88. He was predeceased by his wife, **Nancy Berquist '53**, parents, two brothers, and a sister. He is survived by a brother. He was a member of Chi Phi fraternity.

Sallie Baker Mellem '52, of Cape May, N.J., Sept. 9, at the age of 88. She was predeceased by her parents, and is survived by three sons and multiple grandchildren. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

Faith Hawley Snedden '52, of Nantberth, Pa., June 3, at the age of 89. She was

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predeceased by her husband, a son, and a brother. She is survived by five children, a sister, and multiple grandchildren. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Thyra “Joanne” Mack Waite ’52, of Cutler, Maine, June 8, at the age of 88. She was predeceased by her parents, brother, a daughter, and a granddaughter. She is survived by a daughter, three sons, and multiple grandchildren. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Ann Koenigseker Wieczorowski ’52, of Chevy Chase, Md., June 18, at the age of 90. She is survived by her husband, two children, and multiple grandchildren. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

Joan BeVier Smith ’53, June 21, at the age of 87. She was predeceased by her parents, husband **John Smith ’50**, and two children. She is survived by a daughter and multiple grandchildren, including **Patrick Moore ’08**. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Elizabeth Hester “Bea” Brown ’54, June 23. She was predeceased by a child. She is survived by four children and a sister, **Jane Hester Strauss ’57**.

Adelbert Seiple Jr. ’54, of Hudson, Ohio, Aug. 30, at the age of 86. He was predeceased by a brother, **David Seiple ’53**. He is survived by wife **Gail Seiple ’55**, three children, and multiple grandchildren. He was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

Kathleen Keifer Graham ’55, of Scottsdale, Ariz., May 25, at the age of 86. She is survived by three daughters and multiple grandchildren. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Jessie Ellen McGovran Gwynne ’55, of Madison, Wis., June 20, at the age of 85. She was predeceased by her parents and two siblings. She is survived by her husband, multiple children and grandchildren. She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

Leon Richey ’55, of Toledo, Ohio, July 2, at the age of 85. He was predeceased by his parents, a son, and a sister. He is survived by his wife, three children, and multiple

grandchildren. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Jan Selby ’55, of New York, N.Y., June 12. He was predeceased by his parents and is survived by his domestic partner and multiple siblings. He was a member of Beta Sigma Tau fraternity.

Richard Buerkle ’56, of Kingsland, Ga., May 27, at the age of 84. He is survived by his wife, four children, and multiple grandchildren. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

M. J. “June” Whitehouse Harris ’56, of Columbus, Ohio, June 14, at the age of 84. She was predeceased by her parents and husband **Kenneth Harris ’54**. She is survived by four children, including **Susan Harris**

Raphael ’80 and **Amy Harris Sherman ’91**, a brother, and multiple grandchildren, including **Kaitlin Raphael ’09**. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

Louise Simpson Hendry ’56, of San Francisco, Calif., Sept. 4, at the age of 84. She was predeceased by her husband. She is survived by two brothers, including **Jon Simpson ’54**; her sister, **Nancy Simpson Alonzo ’60**; two children; and multiple grandchildren. She was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.

Harvey Sharp ’56, July 21, at the age of 84. He was predeceased by his parents and first wife. He is survived by his second wife, and multiple children and grandchildren. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Marilyn Beetler Wilkinson ’56, of Ocean Isle, N.C. and New Canaan, Conn., May 30, at the age of 84. She was predeceased by her husband, and is survived by multiple children, including **Jay Vidovich ’82**. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

Robert Aebersold ’57, of Butler, Pa., Aug. 12, at the age of 83. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, and four



In memory of Marjorie Hamann Hill

Marjorie Hamann Hill ’57, of Concord Township, Ohio, Sept. 11, at the age of 83. She was involved in many extracurriculars at OWU; she was an active participant in choir, glee club, thespians, and Gamma Phi Beta sorority, and she was at one point a literary editor. She enjoyed 50 years of marriage with **Edson Clark Hill**. She and Clark lived in Concord Twp., where she was living her best life as a wife, homemaker, and mother. Marj was a much loved member of East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church in Kirtland, Ohio, where she served as the choir director for over 25 years. She was also the leader of the Browning Singers, a song group at Browning Senior Center in Willoughby. She loved music and playing the piano and had a gift for finding just the right piece of music for any occasion. In addition to her love of music, Marjorie was the proud animal-mom to several cats and Gordon setters over the years. She loved animals, bird watching, playing Scrabble, watching Jeopardy! and taking annual trips with her high school girlfriends and her daughters. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, a sister, and multiple grandchildren.

grandchildren. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

M. Sue Semans Kneubel ’57, of Worthington, Ohio, Sept. 14, at the age of 84. She was predeceased by her parents, **William Semans 1914** and **Grace Semans 1922**, and a brother, **William Semans ’48**. She is survived by her husband, three children, and multiple grandchildren. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Roy Michels Jr. ’57, June 20, at the age of 87. He is survived by his wife, a son, a granddaughter, and a sister. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Joanne Gross Sweeley ’57, of Sault Sainte Marie, Mich., June 20, at the age of 83. She was predeceased by her parents and a sister. She is survived by her husband, two children, two grandsons, and a brother. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

June Adkins Vogel ’57, of DePere, Wis., Aug. 8, at the age of 84. She was predeceased by her parents and brother. She is survived by two children and multiple grandchildren. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Stephen Bodman ’59, of Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 22, at the age of 82. He is

survived by his wife, two children, two sisters, and multiple grandchildren. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

E. Stanley Hobbs, Jr. '59, of Prescott, Ariz., July 21, at the age of 70. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Carolyn Breitling Jones '59, of Appleton, Wis., Sept. 23, at the age of 81. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

1960s

David Purdy '61, of Harrisonburg, Va., Aug. 11, at the age of 79. He was predeceased by his first wife, **Emily Weese Purdy '61**, his mother, and his father, **Marshall Purdy '31**. He is survived by his second wife, two children, multiple grandchildren, and multiple step-children. He was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

Stephen Kenyon Stafford '61, June 20, at the age of 81. He was predeceased by his parents and two siblings. He is survived by his wife, four children, and multiple grandchildren.

Marguerite Hopkins Hatten '62, of Columbia, La., July 13, after an extended battle with Alzheimer's disease. She graduated from OWU with a B.A. and a major in Spanish. She taught English, French, and Spanish in Caldwell Parish School System. She was a volunteer with the Louisiana Art and Folk Festival and the Martin Home Place Museum. She is survived by husband Donnie Hatten; two sons, William and Andrew; six grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

Ira Lipman '62, of New York, N.Y., Sept. 16, at the age of 78. He is survived by his wife and three sons. He was a member of the OWU Board of Trustees.

Katherine "Kit" Barrett Tillinghast '62, of South Burlington, Vt., May 21, at the age of 78. She was predeceased by her husband, **Charles Tillinghast '62**, her parents, and a brother. She is survived by two children and multiple grandchildren, and was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Ronald Buchan '62, of Avon, Ohio, May 26, at the age of 78. He was predeceased by his parents and a brother. He is survived by his wife, two children, and two grandchildren. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

James Cowan '63, of Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 1, at the age of 77. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Michael DuBrow '63, of San Jose, Calif., Sept. 23, at the age of 77. He was predeceased by his parents and a sister. He is survived by his wife, four children, and multiple grandchildren. He was a member of Chi Phi fraternity.

Annlee Kendrick Edwards '63, of Virginia Beach, Va., July 21, at the age of 77. She was predeceased by her parents and a sister. She is survived by two children, a sister, and multiple grandchildren. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

Dallas Edwin Frederick '64, of Springfield, Va., June 8, at the age of 76. He was predeceased by his parents. He is survived by his wife, **Lou A. Frederick '65**; three siblings, including **Carl Frederick '70**; and a daughter. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Darrell Blumer '66, of Mass., Aug. 1. He is survived by his wife, a son, sister **Barbara Stockstill '58**, and a brother. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Sandra Strehlow Haarlow '66, of Pinehurst, N.C., May 29, at the age of 74. She was predeceased by her parents. She is survived by two sons, multiple grandchildren, and former husband. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Sara Rardin Johnson '66, of Columbia, S.C., June 9, at the age of 75. She was predeceased by her father; mother, **Ruth E. Horr '36**; and stepmother, **Beverly D. Horr '33**. She is survived by her husband, **C. Clayton Johnson '66**, siblings **Martha R. Tee '74** and **Timothy B. Rardin '68**, two children, and two grandchildren. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

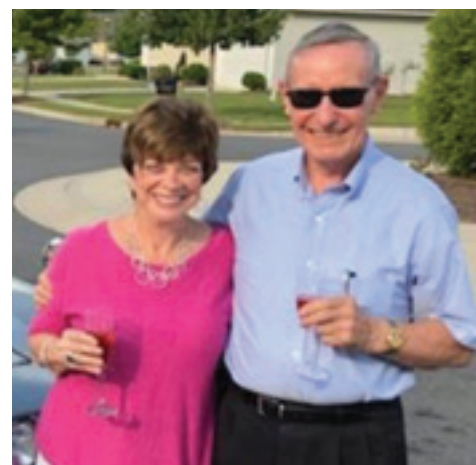
Gail Olson Morris '66, of Coatesville, Pa., July 20, at the age of 75. She is survived by her husband, three sons, and multiple grandchildren. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Paul Steven Elliott '67, of Aiken, S.C., July 8, at the age of 74. He was predeceased by his parents and brother. He is survived by a wife, a daughter, a stepson and

stepdaughter, and three grandsons. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Bonnie Stone George '67, of Erie, Pa., Aug. 10, at the age of 73. She was predeceased by her parents. She is survived by her soulmate Jim and three siblings.

Robert Pfeiffer '67, of Port Republic, Md., Sept. 20, at the age of 74. He is survived by his wife, stepson, two brothers, and multiple grandchildren. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.



In memory of Bonnie George Stone Bonnie Stone '67, of Indian Lake, S.C., Aug. 10, at the age of 73, after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. She earned her degree in elementary education. She taught fifth and sixth grade health and science for several years before switching to a long career in information technology. Bonnie lived most of her life in Erie, Pa., and spent the last 12 in Carolina Lakes in Indian Land, S.C.

Westcott Burlingame III '68, of Hendersonville, N.C., Sept. 17, at the age of 73. He was predeceased by his parents. He is survived by his wife, two children, a sister, and multiple grandchildren. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Roy Henderson '69, of Delaware, Ohio, Sept. 4, at the age of 80. He is survived by his wife, two children, and multiple grandchildren.

1970s

Forrest Old Jr. '71, of Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 22, at the age of 70. He is survived by his wife; three children, including **Forrest Old III '12**; ex-wife **Elizabeth Dugdale Old '72**; and two sisters.

Kathleen Corbin Evans '72, of Bonita Springs, Fla., July 28, at the age of 68. She was predeceased by her parents, **Harold Corbin '47** and **Betty Corbin '47**. She is survived by her husband, sister **Susan Houser '74**, daughters **Abigail Radebaugh '00** and **Megan Demolina '97**, two stepchildren, and multiple grandchildren. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Mary Cibelius '72, of Chicago, Ill., July 31. She is survived by her husband, Jeff Flodin, and two sisters.

Edward "Eddie" Nantoski Jr. '72, of Methuen, Mass., June 16. He was predeceased by his parents. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, and a grandson.

Valerie Ward Toombs '74, of Springfield, Mo., July 4, at the age of 67. She was predeceased by her parents. She is survived by her husband and a brother. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

James Henke '76, July 8, at the age of 65. He is survived by two sons. After graduating from OWU, he worked in Cleveland at *The Plain Dealer* until leaving to pursue a career at *Rolling Stone Magazine* in New York City. There he rose from copy editor to music editor, spending years working with some of rock 'n' roll's biggest names. His legacy includes significant interviews with Bruce Springsteen, Eric Clapton, and The Clash. He is also credited with writing the first profile of U2 for American audiences and with inspiring their song "Pride (In the Name of Love)." His writing earned him the ASCAP Deems Taylor award for excellence in music journalism.

1980s

Sonnetta Shahid-Shurkey '83, June 26, at the age of 57. She was predeceased by her sister, **Evonne Shahid '85**. She is survived by husband **Jay Hairston '78**, parents, and multiple siblings.

Marcedius Jameson '84, of Lawrence, N.J., Sept. 17, at the age of 57. He was predeceased by his father. He is survived by his mother, wife, four children, multiple grandchildren, and multiple siblings.

Elizabeth Kane '85, Aug. 6, at the age of 56. She was predeceased by her father. She is survived by her mother and two sisters.

Peter Issel Jr. '89, of Lewes, Del., July 31. He is survived by his wife, two children, his parents, and a brother. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

1990s

Beth Szalontai McDonald '91, of Medina, Ohio, June 13, at the age of 52. She was predeceased by her father. She is survived by husband **Thomas McDonald '90**, three children, two siblings, and her mother.

Melissa Jane Morse '97, of Manchester, Conn., June 4, at the age of 44. She is survived by her parents and a brother. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

2000s

Kara Collins Sedoris '00, of Louisville, Ky., Aug. 26, at the age of 41.

2010s

Samuel T.B. Newton '10, of New York, N.Y., Aug. 29, at the age of 31. He is survived by his parents.

Kevin Schindler '12, of Mentor, Ohio, Aug. 16.

Faculty and Staff

Christel Rossmann Burnside, of Delaware, Ohio, May 30, at the age of 88. She worked as a science librarian at OWU. She was predeceased by her parents, husband, and brother. She is survived by three sons and multiple grandchildren.

Lyman Leathers, of Columbus, Ohio, and formerly of Delaware, Ohio, June 20, at the age of 90. He was a member of the OWU Tower Society and taught English Humanities at OWU.

Dave Staley, former math faculty member

Dave Staley, Professor Emeritus of Mathematical Science, died Aug. 30, 2019, at the age of 89.

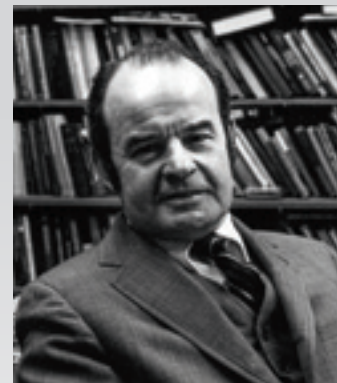
Jeffrey Nunemacher, Parrott Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science, recalls Staley as a "central and beloved figure in mathematics on this campus" who was affectionately nicknamed "Daily" Staley for administering daily quizzes in his 33 years at OWU. Staley also coached men's swimming from 1977-1983 and served as chairperson for the Mock Convention.

Julianne Rainbolt '86 remembers Staley as an enthusiastic man. "Dr. Staley had taught me that researching mathematics can be thrilling and rewarding ... He showed me that teaching mathematics is just as rewarding as learning mathematics." Rainbolt cites Staley as an influential person in her decision to become a professor of mathematics herself.

Staley organized Delaware's first triathlon in the 1980s and won second place in his age group at the 1996 Ironman World Championship in Hawaii.

Staley also served as a chairman of the Delaware County Democratic Party, president of the Ohio Association of Democratic County Chairpersons, a member of the Delaware County Board of Elections, vice-president of Ohio Council for Math Teachers, and as a member of the Delaware City School Board.

Upon his retirement in 1994, Staley was presented with an Adam Poe medal. He is survived by his wife Pat Staley and their children **Lisa (Staley) Flahive '81**, **Laura Staley '84**, and **Paul Staley '89**.



Donald Lockwood, of Delaware, Ohio, Aug. 10, at the age of 81. He was a golf coach and assistant basketball coach at OWU. He was predeceased by his parents and a sister. He is survived by his wife, eight children, and multiple grandchildren.

Leona Vivian Maxey, of Delaware, Ohio, July 25, at the age of 96. She worked as a mail room supervisor at OWU for more than 30 years. She was predeceased by her husband and multiple siblings. She is survived by multiple children and grandchildren.

Diana Stitzlein, of near Waldo, Ohio, June 6, at the age of 64. She worked as an administrative assistant at OWU. She is survived by her husband; four daughters, including **Amanda Stitzlein Thompson '05**; and multiple grandchildren.

Sympathy to

Alison Falk '14 for the loss of her father, Charles Falk, of Hookstown, Pa., Aug. 6, at the age of 74.



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Fashion tips **from 1935**

In this new OWU Magazine column, we'll look back at past Ohio Wesleyan campus life. For new female students coming to Ohio Wesleyan in the fall of 1935, the university provided the "1935-36 OWU Freshman Women's Handbook." One section of the book suggests appropriate clothing to bring to Delaware. The tips are a fascinating blend of fashion and thrift — this was the middle of the Great Depression. Below are highlights.

Be ready for rain

To begin with the outer layer, and with the most important article of this group — a raincoat. You will certainly need one in Delaware for the town is known for its abundance of rainfall. And if your coiffeur needs protection throw an old beret or hat into your trunk along with a pair of galoshes for the heavy rain. And when the rain turns to snow have ready to wear in your closet, a heavy sport coat.

The essentials

For classes on the warm days washable dresses, including cottons, linens, rayons, and wash silks. For the winter student, a skirt to match your coat plus several sweaters or perhaps your old dresses transformed into blouses. Maybe you would prefer wool costumes or a knitted suit. For sorority teas, receptions, dates and so on, you will need to select one unified outfit — a costume with the afternoon degree of formality and shoes, hose, gloves, bag, hat to match or harmonize. Dressing for dinner consists simply in putting on something fresh.

Formal frocks

One formal gown a year is enough, during the first at least. A tip here — velvet cannot be worn for spring, nor is organdy in effect during cold weather. Laces, crepes, satins can be worn for both making a second frock unnecessary. It is very important to bring along a white dress for sorority pledging and initiation, and Y.M.C.A. initiation, so save your graduation dress for such events, and you will not have the trouble of going around trying to borrow one at the last minute.

From head ...

If you look well in a beret, they are grand for classes; but most girls go hatless which is more comfortable and saves buying a chapeau for school. Do have your most becoming one for those teas, receptions and Sunday night dates at Buns.

To toes ...

We walk miles at Ohio Wesleyan so come prepared with flat or medium heeled oxfords for classes. Of course high heels if you prefer them for parties and dances, but even for such occasions low heels would be the height of fashion. Delaware is an inexpensive town in which to have shoes fixed and with new heels and soles they last longer. Buy several pairs of hose the same color so that they can be interchanged and so wear better. You know your capacity in this item — washing as well as wearing. Net or silk hose of the semi-service weight are appropriate for classes and sport. Your sheer chiffon, of course, for special occasions.

And underneath

Save your graduation gifts of silk underthings for special occasions and your delicate pajamas for week-end trips. Quaint cotton undies as well as inexpensive pajamas which express your personality are not hard to find. A warm bathrobe and soft slippers for study are a comfort. Mules look chic, but their clatter makes roommates grey headed, so keep them for the weekend trips. Do bring a girdle, if you don't wear one already, for after several months of regular hours and diet you will need one. (Sad but True!)

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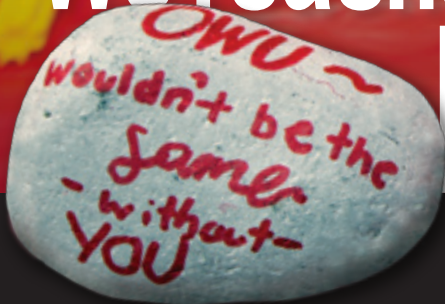
And today?

Top five fashion items today's female students bring to campus.

1. OWU sweatshirt/hoodie
2. Birkenstocks
3. Leggings
4. Fuzzy socks
5. Jeans



We reached a milestone!



Just five years into our 7-year Connect Today, Create Tomorrow campaign, we reached a major milestone. More than 18,000 donors have given more than \$200 million to Ohio Wesleyan in the campaign! Thank you!

To help show their appreciation for your amazing generosity, OWU students painted dozens of rocks with messages of thanks and love for our University. These “milestones” were placed all around campus.

Already, your gifts have:

- Completely renovated Merrick Hall
- Built the Simpson Querrey Fitness Center and renovated Edwards Gymnasium
- Built six SLUs, a new Butler A. Jones House of Black Culture, and the Gillespie Honors House
- Provided OWU Connection experiences for hundreds of students
- Created the Career Connection program
- Expanded student scholarships

In the final two years of the campaign we hope to reach even bigger milestones and raise funds to:

- Build a new apartment village for OWU seniors
- Renovate Smith Hall for housing first-year students
- Completely restore Slocum Hall, including the beautiful Reading Room
- Renovate Branch Rickey Arena
- Continue to expand opportunities for students

Please consider making your gift in the envelope provided in the magazine, or go to owu.edu/campaign.

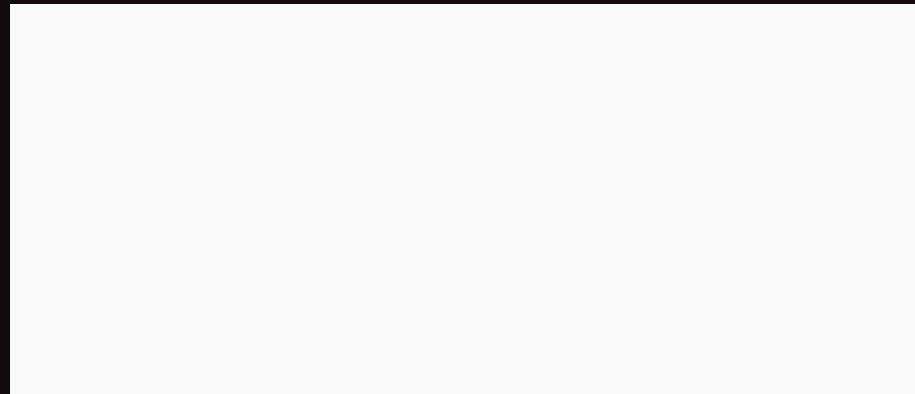
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A GLORIOUS CLASSROOM — On a brilliant autumn day, Professor of Black World Studies Randolph Quaye leads a class on the Merrick Hall patio. (Photo by Mark Schmitter '12)