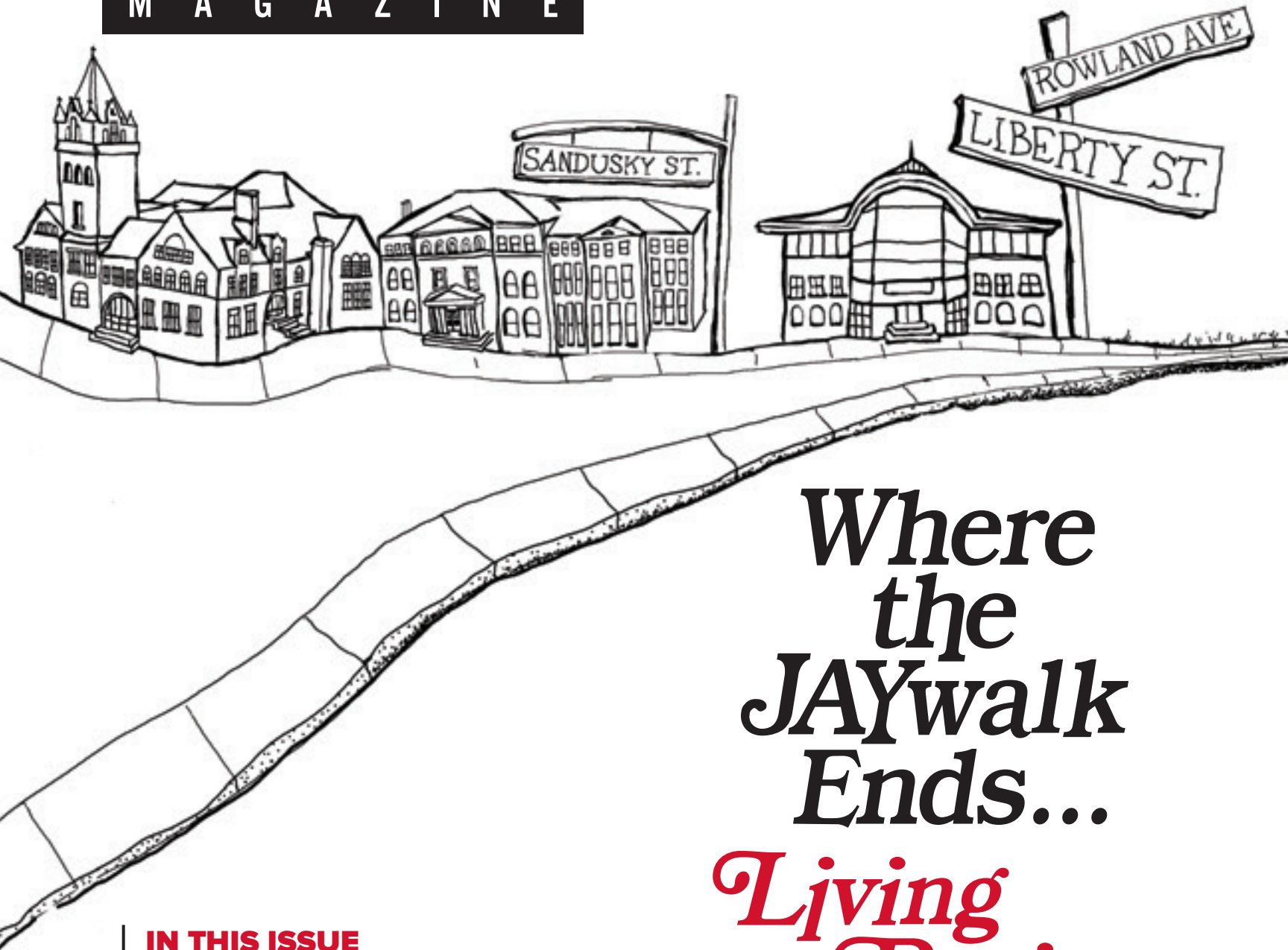


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Transforming residential life for a new generation of students

Whether it is going off to college, moving to a new community, or starting a new job, one of the first questions we often ask people is, where will you live? This question is especially important for students who enroll at a small, residential college like Ohio Wesleyan. Where will you live?

Over the past two years, we have taken a fresh look at the residential experience of our students and the needs of our residential campus. In February our Board of Trustees held a retreat devoted to the single topic of the residential experience of our students and the needs of our residential campus. At the conclusion of the retreat, the Board endorsed a bold five-year, \$60 million investment in the residential campus. This plan, which will be funded by a combination of philanthropy, debt, and historic tax credits, represents the largest financial investment in Ohio Wesleyan history.

Why are residential facilities important? At Ohio Wesleyan, the entire campus is a laboratory for

This investment will offer students a residential experience that provides increasing independence through their college years.

learning. Students spend more time in residence halls than any other single location on campus. In residence halls they form friendships, engage in vigorous debate over pressing issues of our day, share with one another their greatest aspirations and their most profound challenges, and form the sense of community that defines the OWU experience.

At a time when some wonder if education is best and most efficiently offered online from the comfort of one's own home, we believe that *going* to college still matters, and that a part



of going to college is the experience of total immersion that accompanies living in residence with a diverse group of women and men from all over the world, from every walk of life, and with an extraordinary range of life experiences and personal perspectives.

Over the past decade Ohio Wesleyan has invested more than \$30 million in residential facilities, including the renovation of Stuyvesant Hall and three houses on the Hill, and construction of Sloan House, Dicke House, Dittrick House (all Small Living Units), Gillespie Honors House and Butler A. Jones House of Black Culture.

These additions are significant, but they represent only 25 percent of the beds on campus. All of the remaining campus residential facilities are buildings constructed in the 1950s and '60s. The buildings have fallen into significant disrepair, are too often unsightly, and recently have become a significant detractor in our ability to recruit new students. This investment is essential to our ability to attract the best student body in the future.

How will the residential experience change?

This investment will offer students a residential experience that provides increasing independence through their college years.

Smith Hall, our largest building and home to the residential campus dining hall, will be fully renovated as a center for first-year students. It will have design features that encourage students to engage with one another and develop a strong sense of community as they begin their college experience.

Renovation of the remaining houses on the Hill reflects our commitment to Greek life.

Modest renovations to Welch and Hayes will complement the full renovation of Stuyvesant Hall and our recent new construction to provide sophomores and juniors a variety of residential experiences in suites or small communities.

The Village, a quadrangle of apartment buildings, will offer seniors privacy and the opportunity to live independently in preparation for life after college. Over four years students will benefit from a residential experience that progresses from the interactive community of a first-year center to the privacy of a senior experience.

At the February retreat, as the Board of Trustees contemplated this vision and the financial challenge it presented, Board chair **John Milligan '83** and his wife, **Kathie '83**, announced their commitment of \$5 million

toward the \$20 million philanthropic objective. Their classmate, **Kara Trott '83**, announced a \$2.2 million commitment. Since February, we have secured commitments totaling more than \$15 million for this initiative.

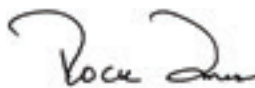
These announcements were followed in May by the news of the single largest outright gift in Ohio Wesleyan history, a \$10 million anonymous gift from an alumni couple who met at OWU. The gift supports renovation of historic Slocum Hall and of the residential campus, making a strong statement about the importance of the physical campus to an OWU education. This announcement capped a fundraising year that exceeded \$45 million, more than \$14 million larger than the previous high in this campaign.

In this issue of *OWU Magazine*, you will read more about the Residential Campus Renewal Plan, and you will read more about the remarkable success of the Connect Today, Create Tomorrow campaign in support of this plan and other important strategic initiatives. While

the residential campus is critical to the recruitment and retention of students, it is even more important as a laboratory of learning that supports our work to educate the next generation of moral leaders for a global society.

When I watched our seniors take their place at commencement in May, I saw again how this mission has been fulfilled in extraordinary ways. When I see the philanthropic support of so many alumni and friends in a record-breaking fundraising year, I am confident that OWU has the resources and vision to sustain this mission in the lives of students yet to arrive on campus.

Thank you for your generous support and for your abiding passion for Ohio Wesleyan. Your passion and generosity change lives on this campus, every day. ■



Rock Jones

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letters

Remembering OWU's international connections

The University is to be congratulated on the idea that this is an international world, and that we had better begin to understand one another and become better neighbors (*Leader's Letter* Spring 2019).

The reason I am writing is to tell you of my college experience. I had joined Alpha Gamma Delta. One of our members had a roommate from one of the Eastern countries whom she wanted to pledge to our sorority. Well, our Cleveland sorority advisors told us that it was unusual to have a member who was not an American. The result was that we had to get our national headquarters to OK it. How times have changed, and for the better, in this respect.

When I went back with my daughter to my last class reunion, I was the oldest one and got to lead the Parade of Classes in the golf cart, a thrill of a lifetime! (For photos from this year's parade, see Page 33).

Sincerely,
Marilyn Nelson '47

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Correction: The names of Lexi Lease '19 and Mickey Rice '19 were reversed in the Spring Timescapes photo on Page 7. We regret the error.



Board affirms support for LGBTQ community

At its May 17 meeting, the OWU Board of Trustees unanimously approved a resolution to “send a clear message” that it opposes the current policies of the United Methodist Church (UMC) that prohibit same-sex weddings and prevent members of the LGBTQ community from being ordained as UMC clergy.

According to the resolution, the board “remains unwavering in its commitment to diversity and inclusion, and expresses its full support of the LGBTQIA+ community and all marginalized groups, whose collective impact upon the University has been, and will continue to be, both positive and profound.”

The resolution followed a decision by Ohio Wesleyan in late April to request a delay in a 10-year site visit by the University Senate of the UMC scheduled for fall 2019. The one-year delay was requested in hopes that current discussions will result in a new form of Methodism that is fully inclusive

in matters related to the LGBTQ community.

In sharing the announcement with campus, President Rock Jones wrote: “I am heartened by the growing numbers of Methodists calling on the Church to remember its commitment to the sacred worth of all people and to social justice, exemplified historically by its positions on civil rights, women’s rights, and the rights of different ethnic communities. ...

“When leaders of the Methodist Episcopal Church founded Ohio Wesleyan and other colleges in the early 19th century, they expressed strong commitments to broad access to higher education and to the fundamental values of liberal education. Today, these commitments are embedded in our charter – as well as in our conscience and our character....

“As we look to the future, however, I think it is important to note that

the General Conference’s vote has no impact on OWU’s deep commitment to diversity and inclusion, including making campus facilities available for same-sex weddings as has been our practice for many years. Nor does it have any impact on our governance, which is independent of Church control.”

Ohio Wesleyan’s ties to the United Methodist Church date back to its founding, when Methodist minister Adam Poe spearheaded efforts to raise funds, purchase property, and establish the University. Beeghly Library houses the Archives of Ohio United Methodism, a collection of books, manuscripts, pamphlets, periodicals, artifacts, and other materials. Ohio Wesleyan will continue to be listed as a United Methodist-affiliated school, but the church does not govern, fund, or set policies for Ohio Wesleyan, which enrolls and supports students of all faith traditions. ■

OWU offers enhanced Legacy Grant

Last academic year, Ohio Wesleyan increased its scholarship available to relatives of alumni. Qualified incoming students who are children, stepchildren, grandchildren, and step-grandchildren of alumni are eligible for a \$28,000-per-year Legacy Grant for a total of \$112,000 over a student’s four years.

“We know that alumni are some of our best spokespeople and recruiters when it comes to attracting the next great class of Bishops,” said Stefanie Niles, vice president for enrollment and communications. “We want to honor the enthusiasm and fond memories of alumni by giving them a powerful tool when encouraging their prospective students to consider OWU.”

The Legacy Grant becomes the second-largest award available at OWU after the \$30,000-per-year Branch Rickey merit scholarship. The Legacy Grant cannot be combined with most other merit scholarships.



Prior to the 2019 commencement ceremony, legacy graduates gathered with their alumni parents and family for photos on the front steps of University Hall.

Ohio Wesleyan awarded \$43,299,857 in aid in the 2018-19 school year, meeting an average of 80 percent of an incoming student’s financial need, Niles said.

Support for scholarships is one of the priorities of the ongoing Connect Today, Create Tomorrow campaign. ■

LA CASA newest addition to SLU community

The first housing option created to support the University's Latin American, Hispanic, and Latinx students will welcome students this fall. LA CASA – an acronym for Latin American Culture and Student Anecdotes – will be located on one side of the Jim and Eileen Dicke House, one of the University's Small Living Units (SLUs). SLUs provide themed housing opportunities for students interested in specific issues, such as the environment, social justice, or interfaith initiatives.

"I think that the most important aspect about the house is bringing the sense of family to the OWU community," said **Brayams Ayala Ramos '20**, who collaborated with **Isabelle Rodriguez '21** to propose LA CASA.

"The mission will be successful if, in the future, people know about Latin/Hispanic culture and know that we can embrace different aspects from all over the world to create a better community," Ayala Ramos said.

Ayala Ramos, who grew up in Jumiltepec Morelos, Mexico, is a triple major in pre-medicine, zoology, and Spanish. Rodriguez, of San Antonio, Texas, is a double major in neuroscience and pre-medicine with a minor in Spanish.

"It is our goal to bring together the students who come from



Brayams Ayala Ramos '20 (left) and Isabelle Rodriguez '21 plan to live in Ohio Wesleyan's newest small living unit, LA CASA, when it opens in the fall. The two students proposed the SLU to support the OWU's Latin American, Hispanic, and Latinx students.

different Latin American countries to promote inclusivity success within the community and to encourage each other personally, culturally, socially, and academically," Ayala Ramos and Rodriguez said in the new SLU's mission statement."

Each year, all of Ohio Wesleyan's small living units complete house projects and host events to share information about their focus issues, and its organizers plan for LA CASA residents to make a positive impact through activities such as cultural and educational programs, Spanish-translation services, and related community service initiatives.

Hispanic/Latinx students represent the fastest-growing college student group in the nation; at OWU that group is close to reaching 8 percent of the total OWU student population, said Professor Juan Armando Rojas Joo, who will serve as advisor to the new SLU.

"I believe the creation of LA CASA is a milestone in the University's efforts to become more inclusive of our diverse student community," said Rojas Joo, who also serves as OWU's chief diversity officer and associate dean for Diversity and Inclusion.

Learn more about SLUs at www.owu.edu/small-living-units. ■

2019 graduate earns Ping Student Service Award

Shortly after graduating in May, **Raissa Kanku** received the Ohio Campus Compact's Charles J. Ping Student Service Award, which honors "the next generation of civic leaders and problem solvers." A double-major in politics and government and French and a resident of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Kanku's multiple OWU Connection experiences included projects exploring: the role of community service volunteers within vulnerable spaces; slavery in Libya; spatial

justice and mentorship of children in the Congo; migration and human rights in Mexico; redlining (denying services to specific neighborhoods or populations) in Chicago and Paris; Hurricane Katrina reconstruction in New Orleans; interfaith collaborations in Pittsburgh; and local homelessness in Delaware, Ohio. She plans to pursue a master's degree in international affairs at the Graduate Institute Geneva in Switzerland. ■



Lifelong Learning Institute attracts new “senior class”

Central Ohio residents are invited to go back to school this fall through the new Lifelong Learning Institute at Ohio Wesleyan. The classes won't include term papers or tests, but instead will create engaging ways for older adults to continue to learn and grow.

More than 200 people attended a free “sampler” event on campus May 4, at which five presenters offered previews of the courses they plan to teach in the fall. Among the presenters were Tom Burns, retired Perkins Observatory director and part-time English professor, discussing “The Universe and Your Place in It” and



More than 200 local residents crowded into the Hamilton-Williams Campus Center in May to sample courses and sign up for the new Lifelong Learning Institute.



Retired Perkins Observatory director Tom Burns describes his LLI course, “The Universe and Your Place in It.”

psychology Professor Lynda Hall discussing “Lifespan Maintenance of Knowledge.”

Delaware residents Bob and Mary Holm, both members of the Class of 1960, are co-chairing the steering committee working with community organizations and residents to launch the new institute.

“We are excited to be part of this initiative,” said the couple. “The mission statement of the Lifelong Learning Institute affirms that ‘learning throughout one’s life is an important pursuit in acquiring knowledge and skills, examining new ideas, and fueling one’s curiosity,’ and we couldn’t agree more!”

The inaugural fall term of the LLI will run from Sept. 23 through Nov. 1, with a registration fee of \$75 for as many classes as participants choose to take from the 10 expected offerings, subject to availability. The noncredit classes will be taught in a relaxed environment, and conversation will be encouraged as learners share their experiences with classmates.

In addition to Ohio Wesleyan, community organizations helping to create the Lifelong Learning Institute include the Delaware County District Library, SourcePoint, and Willow Brook Christian Communities. The Delaware County Foundation has provided a grant to help launch the institute.

Read more about the Lifelong Learning Institute at Ohio Wesleyan University at www.owu.edu/LLI. ■

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Retiring faculty and chaplain influenced thousands of students

As baby boomers are beginning to swell the ranks of retirees across the nation, an unusually large number of faculty, along with a prominent staff member, retired at the end of the 2018-19 academic year.

Eight fulltime faculty ended long and distinguished careers in May, each receiving the Adam Poe Medal in recognition of their dedicated service to their students and their profession. And in July, Chaplain Jon Powers retired after three decades as the head – and heart – of religious life at OWU.



From left, Paul Kostyu, John Gatz, Lynette Carpenter, Tom Burns, and Amy McClure outside their reception at the Ross Museum.



Mary Howard



Jon Powers dressed as Reverend Adam Poe.



Ted Cohen

Retiring faculty included:

Lynette Carpenter, professor of English. Carpenter, who specialized in 19th- and 20th-century American women's literature and American film, ended her 30 years at OWU with a flourish, as she received the Bishop Herbert Welch Meritorious Teaching Award, in addition to the Poe Medal, at commencement.

Ted Cohen, professor of sociology and anthropology. In Cohen's 35 years at OWU, he researched issues of marriage and parenthood, and in 1990 he received the Sherwood Dodge Shankland Award for the Encouragement of Teachers.

John Gatz, William and Elizabeth Austin Professor of Zoology. Gatz's career spans 44 years at OWU. As OWU's chief health professions advisor, Gatz helped guide scores of students into medical schools, with an outstanding success rate for medical school placements.

Jerry Goldstein, professor of botany and microbiology. During Goldstein's 36 years at OWU, he worked with students on research projects related to microbial molecular genetics, bacterial physiology, and biotechnology.

Mary Howard, professor of sociology and anthropology. A Shankland Award recipient during her 34-year career, Howard was involved with problems of poverty in Columbus and worked with students on documentary filmmaking.

Paul Kostyu, associate professor of journalism. Kostyu's stellar career as a journalist, including a Pulitzer Prize nomination, served as the background for his 20 years teaching journalism at OWU.

Amy McClure '72, professor of education. Over a 40-year career, McClure served as department chair, received the Welch Meritorious Teaching Award, directed the OWU Honors Program, and guided hundreds of students to successful teaching careers.

Alan Zaring, professor of computer science. In his 29 years at OWU, Zaring taught a wide range of computer science courses, and he received the Shankland Award for Encouragement of Teachers in 2001.

Also retiring this year was **Tom Burns**, part-time professor of English and former director of Perkins Observatory. Embracing the idea of the liberal arts, Burns' career included work as a writing teacher, columnist, and astronomer.

Finally, Chaplain **Jon Powers** retired at the end of July. Since he joined OWU in 1988, Powers has spearheaded and supported much positive change, including the formation of interfaith mission teams, the creation of the Office of Community Service Learning, and the development of the Columbus Initiative, which pairs Ohio Wesleyan student-tutors with children at Linden STEM Academy in Columbus. ■

comfortzones

Shane Andrews, supervisor of buildings and trades, and Josh Blausen Sr., mechanical supervisor Power Plant

The crew of Buildings and Grounds is responsible for the maintenance of more than 80 structures, 95 acres of sidewalks, more than 14 acres of roofing, more than six miles of underground conduit, and oh so many pipes, fixtures and systems. All of them need to be maintained.

On any given day, B&G gets between 10 and 20 work orders for jobs as small as hanging a picture to as big as keeping all of campus warm and cleared in a snowstorm. This spring they were asked to figure out a way to slowly unroll a 3-by-17-foot sign announcing the largest gift in school history — all in complete secrecy.

After practicing unrolling the banner with the garage door down in the power plant, Shane Andrews and Josh Blausen Sr. were prepared for everything except the rain that hit during the big announcement (see story, Page 14). When it did, they improvised, moving two 125-pound metal posts and the sign in a downpour. Just another day at the office.

1 Other duties as assigned

Josh is responsible for all the HVAC and plumbing, managing the fleet of cars in the motor pool, and more. He's been at OWU nearly 10 years, the first six as a contractor.

2 Mr. Fix-it

Shane has been at OWU for 13 years and is responsible for all the ceilings, floors, doors, windows, locks and card readers; installation of all plaques on campus; and more. Before posing for this photo, he was in the middle of digging a hole for a memorial plaque installation. Josh explains their roles: "He'll get you in the building and maintain it. I keep you hot and cold and make sure you have water."

Snow sleeper

When the temperature drops below -10 degrees, one of the crew sleeps on campus (the break room has a futon) in case of emergency. Because Schimmel Conrades Science Center has exceptional venting requirements, it is particularly susceptible to freezing if the heat goes out. Last winter,

Josh worked 23 days straight to keep OWU toasty.

3 Why yes, he has a hammer

Shane is also the campus carpenter, working on everything from shelving in faculty offices to drop ceilings and door frames.

4 They'll leave the light on

The power plant feeds steam to seven buildings on campus, from the science center to the library. In its early days it was owned by the city of Delaware and was used to supply power to the city.

Snow commanders

While Josh is in charge of the University's fleet of vehicles, both men also drive snowplows: Josh on the straight plow, Shane on the V plow.

5 Ring in the New Year!

Someone is on call 24/7. Josh's phone rang in the wee hours of New Year's Day 2017 for a steam pipe leak underground behind Sturges Hall. Contractors were called in at 3 a.m. and started digging to make the repairs. They

can now cross this concern off the list: The offending pipes have since been replaced and the threat of a leak has been eliminated.

6 'That was a first'

To reveal the \$10 million sign in dramatic fashion, B&G was asked to make a giant post to put it on. Josh is also the welder and makes gates and portable stanchions. So he got to work on the giant pole, not expecting to have to move it in a downpour with a hundred guests waiting.

Q: Is there anything you don't do?

A: "Sitting. I don't get to do that very often," Shane says.

'Never the same day twice'

Both men say they enjoy their nonstop jobs. Josh points to the satisfaction of making a repair and Shane notes the role they play in students' college experiences. "This is their home for four years; I think it should look like one."

— Molly Vogel



Robinson makes it four **with latest NCAA championship**

Cirrus Robinson '21 successfully defended her national championship in the high jump at the NCAA Division III outdoor championship meet on May 24 at SPIRE Institute in Geneva, Ohio.

Robinson cleared the first five heights on her first try, and when the bar moved to 5-8, seven jumpers remained. All seven competitors missed all three of their attempts at 5-8, and Robinson won the national championship based on the fewest missed attempts.

"This was the largest (finals) field I've been a part of, and at that point I was pretty pleased as far as (the height)," Robinson says. "Watching the dominoes fall, and knowing it was such a strong field and still being able to pull this off was very rewarding."

The national championship was Robinson's second in the outdoor high jump and her fourth overall, including two national titles in the indoor high

jump. The four national titles is the highest total by an Ohio Wesleyan woman and ties **Keith Rucker '92** with the most in Ohio Wesleyan history. Robinson is a five-time All-America honoree in the high jump.

"She was working to overcome some doubt after the indoor (national championship meet in March), when she was ranked first and had a big target on her back but had a rough day," says Track & Field Head Coach Kris Boey. "That happens sometimes, but she worked very hard at overcoming that during the outdoor season. We also went back and worked on fundamentals, and her willingness to embrace that says a lot about her maturity."

"I think this was the most satisfying (of the four national championships), because I've worked so hard for some sort of comeback," Robinson says. "This has been a season of doubt (for me) in the high jump, so this is very rewarding."

Robinson won the 2018 outdoor national championship with a jump of 5-8½ at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. In that meet, she cleared her first five jumps to get to 5-6 unscathed, then cleared 5-7¼ on her final attempt to remain alive as the field narrowed to five competitors. After a weather delay, she cleared 5-8½ on her last chance, while the remaining four competitors each missed all three attempts at that height.

"The competition has played out differently in each of the four titles she has won," says Boey. "Last year was ultra-dynamic, and this year she was in the driver's seat all the way through. "Four national titles is pretty spectacular with a senior year still in front of her," says Boey. "She's only the fourth woman to repeat as Division III outdoor high jump champion, and to win four and have the opportunity for more to come is pretty special." ■



Cirrus Robinson clears 5-7, winning her fourth national championship in the high jump (two outdoor and two indoor).

First-year wrestling team **RECAP**

The Ohio Wesleyan wrestling team wrapped up the first season of its return to intercollegiate competition by competing at the NCAA Division III Central Regional tournament in February.

At that tournament, **Bryce Wittman '22** placed fifth in the 157-pound bracket. Wittman is the first Ohio Wesleyan wrestler to place in an NCAA Division III regional tournament. (Four Battling Bishop wrestlers competed in NCAA championships during the 1970s, before the introduction of regional tournaments to the championship format.)

Wittman opened the season by placing (finishing among the top eight individuals) in each of his first five tournaments, including runner-up finishes at Baldwin Wallace and Ohio Northern. He went on to place in a total of seven tournaments, also winning the consolation bracket at the Ohio Intercollegiate and at John Carroll. Wittman finished the season with a 28-14 record.

Jimmy Brenneman '22 placed in five tournaments, including a runner-up finish at John Carroll, on the way to a 16-19 record at 133 pounds. **Caleb Blake '22** placed in two tournaments, and **Max Beard '22**, **Jaret Lowry '22**, **Ryan McElwee '22**, and **Nathan Scott '22** also placed in tournaments this season.

“We had placewinners at pretty much every tournament, and the ones where we didn’t were when we pulled



*First-year student **Bryce Wittman** (in black), shown wrestling an opponent from Wabash, placed in seven tournaments during the 2018-19 season.*

guys from competition or rested people,” says Coach Paul Reid. “Overall, this probably is the most fun I’ve had coaching in my career, and that’s mostly

because of the guys — they were awesome. Our retention was great, and I think we’ll have just shy of 20 on the roster next year.” ■

Rowing inaugural season **RECAP**

The Ohio Wesleyan rowing team made its intercollegiate debut at the Muskie Chase, hosted by Marietta College in October 2018, and completed its season by competing in the Dad Vail Regatta, the largest collegiate regatta in North America, with over 100 schools from the United States and Canada participating.

During the spring season, the Bishops competed in races at Adrian

(Mich.) and Marietta, along with scrimmages at Case Western Reserve and Robert Morris universities.

At the Mid-Atlantic Rowing Conference championship in Lewisberry, Pa., Ohio Wesleyan placed 10th of 11 teams.

Three Bishop rowers received All-MARC recognition, with **Meg Edwards '22** and **Fiona Roddy '21** named to the Varsity All-MARC team and **Katherine**

Miller '22 selected to the Novice All-MARC team.

“It was a positive first year, and I think we put together a great structure to build upon,” says Coach Andriel Doolittle. “We’re very happy with the culture we have created in year one. It’s a hardworking group of women, and the team is motivated and excited for year two.” ■

— Stories by Mark Beckenbach

Creative connections through music

Rich Edwards, associate professor of music

Throughout Rich Edwards' life, music has been the path to deeper, stronger human connections.

In Greensboro, North Carolina, he helped run a music camp for students from across the country. In Charlotte, he taught high school musicians. He served as the field commander for the Marching 110 as an undergrad at Ohio University in Athens.

"When I'm teaching, conducting or playing, that is where I'm hoping things go — to that life-changing human connection," he says.

Since joining Ohio Wesleyan in 2009 as music education coordinator, Edwards has made those connections the focus of his teaching, giving future music teachers the tools to instruct their students once they enter classrooms of their own. This summer, he gave his students and the surrounding community yet another opportunity to connect through the first OWU Summer Music Camp, July 8-12 on campus.

"I wanted to find ways that would resonate with our community and with the students in our department to really help people in central Ohio become more aware of the awesome things that we're doing in the Music Department at OWU," Edwards says.

Students from across departments worked as counselors for the first camp this summer, which gave them a hands-on, real-world chance to practice teaching music, Edwards says, and resonated with OWU's community service traditions.

Ohio Wesleyan music education students already do more field work than is required, spending time observing professional music teachers

in local elementary, middle, and high schools before spending a semester student-teaching a class of their own.

"I think that authentic, real-time, live-child-that-I'm-teaching-in-front-of-me experience is one of the best ways to become a better teacher," he says.

Music brings people together — not just for those who play it, but for those who hear it, too. When different instruments and different voices combine, they become something bigger than they were as individuals — a greater expression of emotion that can move people to laughter or tears. That power became clear to Edwards, himself the son of a band director, at an early age growing up in Willoughby, Ohio.

Edwards still plays trombone in the Delaware Community Band, alongside his wife and sister. "It's like being in

"When I'm teaching, conducting or playing, that is where I'm hoping things go to — that life-changing human connection."

high school again, and I'm cutting up in the back with the low brass section," he says.

Since Jan. 1, he has conducted the OWU Symphonic Wind Ensemble, an experience that has only strengthened



Rich Edwards conducts an orchestra of summer camp students in July.

his belief that music can create near-magical links among people.

"Words don't always represent music very well, but if I had to try, I would say that conducting the ensemble has been this expression of music in a physical, kinesthetic way," he says. "It's the connection between the conductor and the ensemble and a synergy between all of us, in that we each have a part to play. Neither of us can create the entirety of our performance without the other."

"That's what music can do," he says. "Each person is different, but when we're learning how to make music together, we often let defenses down that may normally be there. There's something about music that just gets inside your soul and lets you open up and express and connect with others." ■

— Laura Arenschield



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A new era for college dining

Back in the 1980s, as now, students needed to eat. But the dining hall was much more than a place to refuel for late-night study sessions and athletic practices; it was a gathering place for conversation and friendship. The same is true today. Some of the food options have expanded though, from quinoa to sundae bars, but the biggest change was the onset of 24/7 dining in the Smith Dining Hall. Athletes especially appreciate having a hot meal on campus after returning late from a road game. Pictured, Jenelle Collier '20 (left) and Annie Vitti '20 enjoy Midnight Breakfast at the beginning of finals week.





CAMPUS LIVING TRANSFORMED

The largest gift in Ohio Wesleyan history will help support a \$60 million residential renewal project

By Molly Vogel

It was a gorgeous spring day on campus as nearly 800 alumni and friends returned in May, eager to see one another and rediscover a place they once called home. Some took campus bus tours, others dropped in on fraternity open houses or booked modern rooms in the new Small Living Units on Rowland Avenue, exploring the familiar and the new.



With the help of the Bishop (Curt Sprunger '22) and Buildings & Grounds employees Shane Andrews (left) and Josh Blausler, President Rock Jones announced the largest single outright gift in OWU history. (Read more about Andrews and Blausler on Page 8.)

The time of homecoming was a fitting setting for Ohio Wesleyan to announce trajectory-changing plans and history-making support. With afternoon clouds rolling in from the west, alumni, faculty, and staff gathered in Founders' Circle Plaza in front of Slocum Hall for the annual induction of lifetime donors of \$1 million or more to Founders' Circle, or \$500,000 or more to Associate Founders' Circle.

President Rock Jones acknowledged OWU's most generous and committed donors, then had to acknowledge the rain as it began with a drizzle and quickly

1969, I am thrilled to share news that will shape this institution for years to come."

As the audience watched, the Bishop mascot then took the stage to help reveal the news, unrolling a 17-foot-long sign announcing the largest gift in school history: \$10,000,000.

"We have never had an outright gift with that many zeros," Jones said to a standing ovation. "Our donors are anonymous, they have asked that their names not be revealed, but here's what I can tell you: This is a gift of gratitude. It's a gift of gratitude for Ohio Wesleyan, first individually as students and then second,

who will be on this campus for another 177 years."

The gift was part of \$23.56 million in giving announced that day, including \$5 million from Board of Trustees Chair **John F. Milligan '83** and **Kathryn Bradford Milligan '83**, co-chairs of the Connect Today, Create Tomorrow comprehensive campaign; \$4.2 million from Trustee **Katherine Boles Smith '71** and Alton Smith; and \$2.2 million from Trustee **Kara J. Trott '83**.

With that tremendous support, the University's seven-year campaign later exceeded \$197 million as the fiscal year closed June 30 toward what was once thought to be an ambitious goal of \$200 million, with two years left in the campaign and goals remaining for scholarship support and more. (Read more at owu.edu/campaign.)

Jones went on to announce plans for a "Residential Renewal" on the west side of campus, where the JAYwalk ends. The \$60 million multiphase project now under development includes new student apartments for seniors, renovation of Smith Hall to create a first-year student village, revitalization of fraternity and adjacent theme houses,

"Today is a momentous day in the history of Ohio Wesleyan. Today is a day we have never experienced before." –Rock Jones

turned into a deluge. Jones called for everyone to head to Gray Chapel, and after a brief intermission, the ceremony picked back up, slightly soggy but with spirits undampened.

"Today is a momentous day in the history of Ohio Wesleyan," Jones continued. "Today is a day we have never experienced before. Today, among family and friends, and with the special participation of the remarkable Class of

to this campus, where they met. This is a gift of gratitude for the enduring mission of Ohio Wesleyan and its commitment to undergraduate residential liberal arts education.

"This is a gift of confidence in the future of Ohio Wesleyan and the important work that happens on this campus every day. Most importantly, this is a gift of confidence in our students who are on this campus today and those

and improvements to Welch Hall and Hayes Hall.

“We know the state of our student housing has deterred us in attracting new students who might otherwise find our academic and athletic programs compelling. With the new Rowland Avenue Small Living Units, Gillespie Honors House, and newly rebuilt Butler A. Jones House of Black Culture, our new housing options will transform the OWU residential experience into an enrollment advantage,” Jones said later.

Recent graduate **Milany Duarte '19**, a sociology and international studies major from Cabo Verde, reacted to the news during the ceremony. “I was lucky enough to live in one of the new SLUs,

the Sloan Family house, as part of the House of Linguistic Diversity. It was in this house that I found a community that would come to define my time at OWU as we supported each other and worked to promote cultural and linguistic awareness,” Duarte said.

“Having lived in one of the newest buildings on campus and been the envy of my friends, I can say with authority that having more modern housing will be a huge draw to OWU,” she said.

Amy Downing, professor of zoology, represented faculty at the ceremony,

saying: “I can only guess that this gift has been motivated by a deep love, connection, appreciation, and gratitude to this institution. The faculty share these sentiments. The faculty at OWU are deeply committed to this place, to our students, to these historic buildings, and to the mission of our institution to guide our students on their path as they gain knowledge, competence, and



New apartments in the space near Bashford and Thomson halls will provide additional privacy and a transitional living experience for students who will soon be graduating.

The apartments will have room for 126 beds in four-, six-, and eight-bed units. Construction will begin this fall, with a 2020 completion goal. Seniors will have first priority for assignments there, followed by juniors. Each apartment will have a full kitchen, two full bathrooms, a large living room with lots of natural light, and individual air temperature controls. Bedrooms will be singles, but each eight-bed apartment will have one double room in it. There also will be a multipurpose space and other smaller lounges in the building.

The convenience store will move to the ground floor, and it will be expanded to provide more products, including items students can purchase to cook their own meals. There will be a patio to the west and small courtyards between sections of the building on the east side.



Smith Hall renovation plans include a 24/7 fitness room, community kitchen, game room, and multipurpose room.

character for leadership, service, and continued learning in a complex and increasingly global society.

“This amazing gift to OWU makes our work feel valued and important, and it also gives us hope and optimism for the future of OWU.”

The \$60 million project will be financed through borrowing, historic tax credits, and philanthropy, with \$15 million already raised toward the \$20 million necessary to cover the

debt payments without adding to the University’s overall debt burden, as of the end of the fiscal year. (Essentially, OWU is paying off one credit card, and donors are helping to keep payments the same on the new one.)

The Smith renovation and construction on the new apartments are scheduled to begin in early fall.

“We are thrilled to be able to move forward with this exciting project, which will undoubtedly have a transformational

impact on our students’ experiences at OWU. We’ve known for some time that many of our residential buildings are in need of serious attention, and I cannot wait to see students enjoying these new facilities,” said Dwayne Todd, vice president for student engagement and success.

In addition, the University is planning an \$11 million project to renovate Slocum Hall, one of 10 locations on campus included on the National

A Decade of Renewal

OWU’s newest residential building and renovation projects are part of a decade-long initiative to revitalize student housing on campus. All the work has been funded by generous donations from OWU alumni and friends. Here’s a brief history.



2009-2010

Refurbished 4, 23, and 35 Williams Drive on The Hill, creating, in part, the Bigelow-Reed House for students interested in economics and business.



2011-2012

Completely renovated Stuyvesant Hall, the grande dame of OWU residence halls with its iconic bell tower, built in 1930. It now includes a full kitchen and small theater.



2015-2018

Built six new Small Living Units (three duplexes), transforming Rowland Avenue at the west end of the JAYwalk into a SLU village. Each of the three 5,800-square-foot “sluplexes” houses 24 students.



2017

Built 6,900-square-foot Gillespie Honors House, housing 27 students on Oak Hill Avenue, with space for honors programming.



2019

Built new House of Black Culture on Oak Hill Avenue with extensive input from students and alumni. The house sits on the site of its predecessor and incorporates elements of the historic HBC.

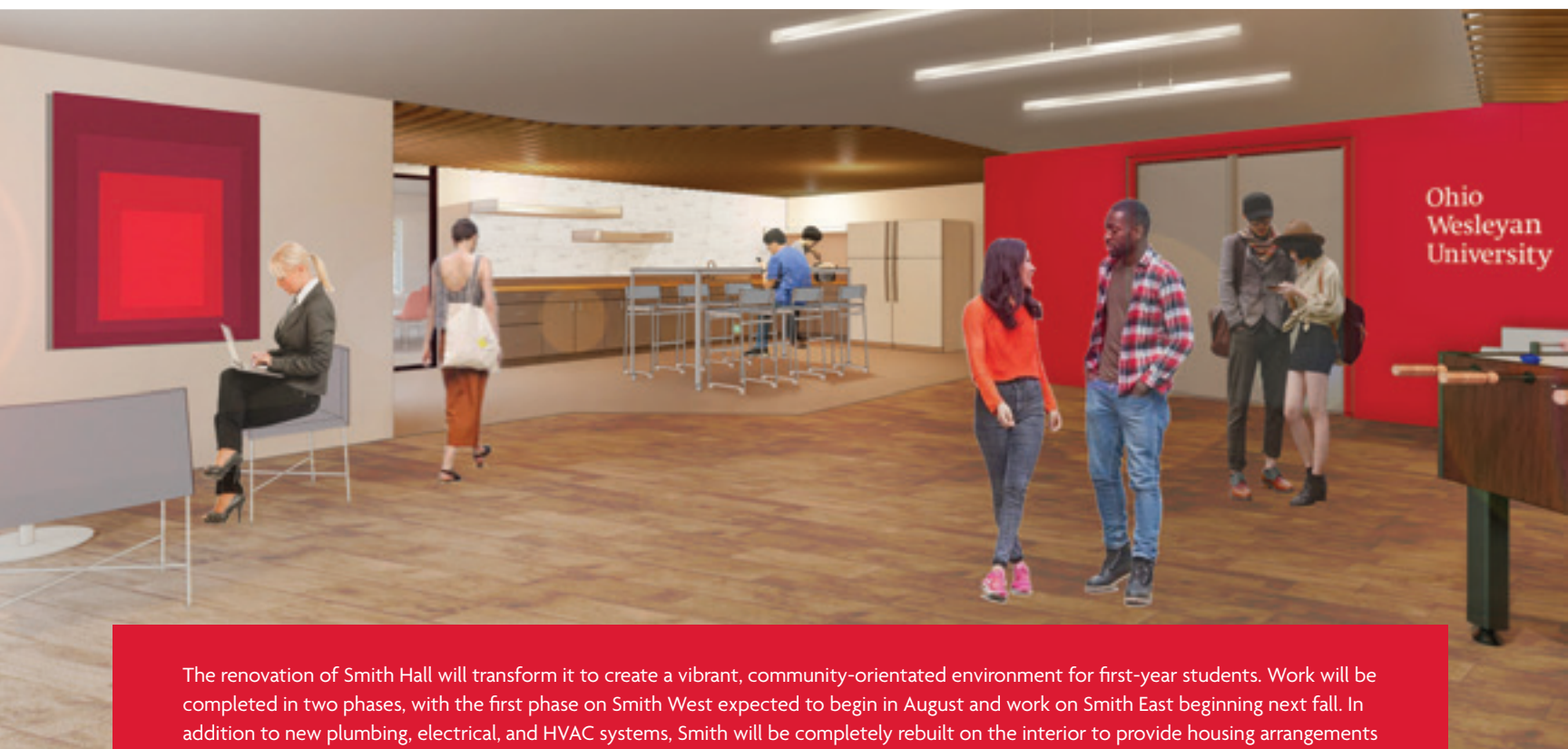
Register of Historic Places, including the restoration of its iconic Reading Room and its 70-foot-by-20-foot leaded glass ceiling. Study of that project, with the participation of a campus task force, is ongoing as fundraising continues.

In a prepared statement, the donor couple said they are pleased to give back to a university that gave them so much

during their time as students: “Our Ohio Wesleyan experiences were pivotal in our lives, and we are pleased to support the University’s ongoing efforts to provide a campus living and learning experience that is second-to-none. We can’t wait to see the beautifully restored Slocum Hall and transformed residential campus. We hope others whose lives have been

positively impacted by Ohio Wesleyan will join us in supporting the Connect Today, Create Tomorrow campaign.

A campus task force has been studying possible plans for Slocum Hall, with the primary intent of preserving its character and renovating the largely unused south wing. Slocum is the future home of the Career Connection, the



The renovation of Smith Hall will transform it to create a vibrant, community-orientated environment for first-year students. Work will be completed in two phases, with the first phase on Smith West expected to begin in August and work on Smith East beginning next fall. In addition to new plumbing, electrical, and HVAC systems, Smith will be completely rebuilt on the interior to provide housing arrangements that are ideal for first-year students including: double bedrooms, community bathrooms with private showers, lots of shared common space, and amenities to draw students out of their rooms.

part of the signature OWU Connection program focused on internships and career development. Slocum is expected to remain the home of the Office of Admission and house the Leland F. and Helen Schubert Honors Program.

“When prospective students and their families visit this campus, they will visit Slocum Hall to visit the Admission office, but while they are there they will

be reminded that we care about who you are as you prepare to arrive and we care about who will be when you prepare to leave,” Jones said.

Admitting he was choked up at the occasion, Jones reiterated the significance of the day’s news. “(This gift) is an affirmation of the love that every person in this room and alumni of Ohio Wesleyan across this country and

around the world have for the mission of this institution and for its impact on their lives.” ■

Renderings courtesy of Little Diversified Architectural Consulting

THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX AND INSIDE THE CLOCKS

With fascinating 3-minute lectures, faculty have made i³ one of OWU's most popular annual events.

What can anyone possibly learn in three minutes? If the instructor is an Ohio Wesleyan professor, you might learn how to feed the planet, ace a job interview, understand the personality of a volcano, or whether it's ever morally justifiable to cheat in sports. (Hint: The answer is not "only when you're playing Denison.")

Since creating the i³ (pronounced "i-cubed") program four years ago, Ohio Wesleyan faculty have gained a reputation for teaching big ideas in





Ed Kahn, "How Theatre Can Change the World"



small chunks. The i³ name stands for 3-minute lectures delivered with *ideas, insight, and imagination*.

Here's how it works. In the spring, students vote for the nine faculty members they want to hear deliver a 3-minute lecture on the topic of the professor's choice. The faculty develop their topics, trim the information down to the bare essentials, and, during the first few weeks of fall semester, practice incessantly.

Then in mid-September, the campus gathers at noon, and in a program emceed by students, the faculty deliver their 3-minute (ish) gems.

The i³ event has become one of the most popular happenings on campus, attracting standing-room-only crowds of 400-500 students, faculty, and staff.

Anna Davies '19 attended the inaugural i³ event as a first-year student and has returned each year. "I-cubed is my favorite Ohio Wesleyan event," she says. "For a learner like me, a liberal arts school was the prime place to connect my interests and explore new subjects. I-cubed provided all of this in one afternoon."

"This is such a quintessential OWU event," says Assistant Professor of Modern Foreign Languages Mary Anne Lewis Cusato. "I-cubed represents all disciplines, and the philosophy behind it is that we all have much to learn from one another, that we can all understand one another, and that education is relevant and entertaining."

President Rock Jones has been a vocal supporter, and always stakes out his seat amid the campus community. "This event has rapidly become a true signature for OWU," he says. "I know of no other time when we see students, faculty, administrators, and hourly staff gather to share a common intellectual experience. The breadth and depth of the presentations represent our commitment to liberal education at its best.

"For me it's especially nice to sit, if only briefly, where our students sit regularly."

The topics and teaching tactics at an i³ event run the gamut. Some faculty address global topics and current events (like climate change or Confederate statues), others explore deeply personal issues (surviving cancer or connecting your life and your art), while others delve into some of our most complex concepts (the nature of consciousness or time).



Bob Gitter and Mary Anne Lewis Cusato celebrate at the end of the event. Cusato's video has gone somewhat viral, with more than 17,000 views on YouTube.

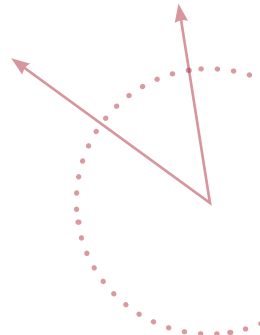
All agree that teaching a lesson that will stick in the minds of such a wide audience in only three minutes is a mighty assignment.

Associate Professor of Philosophy Erin Flynn says, "It's no surprise that the biggest challenge was crafting a three-minute presentation of the idea. In class, we're used to being able to elaborate, very often in collaboration with students. It was a good exercise in concision, which is a virtue always worth developing."





Erin Flynn, "What's Wrong with a Good Foul"



teaching at Ohio Wesleyan and to create a bank of short videos that prospective students and their parents could use to see the quality of teaching they will get when they come to OWU.

"All liberal arts colleges talk about their great teaching," Kopp says. "But at OWU, we're going to show

"The talk has to be laser-focused," adds Professor of Economics Bob Gitter.

One common denominator of the lectures is that the faculty are presenting topics they care about passionately.

Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science Sean McCulloch says the event is a great way for students to find new classes. "I tell students, 'If you can ever take a class in the favorite topic of a professor, you're in for a good time.' I-cubed is a cool way for students to quickly see a lot of 'favorite topics' of lots of different faculty, often in fields very different than what the students are taking courses in."

Some faculty say the i³ experience has affected their day-to-day teaching.

This includes Assistant Professor of Zoology Dustin Reichard, who had the audience enraptured with his talk "On the Origin and Evolution of Genitalia."

"Now I find myself thinking more about the basics of complicated topics," Reichard says. "If I had to present this topic in under five minutes, what would I emphasize and how

would I make it memorable and engaging for the students? I guess partitioning my lectures into smaller chunks is something that I consider even more frequently now than I did before i³."

Chief Communications Officer Will Kopp developed i³ to shine a spotlight on the great



Emcees Hannah Wargo '19 and Ares Harper '19 kick off the 2018 i³ event.

you. We're going to prove it. Whether it's Shala Hankison talking about the mating strategies of fish or Ed Kahn telling us how theater can change the world, these faculty are so engaging that you immediately want to sign up for their classes."

Kopp says the large and sometimes boisterous i³ crowd also shows prospective students the passion for academic exploration at OWU.

That's what happened with OWU junior **Akul Rishi**. He's from Delhi, India, so the internet was his principal college search tool. When he was looking at OWU's website and astrophysics major, he came across Perkins-Howard Professor of Physics and Astronomy Bob Harmon's i³ lecture, "Has Anyone Ever Told You That You Are Star Material?"

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"But at OWU, we're going to show you. We're going to prove it."





Shala Hankison,
"Tinder for Fish"



Sean McCulloch,
"Problem Solving with
Ghostbusters"



Alice Simon, "Why Can't the Best Decisions
Always Be Fair?"

"When I saw Dr. Harmon's i³ lecture, I thought, if this is the kind of thinking that this school offers, that's exactly what I want," Rishi says.

As an OWU student, Rishi continues to attend the i³ lectures, and in the summer of 2019, he served as a research assistant with Harmon through the Summer Science Research Program.

Joining the hundreds of students at the event each year is an expanding "club" of faculty who've delivered i³ lectures.

"I think that faculty who have done the i³ talks really understand how hard it is to do," says Associate Professor of Zoology Shala Hankison, "so there is a bond there in being part of the group that has gone through the experience."

The presence of so many faculty colleagues – along with multiple video cameras – also heightens the pressure on presenters.

Harmon, who delivered one of the first i³ lectures, says, "Honestly, I've never been more nervous before giving a presentation than I was at i³. I'm not sure exactly why, since I have given presentations to fellow astronomers at professional conferences. I think the fact that my OWU colleagues are people I know and see on a regular basis must have something to do with it."

Ohio Wesleyan's Office of University Communications works with videographer **Mark Schmitter '12** to create high-quality videos of each mini-lecture, using up to five different cameras.

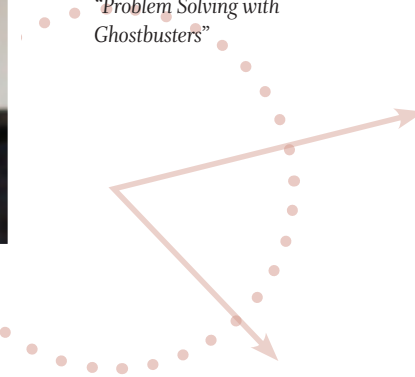
"With the staging and video production, we want to showcase our faculty like the rock stars that they are," says Kopp.

The videos are featured on OWU's YouTube channel and website. In total, they've been viewed more than 35,000 times.

The most viewed has been Associate Professor of French Mary Anne Lewis Cusato's presentation "Chuck Norris in Algeria," in which a joke about the tough-guy actor expands into a discussion about globalization and the spread of culture. By mid-July 2019, that video had been viewed more than 17,000 times, with more than 550 "likes."

The unique i³ program has been so successful that OWU Trustee **Colleen Nissl '72** provided the leadership and resources for the University to copyright the i³ logo.

You can see all of OWU's i³ lectures at owu.edu/i3 or at youtube.com/ohiowesleyanu. And check the OWU website for details on how you can watch the 2019 i³ event live on Sept. 19 at noon Eastern time. ■



IDEAS, INSIGHT, IMAGINATION IN 3 MINUTES

Here are snippets from a few i³ lectures over the past four years. You can see the full presentations – and all of OWU’s i³ lectures – at owu.edu/i3.



Season 1

Laurie Anderson, Professor of Botany-Microbiology

Rainforests, Cloud Formations, and the Flying River of Brazil

“When I see a tree, I just don’t see leaves and branches. I see a cloud fountain that is spouting water into the air. In the Amazon region, the trees, all together, put about 20 billion tons of water back into the air each year, and this falls as rain. ... This rain does not just fall on the rainforest. ... It brings rain to fields of soybeans, sugar cane, coffee, all kinds of agriculture in southern Brazil and southern South America. The amount of water that’s carried by these wind currents is actually thought to be as great as the discharge of the Amazon River itself into the Atlantic Ocean. ... So, the key is, when you save the rainforest, you actually save the rain itself.”



Season 2

Vicki DiLillo, Professor of Psychology

Habits of the Heart

“Frequent, pronounced stress can lead to increases in heart rate and blood pressure and may be accompanied by pronounced changes in stress hormones like cortisol and epinephrine. Over time, these exaggerated responses can cause wear and tear on the cardiovascular system and may encourage heart disease to develop. ... (Also) hostile individuals are less likely to benefit from strong emotional or practical support from people in their lives. After all, we’re not likely to lend a helping hand or listening ear to someone who is angry and antagonistic.”

Season 3

Michael Flamm, Professor of History

Why History Matters

“Statues do not merely commemorate history. They reflect a particular period of time, and they represent a political point of view. Contrary to what some wrongly claim, statues are not some ‘timeless, universal celebration of heritage.’ ... History is an essential tool whether the threat to our basic freedoms comes from the communist left or the fascist right. Today, more than ever, history matters because basic freedoms are under assault around the world, and here in the United States. We cannot, and should not, ever take them for granted.”



Season 4

Bob Gitter, Professor of Economics

New Destinations for Mexican Migrants

“Today one out of every 40 people in Delaware County was born in Latin America. In Franklin County with Columbus it’s one out of 20, and in some counties in Ohio it’s one out of 10. ... There is a new pattern of migration, and the question is: Is it good or bad? Well, that depends for whom. For the migrants it’s obviously better; if it wasn’t better, they wouldn’t be coming here. For people at the top half of the income distribution, it’s really good. ... There’s a lot of help available and it keeps prices down. ... But what if you’re an unskilled native-born American? This is a group that actually is worse off. ... Is the country better off or not?”





A father honors his
daughter's legacy by
publishing the book
she created while at
Ohio Wesleyan

By Laura Arenschild

The Reds. The Yellows. The Blues.



Molly LaRue '87 was an adventurer who believed forests had the power to heal, and a creative soul who knew that art could bring people together. So when she and her boyfriend were found dead along the Appalachian Trail in 1990, after a brutal attack by a man who had been on the run after killing others, her family promised they would live as she would have wanted them to live — in concert with nature, making the world better for others, as artistically as they could.

It was in that spirit that her father, Jim LaRue, set about publishing a book Molly wrote and illustrated as a fine arts student at Ohio Wesleyan in the late 1980s. The book, *The Reds. the Yellows. the Blues.*, tells the story of three warring societies that believe, at first, that they are very different from one another. But by the book's end, a few members from each group start to think there might be a better, happier, more peaceful way to live. Let's just say there is beauty in rainbows.

In the book's introduction, Jim LaRue explains: "Thirty years later, the subject of Molly's little book is more timely than when she wrote it... we live in the midst of a renewed war of words between governments tied to nuclear threats, and Molly's simple stick figures seem more important than ever."

Had she lived, Molly would be 54 now. Her father is convinced she would have forged a career helping others — and for good reason. Before Molly and her

boyfriend, Geoff Hood, set out on the trail, they had spent several years leading backcountry camping trips for troubled children, teaching them about resiliency, leadership, and friendship. After they finished the trail, they planned to head to graduate school to study experiential education, with the goal of building on the work they had done helping students find peace and strength through nature.

"She loved every minute of being outdoors," her father says.

Hiking the trail was a dream of Molly's. She'd been backpacking and mountain climbing since the age of 12, heading out into the wild with a church group. After graduating from OWU, she called her family to tell them about the job she'd just taken — her dad remembers hearing the excitement in her voice.



“She loved every minute of being outdoors,” her father says.



“She says, ‘Guess what! I’m going to be working on this wagon train as a teacher and all of the kids on this train are (gang members) who are being given this one last chance at being free, and I’m going to be helping them!’” Jim remembers.

Molly spent two years working with the gang members, living out of the back of a truck, then moved to Kansas, where she joined a program for fifth- and sixth-grade students who had family or disciplinary problems. Molly led the kids on three-week backpacking trips, teaching them about cooperation and showing them the peace and beauty the wilderness offered. It was through that program that she met Geoff, who by all accounts appeared to be her soul mate.

“In the course of that year, Geoff and Molly realized that this was what they wanted to do,” Jim recalls. “So they decided to go to graduate school to get the education that would help them build their own program — but first, they decided to hike the trail.”

After the murder trial, Jim and Molly’s mom, Corinne, who died in 2006, decided to try publishing Molly’s book.

“We went to several publishers, but they wanted no part of it because of the circumstance surrounding the kids’ deaths,” he said. “So we gave up on it.”

Decades passed, and Jim spent his time restoring homes in the inner city of Cleveland before finally retiring to Medina in northeast Ohio. He bought around 30 acres, built some trails and a little sustainable house that he opens to anyone who

needs it, and settled in to his life. In 2006 he went back to Virginia to testify in the re-sentencing hearing of Molly’s killer. The man’s death sentence had been overturned on appeal. Sparing the life of his daughter’s killer was a decision that Jim agreed with, and at the hearing, Jim told him that he forgave him.

Jim didn’t think much about Molly’s book until late 2018, when he sat down to write his annual Christmas letter. He kept coming back to his feelings about the state of the world — too much division, he thought, too much hate — and realized Molly’s book was perfect.

“I told a friend: ‘Molly’s book was written for this day. And I want to publish it,’” he said.

The publishing world is significantly different now than it was 30 years ago — no gatekeeper is necessary to produce a book — and a friend helped Jim self-publish. He had 200 copies printed. (It is available on Amazon.) The book is exactly as Molly wrote and illustrated it. Jim’s powerfully written forgiveness statement to her killer is included as an afterword.

“It hasn’t reached the *New York Times* bestseller list yet,” Jim jokes now, “but I’m getting some good feedback on it.”

More important, the book is a way to keep Molly’s spirit of love and peace and light alive a little longer.

“I’m 82,” her father says, “so I was anxious to leave a little memory of her that I thought was useful and important so that when I am gone, she will not be easily forgotten.” ■



“She radiated a feeling of goodness and joy, and you didn’t feel like there was anything but a pure and honest presence in this young woman. No guile, no affectation, just an open, friendly, warm person who you feel comfortable with. You couldn’t expect anything other than a feeling of niceness and camaraderie or friendship with her.”

*Marty Kalb,
Emeritus Professor of Fine Arts*



AT continues to draw OWU students

The Appalachian Trail (“the AT,” as hikers call it) has long called to the Ohio Wesleyan community. While no formal record exists of OWU students, faculty, and staff who have tackled the trail’s roughly 2,200 miles, for the past 10 years the OWU Wilderness Ministry has led trips there each spring and fall, bringing anywhere from eight to 17 students along for a week or more in the woods.

William Hayes, associate chaplain and director of the wilderness ministry, has through-hiked the trail, as have at least two graduates, **Melissa Guziak ’14** and **Patricia Troy ’10**.

The ministry’s trips combine deep appreciation for the wilderness with community-building: Hayes said that for several years, the groups spread some “trail magic” — a term hikers use to describe the magical moment when someone along the trail hands you a hot sandwich or a cold drink.

“We spent five days backpacking a loop along the AT, and learning through our own experience, and reading some short things and discussions about community and hospitality and what these things mean — what they look like in different parts of our lives — and what they look like on different parts of the AT, especially if you’re through-hiking,” he says.

“And at the end of the week, we took the van into town and got a whole bunch of food and brought it out for a day of trail magic for any through-hikers that came through. It was very much a lived experience of learning about community and hospitality for that week and then getting to try it out in a really special way.”

What’s your AT experience?

Have you hiked or through-hiked the Appalachian Trail? Share with us at magazine@owu.edu.

Abeer Abdelaal, visiting professor of Spanish and Arabic, published a book of Mexican and Colombian poetry translated into Arabic in February.

David Caplan, Charles M. Weis Professor in English and associate director of creative writing, spent the 2017-18 academic year at the University of Haifa in Israel, supported by a grant from the Israel Foundation and his scheduled scholarly leave. He taught a class at the university, gave poetry readings in Haifa and Jerusalem, and delivered lectures on contemporary poetry. He had three articles accepted for publication: “Mastery and Exclusion: Two Modes of Self-Questioning in Holocaust Poetry” in *The Palgrave Handbook on Holocaust Literary and Cultural Studies* (New York: Palgrave, forthcoming); “Rhyming Comedy: On the Restlessness of Hip Hop Rhymes” in *The Routledge Companion to Popular Music and Comedy* (New York: Routledge, forthcoming); and “From Gimmick to Exemplar: Erasure and the Art of Contemporary Poetry” in *Formes Poétiques Contemporaines* (forthcoming). After his return to OWU, Caplan also had accepted for publication a new poetry collection, *Into My Garden* (Ben Yehuda Press, forthcoming).

Paul Dean, associate professor of sociology-anthropology and co-adviser of the social justice major, along with George Ritzer, published *Globalization: The Essentials, 2nd edition* (Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2019).

Michael Flamm, professor of history, was elected to a three-year term on the executive board of the Organization of American Historians, the largest professional association dedicated to the teaching and study of U.S. history.

James Franklin, professor of politics and government, published “Protest Waves and Authoritarian Regimes: Repression and Protest Outcomes” in *Social Movements, Nonviolent Resistance and the State* (London: Routledge).

Lee Fratantuono, professor of classics and William Francis Whitlock Professor of Latin, along with R. Alden Smith, published *Virgil: Aeneid 8* (Leiden-Boston: Brill, 2018). The book featured photography by **Katie McGarr '10**. He also published *Pushing the Boundaries of Historia* (Routledge

Classical Monographs, London-New York: Routledge, 2019) with Mary English.

Bob Gitter, Joseph A. Meek Professor of Economics, presented “Migrant rights in rural Ohio - results from faculty, student, NGO collaborations” at the 2019 Latin American Studies Association meeting in Boston. The presentation focused on a project based on interviews of about 350 immigrants in rural Ohio. The project was carried out with Nancy Powers (Kenyon), Michele Leiby (Wooster), Alvaro Corral (Wooster), Dosi Alvite (Denison), and Jeff Stewart (Immigrant Workers Project). OWU students **Derien Palmerin '19** and **Brayams Ayala '20**, along with Samantha Merino, were part of the team conducting interviews.

Larry Griffin, music professor and department chair, played principal trumpet at a Dec. 15 Carnegie Hall event, “A Night of Inspiration.” The sold-out show featured a 64-piece orchestra, a 200-voice multicultural choir, and a slew of stars including Regina Belle, Shirley Caesar, Kenny Lattimore, and BeBe Winans. In addition, Griffin taught and performed his 21st season at the International Music Camp at the International Peace Garden on the border of Manitoba and North Dakota this July. He was awarded the Newark Granville Symphony Orchestra Endowed Principal Trumpet Chair this year.

Lynda Hall, professor of psychology and associate dean for academic performance, will present a course on maintenance of knowledge for Ohio Wesleyan’s new Lifelong Learning Institute in September and October 2019.

Sarah Kaka, assistant professor of education, published “Cooperating Teachers’ Perceptions of Their Preservice Teachers’ Impact on Student Learning” in the journal *Educational Research: Theory and Practice* (Vol. 30, Issue 2). In February Kaka also presented two sessions at the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education’s annual conference in Louisville, Kentucky: “How Video Coaching Can Transform Teacher Preparation Practices,” and “Partnering With Districts to Recruit, Prepare, and Retain Teachers.”

Chris Modica, assistant professor of psychology, published “Facebook, body esteem, and body surveillance in adult

women: The moderating role of self-compassion and appearance-contingent self-worth” in the journal *Body Image* (Vol. 29).

Michele Nobel, director of the special education program and assistant professor of education, along with **Chloe Bush '19** and **Kelly Coffyn '19**, presented “Want to travel the world from your classroom? You can with Google Tour Builder” at the 2019 BlendEd Conference hosted by Delaware City Schools. She also presented “Using Google Tour Builder will make your students say ‘This class ROCKS!’” at the 2019 Ohio CEC Summer Forum in Columbus. Additionally, Nobel facilitated a six-hour workshop titled “Supporting Emergent and Early Literacy Development in the Preschool Classroom” for Boulevard Preschool teachers and administrators in Grandview Heights, Ohio.



James Hildreth, instructor in organ, is scheduled to present a free recital at 7 p.m. Sept. 20 in Gray Chapel. To highlight OWU’s commitment to cultural diversity, the program will include music by composers from Europe, Nigeria, Taiwan, Canada, Mexico, and the United States. It also includes a group of works by German composers in honor of the Klais organ in Gray Chapel, which was built in Bonn, Germany. Hildreth has been organist of the Broad Street Presbyterian Church in Columbus since 1987. He is also organist for the Columbus Symphony Orchestra and played with the Columbus ProMusica Chamber Orchestra under Timothy Russell.



Kristina Bogdanov, associate professor of fine arts, had her Shino teapot selected as an entry in the 35th annual Best of Ohio exhibition, organized by Ohio Designer Craftsmen Museum in Columbus. The work was also featured in the August 2019 issue of *Ceramics Monthly*. Her sculptural hair comb, “Tea’s Comb,” was selected as an entry in the 2018 Workhouse Clay International last fall. Her paper porcelain ceramic sculpture “A House Is Not A Home” and her video and mixed media installation “Desolation” were selected for “Challenging Borders,” the inaugural Great Lakes Colleges Association exchange at Allegheny College that ran from January to March. In addition, Bogdanov was selected as a demo artist at the 2018 SPE Society for Photographic Education in Lexington, Kentucky, in March 2018 and led a professional workshop for beginning and advanced ceramic artists at Buckeye Ceramic Supply Company in Hilliard, Ohio, in April.

Eva Paris-Huesca, assistant professor of Spanish, published three articles for the online Spanish film magazine Macguffin007.com: “Almudena Carracedo habla de El silencio de otros”; “Vera Caspary, la mujer que escribió Laura”; and “Las primeras voces femeninas del noir de Hollywood.” Paris-Huesca also received the 2018 Pragda Spanish Film Club Grant to organize the fall 2018 Hispanic Film Festival, “Celebrating a New Wave of Ibero American Cinema,” at Ohio Wesleyan. Additionally, she gave three conference presentations during the past academic year: “From the Mythical City to the Periphery: Searching for New ‘Glocal’ Spaces in Susana Martín Gijón’s Crime Fiction Novels” in June 2018 for the Hispanic Humanities Association; “Para que no olvidemos: agencia femenina y (des) memoria histórica en el cine de Patricia Ferreira” for the International Association of Gender and Sexuality Studies in September 2018 in Chicago; and “Género y violencia en la ficción ginocriminal” in March at Cine-Lit 2019 at Portland State University.

Anne Sokolsky, associate professor of comparative literature, became the literature editor of the *Journal of Japanese Language and Literature* in April and finished one year of a three-year term on the executive committee of the Midwest Japan Seminar. She also organized a panel titled “The Art of Divorce in Japanese Literature.” The paper presented for the panel was “Divorce in the Life and Literature of Late Meiji Writer Tamura Toshiko.” The panel was accepted at the Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs in October 2018 and the Association for Asian Studies in March. Sokolsky gave a third paper presentation titled “When Literature, Archives, and Family Lore Meet: Yamasaki Toyoko’s Futatsu no sokoku, the Tokyo Trial, and American Attempts to Get Shigemitsu Mamoru Pardoned” at the Midwest Japan Seminar in April, which she hosted and organized at OWU. The final event for the April Midwest Japan Seminar was a *Taidan* (dialogue) by OWU alumnus **Ezra Vogel ’50**.

Shari Stone Mediatore, professor of philosophy, published “How America Disguises Its Violence: Colonialism, Mass Incarceration, and the Need for Resistance

Imagination,” as the lead article in *Critical Review of International Social & Political Philosophy*. She also testified at an Illinois state legislature hearing on the need for a fair parole system. Her report on the hearing was published in the newsletter *Stateville Speaks*. Links to her testimony and her report can be found at owu.edu/ magazine. With assistance from **Curry Carr ’21, Raissa Kanku ’19, Judy Larson ’22, Angie Sandhu ’21,** and **Hannah Wargo ’19,** she also organized an art and essay contest for people incarcerated in Illinois. She also continues to serve as a lead writer and board president for Parole Illinois, an organization that she co-founded.

Lisa Tabak, curator of the Zoology Department’s Brant Museum, worked with **Josh Pletcher ’20** to digitize and annotate the museum’s Ward’s Cast Collection, plaster casts and models of various fossils and finds, as well as documentation of the letters between naturalist Henry Augustus Ward and OWU. The work is supported by a grant from the Mellon Foundation.

OWU Reunion Weekend

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Nursing program members from the Class of 1981 gather, from left: **Amy Jackman Schmidt**, **Marsha Herrmann Tilden**, **Virginia Spellman Black**, **Melody Klockner**, **Jan Hawthorne Maxson**, and **Sonya Winner Valerio**.



The Bishop flexes with friends from the Class of 1979 including, from left: **Tom Clemons**, **Karen Yassky Clemons**, **Annie Roetzel Hess**, and **Dorothy Geyer**.



Mackenzie Sanczyk '21 drives a golf cart for attendees enjoying their reunion. (From left) **Kerry Buckwalter Sophocles '94**, **Amy Doyle Ahern '94**. Back row: **Lucy Dodds Loring '94** (back turned) and **Eileen Cawley '94**



(From left) **Louis Schuster**, **Carol Shuster '69**, **Carol Collins Slover '69** and **Robin Bates** pause to snap a selfie in from of Beeghly during their 50th reunion.



Meeting from the Class of 2014 are (from left): **Priyanka Venkataraman**, **Cody Reinsel**, **Seung-Wan "Andrew" Paik**, **Saar Rajpuria**, **Maxwell Richards**, and **Ooreoluwa Ladipo**.



Kappa Kappa Gamma **Marina Metzler '12** and Gamma Phi Betas **Mary Rhodes Metzler '79**, **Joan Fuhrer Baxter '79**, and **Su Hallenbeck '79** enjoy the affinity reunion for all Greek alumni.



(From left) **Leanna Bucceri Daniels '10**, **Meghan Warren '09**, **Yaser Helal '09**, **Nick Baker '09**, **Kim Leary '09**, **Grant Daniels '09**, **Amanda Zechiel-Keiber '09**, **Val Sloboda Weyand '09**, **Anthony Davis-Rosato '09**, and **Sarah Bruno '10** stop at the fountain to document the moment.

Approximately 800 alumni and friends from classes ending in 4 and 9 returned to campus May 17-19 for Reunion Weekend, featuring all-alumni events in the new central location on the JAYwalk. Save the date now for Homecoming & Family Weekend Oct. 19-20.



Bob the Bishop leads the Parade of Classes down the JAYwalk to the Celebrating OWU program in Gray Chapel on Saturday of Reunion Weekend.



Catherine "Cathy" Winkler Olds and Lorraine "Lorry" Swatik Szabo lead the annual Parade of Classes as representatives of their Class of 1949, the oldest class to return for the weekend.



Members of the Class of 1984 showing off their Bishop gear include, from left (front row): **Carrie Harris, Carol Uth, Rae Ann Logan Herman, Amy Eiken, Wendy Frantz Stonecash,** (back row) **Mike Sprague, Brad Hina, Larry Brandon.**



Jeff Donaldson '04 and **Melissa Donaldson '04** pause for a photo with their kids by the fountain.



Trustee **Aaron Granger '93**, **Khadija Garrison Adams '04**, **Barbara McEachern Smith '74**, **Morton V. "Pete" Smith '71**, and **Reginald Surmon '73** are among those who returned to campus for the rededication of the newly rebuilt Butler A. Jones House of Black Culture.



Khadija Adams gets a treat for her daughter **Anne** from the ice cream station that welcomed visitors to the House of Black Culture open house.



(From left) **Randy Wortmann '64**, **Nancy Thomson Wortmann '65**, **Dick Cassell '64**, **Ann Colson Cassell '64**, **Sophie Harned Gibson '64**, and **Thomas Gibson** met up on Friday afternoon.



Allen Snyder '69 presents **Rock Jones** with a check representing the 50th Reunion class gift.

True Love Bench honors & welcomes Bishop couples

Love has bloomed at Ohio Wesleyan for countless couples who met on campus, married, lived long lives together, and maybe even raised some future Bishops. Thanks to an alumni couple from 1948, OWU has a new spot on campus dedicated to what links all those Bishop couples.

The True Love Bench now sits amid Elliott, Merrick, and University halls, welcoming OWU couples of all ages, in honor of that day in 1946 when students **Paul Greve** and **Muriel Mannino** met. The bench was created through a gift from the children of Paul and Muriel.

Paul had served in the Navy during World War II and returned to OWU in 1946. He and Muriel met that fall, they



Sarah Hartzheim and Martin Clark '14



Cody '08 and Julia '06 Hatfield, with children Grady, left, and Owen

graduated in 1948, and married in 1950. In their 58-year marriage, they raised six children in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, three of whom attended Ohio Wesleyan: **Paul Jr. '73**, **Joseph '76**, and **Thomas '78**. Joseph married **Sheryl Liuzzo '77**.

During Alumni Weekend, we took photos of several OWU couples at the True Love Bench, and we share a few of them here. Others are on the OWU Magazine website at www.owu.edu/magazine.



Bob and Sylvia Stevens '59



Jane '69 and George '66 Welsheimer



2019 alumni award winners

Each year during Reunion Weekend, the Alumni Association Board of Directors presents awards to selected alumni, typically those in their reunion years.

The Distinguished Achievement Citation is the Alumni Association's highest honor and is awarded to alumni who demonstrate professional accomplishment and outstanding service to humankind. Presented this year to: **Doug Gordin '78** for his achievements and recognitions as a collegiate golf coach and leader in the sport; **Robert E. Lee '39** posthumously for his prizewinning theater writing; **Arthur J. "Art" Keown '69** for his outstanding commitment to educating the next generation of finance professionals; **Jim Michaels '79** for serving the nation as both a U.S. Marine infantry officer and as a war correspondent for several major U.S. newspapers; and **Donald Shaw, Jr. '69** for his humanitarian efforts and commitment to serve Hartford and Connecticut.

The Alumni Award recognizes those who demonstrate outstanding service to OWU. Presented this year to: **Bob Morrill '59**, who donated the lead gift for the renovation of the Morrill Family

Strength and Conditioning Room, for serving as a constant champion and strong supporter of his alma mater; **David Livingston '94**, former member of the Board of Trustees, for his outstanding service and dedication to his alma mater; Life Trustee **Carleton Palmer III '64** for his outstanding service and dedication to his alma mater; committed OWU volunteer **Grant Kurtz '64** for his dedicated advocacy and enthusiasm for his alma mater.

The Young Alumni Award honors alumni who graduated in the past 15 years in recognition of a commitment to excellence in post-collegiate life and a significant or ongoing commitment to extraordinary work, research, volunteerism, or service to OWU. Presented this year to **Ali A. Chaudhry '04** for his guidance and policy oversight for infrastructure and transportation across the state of New York.

Honorary Alumni status is conferred upon persons who have exhibited consistent interest in and support of OWU for a significant period of time, presented this year to Jeff Benton for his deep commitment and love for both the Delaware community and OWU.



This year's award winners with **Sheila Fagan Plecha '84** (front left), past-president Alumni Board of Directors, and President Rock Jones (back left) included (front row): Jeff Benton, Donald Shaw, Art Keown, Jim Michaels, (back row, second from left) David Livingston, Carleton Palmer, Doug Gordin, and Ali Chaudhry.

Not pictured: Grant Kurtz and Bob Morrill

calendar of events



The following is a listing of OWU alumni events around the country. These events offer alumni, families, and friends opportunities to network with fellow Bishops and to reconnect with OWU close to home. **To RSVP for an event, visit owu.edu/alumni or call (740) 368-3325.**

August 21-October 20

OWU Campus

Verburg Exhibition

"After/Before" features photographs by JoAnn Verburg '72 at the Richard M. Ross Art Museum. Verburg is a renowned photographer whose work has been shown at New York's Museum of Modern Art. A curator's tour and reception will be held at 5 p.m. Sept. 18. Visit owu.edu/ross for details.

September 12

Various Locations

Welcome to the City

Details at owu.edu/wttc.

September 23–November 1

OWU Campus

Lifelong Learning Institute of OWU

Educational programs for intellectually curious older adults. Visit www.owu.edu/lli to register.

September 28

Columbus, Ohio

OWU Day at the Columbus Zoo & Aquarium

October 18 -19

OWU campus

Homecoming & Family Weekend

Features affinity reunions, Verberg art exhibition, young alumni brunch, and a special benefit performance of "Love Letters" on Saturday at 8 p.m., Chappellear Drama Center. Wendie Malick (*Dream On, Just Shoot Me, Hot in Cleveland*) and fellow friend/thespian Dan Lauria (the father in *The Wonder Years*) will perform. Details at owu.edu/hfw.

December 3-12

Holiday Events

Columbus, Dec. 3
 Boston and Philadelphia, Dec. 4
 New York City, Dec. 5
 San Francisco and Denver, Dec. 6
 Los Angeles, Dec. 7
 Cleveland, Dec. 10
 Chicago and Washington D.C., Dec. 12

classnotes

1950s

Doyle Cook '50 recently retired from farming for the second time, after practicing podiatry in Marion, Ohio, for 40 years from 1955 to 1995. He leaves a medical legacy since his graduation: daughter **Karen Cook '81**, internal medicine physician; son **Matthew Cook '83**, family medicine physician; grandson David, internal medicine resident; granddaughter Amy, RN; granddaughter Ana, medical school; and granddaughter Olivia, pharmacy school. He currently resides most independently in Marion.

Betsy Baldwin Whitney '52 and her late husband **Leon Whitney '52** will be inducted into the 2019 Dayton Region's Walk of Fame in September. The honor recognizes them as exemplary leaders in arts, social services, history, and business organizations in the Dayton, Ohio, area.



Alumnae reconnect after decades

After reading about classmate **Catherine "Cathy" Winkler Olds '49** in the spring issue of *OWU Magazine*, **Barbara Breese Winbigler '49** decided to reach out to her long lost friend. The two, who also attended Lakewood (Ohio) High School together, reconnected over the phone, with Winbigler joking that she warned her fellow alumna, now living in Brigham City, Utah, not to have a stroke when she picked up the phone. (She didn't.) Winbigler, a professor emeritus at Baldwin Wallace University now living in Berea, Ohio, has been painting her whole life. Her work *Quilt Barn* was featured in the *Sun News* newspaper covering Cleveland suburbs.

Virginia Groves Kinney '56 received the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award from Marquis Who's Who. With nearly 55 years of professional experience, Kinney was a librarian with the Miami (Ohio) County Public Library from 1978 to 2011 and the Newton Local School from 1984 to 2002.

1960s

Robert Moyers '63, of Liberty Center, Ohio, says he is working to help spread the message of "true happiness" to 25 million people by "National Forgiveness and True Happiness Day" on Oct. 7. Through his website *UnconditionalLoveLive.com* he promotes an approach of "care, encourage, love, listen, forgive" one another. His Positive People Partners has as its mission: "Be like Jesus to everyone. See Jesus in everyone. Teach Jesus to everyone."

Edith Andrews Fisher '64 retired in July after nearly 44 years at the West Side Montessori school, which she founded in 1975 in Toledo, Ohio.

Nabil Ailabouni '68, of Dublin, Ohio, retired from a career of teaching and finally found the time to relax and reminisce about events, people, and circumstances that influenced his life. He wrote and published a book, *My Life's Journey as a Palestinian Christian*, encapsulating his life story, including his years and experiences at OWU. His story highlights his Christian family's deep roots in Palestine. It also highlights the tragic events of how he and his family became refugees and unwelcomed in their ancestral home country. In 1964, OWU became his threshold to higher education and his gateway to personal freedom and American citizenship.

Incorrect information appeared in our Spring issue; we regret the error.



Alumni reconnect near Naples, Fla.

On Feb. 13, a group of alumni gathered at a restaurant in Ostero, Fla. From left: (back row) **Bill Mitchell '60**, **Phil Roos '60**, **Roger Lockwood '60**, **Dick Heaston '60**, (front row) **Dave Hume '60** and **Max Urick '61**.

1970s

Peter Brown '70 was inducted into the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame. Brown was a politics and government major at OWU, and he also holds an M.A. in theatre from the University of Michigan. He began his career with a wonderful course in journalism taught by the late, great Verne Edwards, which led to reporting and editing at *The Transcript*. He started reporting professionally at the Kent-Ravenna (Ohio) *Record-Courier*, where he covered the legal aftermath of the Kent State shootings. He worked for several newspapers in Michigan, including the *Detroit Free Press*. In 1984, he was hired as the founding editor of *Crain's Detroit Business*. In 1989, he became editor of *Automotive News*, ending up as editorial director and publisher until his retirement.



Theta sisters reunite

Kappa Alpha Theta sisters gathered for a reunion in Bonita Springs, Fla., in March. From left: **Dougie Dupee Trumble '68**, **Jane Neff Stanton '66**, **Nancy Ferris Buchanan '68**, **Martha Hodge Noreault '66**, **Carol Brandau McIntyre '66**, and **Linda Roos Hamilton '66**.

in 2013. He lives with his wife, Maria Leonhauser, in Ann Arbor, Mich. His three sons are all professional communicators.

Charlotte Catherina Kersbergen '70 met the love of her life, Richard Cannata (Boston College), 10 years ago and married him in 2013. She reports they have a wonderful life together in a house they just finished building at 501 Lane Road, Chester, NH 03036. She invites alumni visiting New Hampshire to stop by. She remains active in the New Hampshire alumni group and is a Kappa Kappa Gamma.



Phi Gamma Delta brothers attend annual Pig Dinner

Danny DiBiasio '71, Tony DiBiasio '74, and Bob DiBiasio '77 were the speakers at Phi Gamma Delta's March 23 Pig Dinner event on campus. In attendance were several of the brothers from the Class of 1977 (from left): **Doug Kennedy, Bob DiBiasio, Ken Sternad, Steve Walton, Greg McComas, and Paul Eddy**. As they say: "Not for college days alone."

Robert Sells '70, of Geneseo, N.Y., published *Revelations*, a science fiction book, in April.

Dennis Buchholz '71 continues to serve as a senior consulting neuropsychologist for the NFL Baseline Assessment Program in Louisville, Ky.

James Prosnit '71 announced his retirement after nearly three decades as the rabbi of Congregation B'nai Israel, the oldest and largest synagogue in the greater Bridgeport, Conn., area.

Felicia "Flea" Parkinson '74 earned a master's degree from the University of Virginia. She worked five years as a medical laboratory specialist at the University of Virginia Medical Center. She spent 25 years as a biology and other science teacher/administrator with Fairfax County Public Schools, Va. Following retirement in 2007, she moved fulltime to the Outer Banks, N.C. After volunteer and community activities, she now happily lives in Ashburn, Va., close to her two daughters and three grandchildren.

Anne Kleindienst '76, of Phoenix, an attorney with Am Law 100 firm Polsinelli, has been selected for inclusion in 2019 Southwest Super Lawyers in the category of Business & Corporate Law. Super Lawyers is a rating service of outstanding lawyers who have attained a high-degree of peer recognition and professional achievement.

1980s

Elizabeth Phelps '84 was named a 2019 Champion of Psychological Science by the Association for Psychological Science. Phelps, who received her Ph.D. in psychology from Princeton, is the Pershing



OWU Legends lacrosse team enjoys annual tournament

The OWU Legends, an alumni lacrosse team founded in the early 2000s by the late **Charlie Hartigan '75**, once again took to the field in this year's Annual Florida Lacrosse Classic in February. Under the leadership of **Steve Corrigan '74**, the Legends teams today include players from around the country, with only a handful still competing across four age divisions, 45 and up. Playing in the Past Masters (ages 60+) division were **Scott Wilson '74, John Narwicz '75, Chuck Narwicz '77, and Pete Lee '65. Pete Tracy '75** competed in the Past Masters Division playing for the Paladins Lacrosse Club, and **John Gower '83** was a player and organizer for the Atlantic Sportswear Lacrosse Club in the Half Century (ages 50+) Division. In this year's tournament, the OWU Legends Grand Masters team finished in 10th place, losing two of its games in pool play by one goal; the Half Century team, with a 3-2 record, finished in third place; the Ultra Grand Masters finished with a 1-4 record and a fifth-place finish; and the Past Masters team finished with a 2-3 record and a sixth-place finish, having lost the final game in the sudden-victory period by a single goal. Here's to the OWU Legends who continue to represent the University and their love of the game: "Be Somebody – Be a Legend!"

Square Professor of Human Neuroscience at Harvard University and is best known for her work on how emotions alter memory. Phelps served as the president of the APS in 2013-14 and continues to play an active role in the organization. This year she was awarded the William James Fellow Award, which recognizes a lifetime of significant contributions to the field of psychological science.

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Dwight Hiscano '85 of Summit, N.J., was featured in the April issue of *Black-and-White* magazine, having won its Spotlight Image Award with a studio portrait of a bulldog (one of his favorites). He was also nominated for the 12th annual International Color Awards for an abstract image of LEDs reflected on the Delaware River at night. Visit his website, dwiththiscano.com, to view his photography.

Zandra Wolfgram '88 was named editor of *Emerald Coast* magazine, a consumer lifestyle magazine serving northwest Florida, by Rowland Publishing, Inc. Most recently she led the marketing efforts for Wyndham Vacation Rentals Gulf Region.



Collecting memories of Amy Wise '78

In remembrance of **Amy Wise '78**, who died in 2014, her classmates **Emily Thayer Guziak '78** (center), **Steve Mitchell '78**, and **Erica Robinson Mitchell '78** gathered at the Mitchells' home in Maryland. They are compiling a scrapbook of Amy's OWU years and would love any remembrances or photos of her sent to guziakemily335@gmail.com.

1990s

Kristen Adamo '91 was named president and chief executive officer of the Providence Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau in Rhode Island.

Thomas Winston '92 was named president and chief executive officer of the Toledo-Lucas County (Ohio) Port Authority.

Scott Welch '95 joined the Findlay, Ohio, law firm of Drake, Phillips, Kuenzli and Clark.

Jason Diehl '96, of Dublin, Ohio, received the 2018 Jeff Jewell Spirit Award from USA Triathlon as part of its Multisport Awards, which recognize USA Triathlon members who fueled the multisport lifestyle during the 2018 season. Diehl has upheld a competitive race schedule while supporting other areas of the sport through his work as head physician at the USA Triathlon Youth and Junior National Championships since 2012, and as head physician for Team USA at numerous International Triathlon Union (ITU) world championships. In 2018, he served as head physician for Team USA at the ITU Multisport World Championships in Fyn, Denmark, during the second week after participating as a Team USA athlete during the first week of competition. He was also the head physician for Team USA at the 2019 ITU Multisport World Championships in Pontevedra, Spain. In previous years Diehl held a role on USA Triathlon's Medical Multisport Conference committee, supporting medical research and safety initiatives within the sport.

Tim Hohl '96 has been in the logistics business for almost 20 years and is currently working for the HUB Group, based in Chicago. His journey from OWU has taken him to and from some great places, introduced him to some wonderful people, and kept him in touch with many friends and brothers from Sigma Chi, as well as basketball teammates (including **Steve Goodhart '95**, **Mike Bird '96**, **Randy Runser '95**, **Jamie Robinson '95**, **Si Kille '96**, and **Brent Weaver '98**). He lived in Southern California with some wonderful OWU friends. He had a great business opportunity in St. Louis that reunited him with friends and family for years. He loved moving back to New England for a while as well. Currently he visits **Christopher Grace '94** on Hilton Head Island, S.C., and **Alex Cacciarelli '97** in Los Angeles yearly. *In Hoc Signo Vinces.*

2000s

Devon Hague '00, clinical associate professor for the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, was



Barry runs Boston Marathon

Susan Barry '86 ran her first Boston Marathon this year. Her entire family, including daughter, **Tatiana Barry '14**, joined her in Boston. Susan also had support from her sorority sister, **Jill Davisson Krunnufsz '86**, who lives outside of Boston and knew all the best cheering locations!

honored at the college's annual awards program in May with the Zoetis Teaching Award.

Daniel Bowens '02 was promoted to weekend anchor at the Fox-owned TV station WNYW New York. Most recently, Bowens served as a reporter, covering some of the city's biggest stories since joining the station in 2010.

Erin Higgenbotham '04 spoke at the Association of Talent Development (ATD) Driving Compliance across

Families show Bishop pride

From left: **Steve Sherman '91**, **Eddy Sherman '23**, **Amy Harris Sherman '91**, **Susan Harris Raphael '80**, **Kait Raphael McMahon '09**, and **Kevin McMahon '10**.



Industries Conference at the Yale Business School of Management in October 2018 on improving eLearning and training opportunities for floor-focused employees in manufacturing. Higgenbotham also wrote the article “Breaking Misconceptions in Manufacturing L&D,” which was published in ATD’s flagship magazine’s March 2019 edition. She works at Domino’s Pizza in Ann Arbor, Mich., within the Operations Technical Training Department within PeopleFirst.

Amy Collins-Warfield ’05 was named Greek Advisor of the Year at OWU for 2019. She advises OWU’s Rho Deuteron chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma. She is an assistant director of first-year experience at Ohio State University, where she works with orientation and other initiatives to promote new student success. She also periodically teaches at Ohio State. Inspired by Dr. Jed Burt’s ornithology class, she is an avid birdwatcher, with more than 420 species on her life list. Amy and her husband, Doug Warfield, live in Galloway, Ohio.



Davis earns Ph.D.

Elizabeth Davis ’08 graduated from Kent State University in May with a Ph.D. in higher education administration.

Cindy Quintanilla Greene ’05 was promoted to assistant vice president at Mechanics Bank in Richland County, Ohio.

Ryan Martin ’05 was named head coach of Loudoun United FC, an American professional soccer team based in Leesburg, Va.



Onwudiwe graduates Harvard Law School with accolades

Memme Onwudiwe ’15 graduated from Harvard Law School (HLS) in the spring with a variety of accolades and achievements. Born in Xenia, Ohio, to Nigerian and Ghanaian parents, Memme served as president of the Harvard African Law Association. During his time at OWU, he worked on the OWU Technology Committee; this experience contributed to his selection as class representative on the HLS IT Steering Committee, in which position he helped to organize and co-chair HLS’s first Legal Technology Symposium. Last summer, he worked for Ropes & Gray law firm on the prestigious

Roscoe Trimmier Jr. Diversity Scholarship. He served as the Class of 2019 representative on former Dean Martha Minow’s HLS Task Force on Academic Community and Student Engagement. During his first year of law school, he was also runner-up in the American Bar Association’s Haiku Contest for Law Students. Most recently, Memme has spent significant time in his role as executive vice president of Evisort, a Harvard Law-MIT startup that is changing the way lawyers manage contracts, using artificial intelligence to sort through and organize material efficiently. As the culmination of his many contributions to the HLS community, Memme was awarded the Dean’s Award for Community Leadership, which recognizes graduating students who contribute time and energy to making Harvard Law School better through involvement in student organizations, community service groups, and individual efforts. He’s one of several alumni scheduled to return to campus in October to participate in the Sagan National Colloquium, which will focus on all the ways that OWU alumni are actively working to change the world. Learn more at owu.edu.

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Seth McNally ’05 joined Morgan Stanley as a financial advisor with Elm Street Group in Manchester, N.H.

Dan Sharpe ’06 was acknowledged by *Columbus Business First* in the 2019 class of “40 Under 40.” He is vice president for community research and grants management at the Columbus Foundation.

Susan Vitaz White ’07 was selected as an associate fellow of the Construction Lawyers Society of America, an invitation-only international honorary association composed of preeminent lawyers specializing in construction law and related fields. She is an associate in Benesch’s Construction Group and she received her juris doctor degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in 2010.

Foster Thalmeimer ’09 joined Sequence Real Estate LLC (Charleston, S.C.) as a commercial broker. Previously, he was director of sales and marketing at ANDalyze Inc.

2010s

Amy Braun ’12 joined the northern New England law firm Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC and will practice in the Labor and Employment Group in Lebanon, N.H.

Anne Flowers ’12 played the lead role of Jane Hawkins in Synetic Theater’s (Washington, D.C.) new adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson’s *Treasure Island* this summer.



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1 Gordon-Annis wedding

Caroline Gordon '05 married David Annis in Tampa, Fla., on April 6. OWU graduates joining in the celebration were (from left): **Jonathan Noble '06**, of New York City; **Kraig Noble '71**, of St. Marys, Ohio; the bride, of Tampa; **Don Gordon '70**, of Tampa; and **Alice Linscott '06** and **Justin Linscott '06**, of New Albany, Ohio.



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2 Raphael-McMahon wedding

Kaitlin Raphael '09 and **Kevin McMahon '10** were married on Nov. 11, 2018, in Charleston, S.C., at the Citadel Beach Club. They recently moved to Asheville, N.C. OWU classmates and alumni joining in the celebration were (from left): **Dr. Steve Sherman '91**, **Amy Harris Sherman '91**, **James Raphael '79**, **Dave Sichel '80**, **Susan Harris Raphael '80**, **Melissa Teichman Barnett '09**, **Ashley Lorko '07**, the bride and groom, **Steve Fowler '08**, **Eve Bleecker Fowler '78**, and **Jim Fowler '78**.



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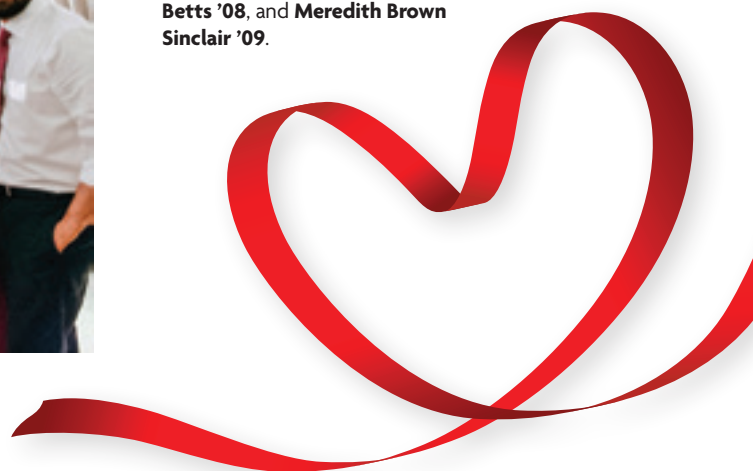
3 Miller-Ferral wedding

Caroline Miller '11 was married to Michael Ferral on Oct. 6, 2018, in Nashville, Tenn. Alumni in attendance were (from left): **Caitie Morphew '11**, **Joanne Neugebauer '11**, **Erin Moran '11**, the groom and bride, **Michele Gilbert '11**, **Sydney Parms '11**, **Noemi Keszler '11**, and **Matt Watson '10**.

4 Scott-Greenwood wedding

Adrienne Scott '08 and William Greenwood were married on Oct. 20, 2018, in New York City. Alumni in attendance were, from left: (front row) **Jessica Ferguson '09**, **Eby Ebersole Robinson '08**, the groom and bride, **Kit McCann '08**, **Kelly Callahan '08**, (back row) **Christopher Walton '06**, **Marie Rymut-Schaefer '07**, **John Schaefer '06**, **Blaire Hayden Bartish '07**, **Barbara Eldredge '08**, **Forrest Filler '07**, **John Betts '08**, and **Meredith Brown Sinclair '09**.

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5 Kieta-Kirwen wedding
Sarah Kieta '06 married Eric Kirwen on March 24, 2018, in Cleveland. Joining in the celebration were (from left): **Kristen Cemate '06**, **Lindsay Whitney '06**, **Britt Born '06**, **Devon Reitzes '04**, the bride and groom, **Jenn Cobb '05**, **Jason Downey '02**, and **Liz Long Downey '06**. Not pictured: **Brandi Weekley '06**, **Meggie Feran Sexton '06**, **Carrie Phillips Powers '06**, **Nina Ditraglia Myers '06**, and **Dan Gliha '06**.



6 Bowlby baby announcement
Ariel Haytas Bowlby '09 and Nicholas welcomed daughter Rya Kathleen Bowlby on March 31.

celebrations



Frank Kushner-Sanderson '13 received a doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine on May 11. He plans to complete his residency in anesthesiology at the Cleveland Clinic.

Andy Winters '13 was named head men's basketball coach at Otterbein University in Westerville, Ohio.



Wilson lands major art exhibitions

A multimedia artist, **Andrew Wilson '13** was featured in an exhibition at the Museum of the African Diaspora in San Francisco. He also joined famous photographer Carrie Mae Weems at the Havana Biennial and was part of the BAY AREA NOW exhibition at Yerba Buena Center for the Arts in San Francisco. Wilson's art addresses the consumption of the black body, ritual and funerary rights honoring the deceased, and new interpretations of mythology and queerness.

Mason Espinosa '14 joined the Albany (N.Y.) Empire Arena League Football team in March as quarterback.

Antoinette Jolliff '14 was named state wildlife officer in Hancock County, Ohio.

Cara A.D. Slotkin '14 was awarded the highly competitive 2019 Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Grant. In September she will travel to Rwanda to live for 10 months teaching adults, adapting curriculum to teach English, and serving as a professor.

Nicholaus Felhaber '15 was named assistant coach of Capital University's men's basketball team in Bexley, Ohio.

Katie Berger '16 won a national award for moot court at the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. Katie participated in moot court all four years at OWU. In 2016 she and her partner, Rhiannon Herbert, finished fifth in the nation in moot, the highest finish in OWU history.

Alex Widman '17, who was featured in the Winter 2019 issue of *OWU Magazine* for his work on the Fijian island of Yanuca with the Peace Corps, received word in April that the U.S. Embassy in Fiji has agreed to fund construction of the library he has been working to build, in part with books donated by OWU alumni and shipping costs supported by his father and Phi Gamma Delta brothers. He thanks everyone who also donated through his Peace Corps fundraiser to support the project.

Births

2000s

Kristen Shockley Mercuri '00 and Joe Mercuri welcomed their second child, Kathryn Grace, on Oct. 8, 2018. Kate joins big brother James.

Janice Blair '02 and husband Matthew Schwab welcomed their first child, Wesley Bruce Blair-Schwab, on Jan. 24.

Meghan Lindsey Sweeney Cook '03 and John Cook welcomed son James Tiberius Cook on Jan. 12.

Marie Rymut Schaefer '07 and **John Schaefer '05** welcomed daughter Vida Lynn on Feb. 24. Also celebrating are her big brother Nicholas and her aunt, **Sharon Rymut '10**.

Samantha Wallace Sharpe '09 and **Dan Sharpe '06** welcomed their second son, James Leo, on March 19. Jake and big brother Henry look forward to visiting campus soon.

In Memoriam

1930s

Margaret Jackson Beaumont '35, of Arden, N.C., Feb. 22, at the age of 105. She was predeceased by three brothers, including **Edgar Jackson '32** and **James Jackson '37**, a sister, and her husband. She had recently returned to Vermont after 38 years in the mountains of North Carolina.

Elsbeth Ann Murphy Laurien '37, of Buffalo, N.Y., May 13, at the age of 103. She was predeceased by her parents, husband, a daughter, and sisters **Jane Murphy Hum '42** and **Constance Murphy Devitt '37**. She is survived by a daughter, a son, and a granddaughter. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

1940s

Jane Murphy Hum '42, of Newport, N.H., formerly of Bomoseen, N.H., April 11, at the age of 98. She was predeceased by husband **Richard Hum '44** and sister **Constance Devitt '37**. Jane's sister, **Elsbeth Murphy Laurien '37**, died just a month after her. She is survived by three children and multiple grandchildren. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Robert Hunter '43, of Davis, Ariz., March 4, at the age of 97. Hunter was professor emeritus at the University of California Davis School of Medicine. In 2003 he received OWU's Distinguished Alumni Citation award in recognition of his exceptional career as a leader in the field of histochemistry and as a professor in higher education. His father, R. Clarence Hunter, was a faculty member in the Speech Department at OWU years ago. He was predeceased by his parents, wife, and siblings **Harold Hunter '45** and **Doris Hunter Mauck '47**. He is survived by four children and multiple grandchildren.

Sachie Fukiage Tanaka '44, of Chicago, Nov. 7, at the age of 94. She was predeceased by her husband and six siblings, including sister **Fuki Fukiage Motoyama '47**. She is survived by four sons and multiple grandchildren.

Harriett Boyer Adams '45, of Indianapolis, April 23, at the age of 96. She was

predeceased by her parents, her husband, a son, and a brother. She is survived by two sons and two granddaughters.

Marjorie Haas Buchanan '45, of Fountain Inn, S.C., May 12, at the age of 96. She was predeceased by her parents and husband. She is survived by two sons and multiple grandchildren.

Alberta Barta Lesko '45, of San Francisco, Feb. 28, at the age of 96. She was predeceased by her husband, **Clarence Lesko '43**. She is survived by four children, a brother, and multiple grandchildren. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Ruth West Sivon '45, of Ballwin, Mo., Jan 23, at the age of 95. She is survived by two stepsons and multiple grandchildren. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

Phyllis White O'Reilly '46, of Austin, Texas, May 12, at the age of 94. She was predeceased by her parents, husband, sisters **Nancy White Harner '44** and **Virginia White '51**, and one grandson. She is survived by four children and multiple grandchildren. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Nancy Cecil Albrecht '47, of Dayton, Ohio, May 19, at the age of 94. She was predeceased by her parents. She is survived by her husband of 69 years, **Albert Albrecht '48**, four daughters, sister **Martha Cecil Stauffer '53**, brothers **David Cecil '55** and **Thomas Cecil '50**, 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was a member of the OWU Tower Society and Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She and Albert met at her sorority house in 1946 and he called it love at first sight. During her college years, she was a model for Rike's department store in Dayton, Ohio; she later worked there as a buyer. Nancy also worked at the Ohio State University Financial Aid Office while her husband was completing his engineering degree. Later, she was a dedicated homemaker and proud of it. She worked as a volunteer at Reid Hospital in the gift shop for many years and volunteered at the Cheshire Convalescent Center in Connecticut. She loved books and read extensively on a wide variety of subjects. She was a member of the Shakespeare Club in Sidney, Ohio, was on the Library Board in Cheshire, Conn., and

was president of the Cheshire Friends of the Library. Nancy enjoyed traveling to Europe, Sweden, and Switzerland with her husband on business and pleasure. The family suggests those that wish to may make a gift in her memory to the Albrecht STEM Scholarship at OWU.

Lois Minnotte Berwanger '47, of Mt. Lebanon, Penn., April 5, at the age of 93. She was predeceased by her husband of nearly 54 years, George, and four siblings. She is survived by three sons, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Ida Jo Grigg McKenney '47, of Zanesville, Ohio, April 5, at the age of 92. She was predeceased by her parents, first husband **John McKenney '48**, and her second husband, Gervys Roberts "GR" Beckett. She is survived by two brothers, two daughters, including **L. Alice McKenney '73**, two stepdaughters, and multiple grandchildren.

Herman Weinert '47, of Fort Wayne, Ind., April 12, at the age of 94. He was predeceased by two siblings. He is survived by his wife, two children, and multiple grandchildren.

Edward Rosino Jr. '48, of Sandusky, Ohio, Jan. 2, at the age of 95. He was predeceased by his wife, a daughter, son **John Rosino '74**, and a sister. He is survived by a son, a daughter, and multiple grandchildren, including **Michael Rosino '08**. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity. *Incorrect information appeared in our Spring issue; we regret the error.*

Jean Monroe Stocker '48, of Baltimore, Md., May 21, at the age of 92. She was predeceased by her husband, **Lee Stocker '47**. She is survived by three sons and multiple grandchildren, and was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Mildred Edwards Woody '48, of Abingdon, Va., April 19, at the age of 92. She was predeceased by her parents and her husband. She is survived by two daughters and two grandsons. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Donald "Jack" Watkins Jr. '49, of Columbus, Jan. 18, at age 94. He was predeceased by his parents, including **Donald Watkins 1918**, brother **William**

Watkins '43, and wife, **Dorothy "Dottie" Gerlach Watkins '49**, who died on June 29, 2017, at the age of 89. Dottie was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. Jack was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

William Vandivort '49, of Port St. Lucie, Fla., April 24, at the age of 93. He was predeceased by his parents, wife, a brother, and a son. He is survived by a son, a daughter, a stepson, a stepdaughter, and multiple grandchildren. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

1950s

Carl Coleman '50, of Columbus, March 21, at the age of 91. He was predeceased by his first wife, **Judith Lappin Coleman '49**, and sister **Marilyn Coleman-Westfall '52**. He is survived by son **Carl Coleman '77**, a daughter, his wife, and multiple grandchildren. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Jean Rockwell Beach '51, of Old Mission, Mich., Saginaw, Mich., and former resident of Frankenmuth, Mich., Feb. 2, at the age of 90. She was predeceased by her parents, husband, two siblings, and three grandchildren. She is survived by four children and multiple grandchildren. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

William Dunham '51, of Lodi, Ohio, Feb. 27, at the age of 91. William was a member of the U.S. Army and had a full career in education, serving as a prominent educator in Lodi and Westfield schools in Ohio. He was predeceased by two brothers, **Richard Dunham '44** and **Robert Dunham '50**. He is survived by wife **Elva Pickwick Dunham '52**, niece **Hilary Dunham '00**, nephew **John Dunham '75**, two daughters, and multiple grandchildren. William and Elva were featured in *OWU Magazine's* "Bishop Couples" story in 2017. After meeting on campus in May of 1949, they dated for two weeks, were pinned for three years, and were married right after graduation, on June 21, 1952. William was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Edwin Hatch '51, of West Palm Beach, Fla., March 1. He is survived by his wife, three children, and multiple grandchildren. He was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

Martha Downard McEldowney '51, of Leawood, Kan., March 2, at the age of 89. She was predeceased by her parents and her husband. She is survived by two children and multiple grandchildren. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Carol "Kay" Erikson Spangler '51, of Brighton, Mich., Feb. 25, at the age of 88. She was predeceased by her parents and a son, Capt. Todd Spangler, USAF. She is survived by husband **Paul Spangler '52**, brother **Richard Erickson '55**, two daughters, son **Brad Spangler '78**, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. She was a member and past president of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

N. Joan Weidel Voskamp '51, of Natrona Heights, Pa., May 15, at the age of 91. She was predeceased by her parents and is survived by her husband. She was a member of the OWU Tower Society and Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Robert Freitag '52, of Akron, Ohio, April 25, at the age of 88. He was predeceased by his wife, parents, and two siblings. He is survived by two daughters, three grandchildren, and three sisters, including **Marian Freitag Hartenstein '43** and **Ellen Freitag Hay '51**. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Dolores Borland Nudds '52, of Arlington, Texas, May 14, at the age of 88. She was predeceased by her parents, husband, and a brother. She is survived by three daughters and multiple grandchildren. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Sylvia Schweiker Strasbury '52, of Worcester, Pa., March 13, at the age of 88. She was predeceased by her husband, **William Strasburg '50**, her parents, and two brothers. She is survived by four children, 16 grandchildren, including **Matthew Strasburg '05**, and five great-grandchildren. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Frank Timmons '52, of Delaware, Ohio, March 20, at the age of 88. He was predeceased by wife **Barbara Wiltshire Timmons '54** and parents **Donald Timmons 1922** and **Mary Poe Timmons 1922**. He is survived by daughters **Jill Timmons Kennedy '84** and **Poe Timmons '82**, brothers **James Timmons '61**, **John**

Timmons '47, **Robert Timmons '50**, and **Richard Timmons '50**, and three granddaughters. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Marilyn Kirk Wright '52, of Blue Bell, Pa., May 13, at the age of 89. She was predeceased by her husband, sister **Jane Kirk Hinch '37**, and brother **John Kirk '39**. She is survived by three children, including **Andrew Wright '81**, and multiple grandchildren. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Nancy Jacobi Littleton '53, of Rock Hill, S.C., May 6, at the age of 88. She is survived by her husband, three sons, four grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Marjorie Ward York '53, of North Fort Myers, Fla., April 21, at the age of 88. She was predeceased by her parents, husband, and two brothers. She is survived by four daughters, 10 grandchildren and a great-grandchild. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

Noah Gresham '54, of Mount Pleasant, S.C., April 18, at the age of 87. He was predeceased by his wife, parents, and two sisters, including **Shirley Gresham Smith '55**. He is survived by three children and seven grandchildren. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Morris Ransone Jr. '54, of Annapolis, Md., April 1, at the age of 87. He was predeceased by his father and mother **Alice Slabaugh Ransone '31**. He is survived by wife **Frances Warner Ransone '55**, three sons, sister **Judith Ransone Michaelsen '60**, and seven grandchildren. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

Judith Kolls Yenney '54, of Conyers, Ga., Feb. 25, at the age of 86. She was predeceased by her husband and is survived by two sons and two grandchildren. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Dallas High '56, of Mount Dora, Fla., March 10, at the age of 87. He was predeceased by three brothers. He is survived by his wife, three sons, and two grandchildren. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Douglas Kiser '56, of Dayton, Ohio, May 16, at the age of 85. He was predeceased by his father, mother **Catherine Shroyer Kiser '31**, and first wife. He is survived by four children, his wife, a sister, and multiple grandchildren. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Arthur "Biff" Robins '56, of Bonita Springs, Fla., formerly of Grand Blanc, Mich., March 8, at the age of 84. He was predeceased by his parents, first wife **Anne Fain Robins '55**, and a sister. He is survived by his wife, three sons, a daughter, seven grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Janet Caley Hawes '57, of Beach City, Ohio, Feb. 4, at the age of 83. She was predeceased by her parents and is survived by her husband, daughter, and sister. She was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.

Mary Sue Lang '57, of East Liverpool, Ohio, May 28, at the age of 83. She was predeceased by her parents, **Francis Lang '29** and **Rachel Boyce Lang '32**. She is survived by two brothers, including **Charles Lang '61**, and was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Francis Wershing '57, of Plymouth, Mass., March 16, at the age of 82. He was predeceased by his parents and first wife. He is survived by his wife, four children, two sisters, and nine grandchildren. He was a member of Chi Phi fraternity.

John Antes '58, of Wayland, Mass., April 13, at the age of 83. He was predeceased by his mother, **Maurine Foster Antes '29**. He is survived by his wife, two children, a grandson, and two siblings. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Margaret Rushong Earley '58, of Camp Hill, Pa., April 4, at the age of 82. She was predeceased by her mother, **Margaret Wentz Rushong '30**. She is survived by her husband, sister **Judith Rushong Saurer '60**, a brother, two daughters, and three grandchildren. She was a member of the OWU Tower Society and Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

Robert Lafferty III '58, of Milledgeville, Ga., Feb. 17, at the age of 86. He was predeceased by his father, **Robert Lafferty**

'28, and is survived by his wife. He was a member of the OWU Tower Society and Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

David Schuldt '58, of Iowa City, Iowa, May 6, at the age of 83. He is survived by his wife, five children, four siblings, 11 grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

David Campbell '59, of Dartmouth, Mass., March 31, at the age of 82. He is survived by his wife, two children, sister **Barbara Campbell MacPhee '62**, and multiple grandchildren. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

John Porter '59, of Indianapolis, May 8, at the age of 81. He was predeceased by his parents and a sister. He is survived by a sister. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

1960s

Philip Brockelman '60, of Magnolia Greens, Leland, N.C., March 14, at the age of 81. He was predeceased by a grandson. He is survived by his wife, **Judith Dempsey Brockelman '60**, two sons, including **Philip Brockelman Jr. '85**, two daughters, and multiple grandchildren. He was a member of Chi Phi fraternity.

Robert Hardgrove '60, of Washington, D.C., April 23, at the age of 81. He was predeceased by his parents and a brother. He is survived by a brother and was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

James Murphy '60, of Johnstown, Ohio, April 10, at the age of 80. He was predeceased by his father and mother **Mildred Crawford Cuber '27**. He is survived by his wife, a son, two stepsons, brother **Michael Murphy '64**, sister **Maeve Murphy Shapiro '64**, and four grandchildren and five step-grandchildren. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Roderick Suthers '60, of Bloomington, Ind., Feb. 24, at the age of 82. He was predeceased by his mother and father, **Albert Suthers 1917**. He is survived by his wife, two children, two grandchildren, and a brother. Suthers was a professor emeritus of cellular and integrative physiology in the medical sciences program at Indiana University's School of Medicine, where he worked for 51

years, retiring in 2016. A well-known ornithologist, he was most famous for his research on birdsong, making distinguished contributions to the understanding of the fundamental mechanisms underlying sound production in birds. He was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

Judith Davis Tippett '60, of Ellenton, Fla., Aug 31, 2018, at the age of 80. She was predeceased by her father-in-law, **W. Brooks Tippett '35**, and is survived by her husband of 59 years, **Michael B. Tippett '59**, as well as daughters **Margaret "Meg" Tippett '83**, **Kathryn "Kit" Tippett '85**, and **Brooke Tippett Thompson '88**. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Thomas Eibel '61, of New London, Ohio, April 25, at the age of 80. He is survived by his wife **Loretta Soderberg Eibel '61**, three children, a brother, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. He was a member of the OWU Athletic Hall of Fame and Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Mary Boyd Kelly '62, of Kingsport, Tenn., April 28, at the age of 78. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, a sister, a brother, and four grandsons. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Karen Carlson Traxler '62, of North Ridgeville, Ohio, March 5, at the age of 77. She is survived by her husband, **James Traxler '62**, and was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She had three careers: full-time mother of two, English teacher in the Strongsville, Ohio, schools, and licensed professional counselor. She earned two master's degrees: master of arts in education from Baldwin Wallace University in 1987 and master of arts in clinical pastoral counseling from Ashland Theological Seminary in 2002. Active in churches, she served as an elder in the Presbyterian Church and went on several mission trips to Thailand, Russia, and Romania. With husband Jim, she sang in many choirs and was even able to continue singing after dementia robbed her of speech.

Don Jewell '63, of Chillicothe, Ohio, May 7, at the age of 77. He was predeceased by his parents and is survived by a son.

Maurice Scheetz '63, of Indianapolis, May 1, at the age of 78. He was predeceased by



David Cromwell '66, of Middletown, NJ., April 26, 2018, at the age of 73. He is survived by his first wife, **Sue Germer '66**, and three children, including **Kimberley Cromwell '89**. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. David led a distinguished banking career with JPMorgan Chase for 30 years as president & CEO of JPMorgan Capital Corp., the bank's private equity investment group. He later taught venture capital at the Yale School of Management, where he earned "teacher of the year" recognition four times. In 1986, David purchased the Stone House Farm in Stow, Maine, which sits on 880-acres nestled in the White Mountains. He lovingly restored the property and trails, which will continue to provide a retreat for generations to come. Pictured from left at OWU graduation on May 14, 1989, are **Sue Germer '66**, **Kimberley Cromwell '89**, and David.

his parents and stepfather. He is survived by his partner of 21 years, a son, and a grandson. He was a member of Pi Lambda Phi fraternity.

Marsha Strong Carow '64, of Lutherville, Md., May 10, at the age of 76. She was predeceased by her father and mother, **Katherine Fisher Strong '39**. She is survived by her husband, a sister, two brothers, a stepdaughter, three stepsons, and five step-grandchildren. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Elihu Joyner Jr. '64, of Moorestown, NJ., May 8, at the age of 77. He is survived by his wife, two children, two grandchildren, and sister **Jean Joyner Ensley '60**. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Georgia Priest Hook '64, of Orange, Calif., March 23, at the age of 76. She is survived by her husband, brother, sister, and two children.

Charles Linck Jr. '64, of Vincentown, NJ., April 23, at the age of 77. He was predeceased by his parents and two sisters. He is survived by his wife, three children, and a brother. He was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

Leonard Paulini '64, of West Chester, Ohio, March 22, at the age of 76. He was predeceased by his parents and brother. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, a son, two stepdaughters, multiple grandchildren, and his former spouse. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

William "Bill" Shaffer '64, of Detroit, March 27, at the age of 77. He was predeceased by his parents and is survived by a brother. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He is well-remembered as one of the OWU team members who participated in the *GE College Bowl* quiz show on national television. OWU was undefeated and named one of the few champions of that program during its duration on TV. When OWU was assured of the win, he answered the last toss-up question, giving his SAE roommate **Yale Gutnick '64** as the "leader of the Lollards!"

Richard Weiser '68, of Portland, Mich., March 17, at the age of 72. He was predeceased by his parents and a brother. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

William Pearce '69, of Clyde, Ohio, May 12, at the age of 71. He was predeceased by parents **William Pearce '31** and **Margaret Walter Pearce '33**, sister **Patricia Pearce Bixler '57**, and brother **James Pearce '62**. He is survived by his wife, a son, and a daughter. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

1970s

Donald Buck, Jr. '72, of Gaithersburg, Md., May 31, 2018, at the age of 69. He retired from the Department of Energy in Washington, D.C., as a petroleum geologist. He is survived by three siblings, his wife, and stepchildren Nancy and Will. He was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity and the lacrosse team.

Faith Weston Geer '74, of Pittsburgh, Feb. 26. She is survived by three children, including **Natalie Geer '16**, and was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

James Michals '74, of Cleveland, Feb. 7, at the age of 66. He is survived by his wife, three children, and a brother. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

William Bouton III '75, of Cromwell, Conn., April 22, at the age of 66. He is survived by three siblings, two children, and four grandsons. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Joellen Brown '75, of Philadelphia, formerly of Columbus, March 24, at the age of 65. She was predeceased by her parents, brother **Stephen Brown '72**, and sister **Janet Brown '79**. She was a member of the OWU Tower Society and established the Joellen Brown '75 Endowed Fund in Support of Student Scholarship and the Janet L. Brown Endowment in Support of the Libraries.

Robert Peck '75, of Tallahassee, Fla., April 10, at the age of 65. He is survived by a daughter, a sister, two brothers, three grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

Victoria Carter '76, of Bronxville, N.Y., April 22, at the age of 64. She was predeceased by her parents and is survived by her sister, her brother, and multiple nieces and nephews. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

1980s

Charles Cottrell '81, of Little Compton, R.I., April 29, at the age of 60. He was predeceased by his parents and younger brother. He is survived by his wife, two stepchildren, brother, stepmother, and two stepsisters. He was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

Adam Wolf '83, of Fairfield, Conn., April 2, at the age of 57. He is survived by two daughters, his wife, his parents, and a brother.

Ralph Hirsch III '87, of Fort Wayne, Ind., March 8, at the age of 53. He was predeceased by his father, **R. Stewart Hirsch II '62**. He is survived by his mother, former OWU employee Gretchen Hirsch; four children; and a sister. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

2000s

Adam Newkirk '01, of Lewis Center, Ohio, Feb. 5, at the age of 39. He is survived by wife **Julie Smith Newkirk '00**, three children, his parents, and a sister. He was a member of Chi Phi fraternity.

Martin Glockner '09, of Brentwood, Tenn., Feb. 8, at the age of 33. He is survived by his father, mother **Molly Apel Glockner '80**, a sister, his wife, and grandfather **William Apel '56**. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Faculty and staff

Lawrence Decker, of Delaware, Ohio, Feb. 16, at the age of 78. He worked at OWU for 52 years maintaining telescopes, building demo equipment, and assisting in instructing classes in the astronomy department.

Lulu Gale, of Delaware, Ohio, March 13, at the age of 72. She worked in food service at OWU.

Willis Olson, of Wooster, Ohio, April 18, at the age of 97. Willis held the John R. Wright Professor of Music Endowed Chair and was the recipient of the 1982 University Herbert W. Welch Meritorious Teaching Award. He received the Ohio Wesleyan Adam Poe Award upon his retirement in 1984.

C. Clinton Rila, of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, Oct. 2, 2018 at the age of 90. He taught chemistry at OWU. He is survived by his wife Shirley as well as a son and daughter and their families, and other extended family. *Incorrect information appeared in our Spring issue; we regret the error.*

Hilda Wick, of Delaware, Ohio, April 29, at the age of 95.

Friend

Robert Hibbard, of Aiken, S.C., former OWU trustee, March 18, at the age of 92.

Sympathy to

M. Jane Conklin Setterlin '59 for the loss of her husband, Ralph Setterlin, on April 1.

Robert Richards '77 for the loss of his wife, Lynn Dietzman Richards, on Jan. 20.

Erika Stork Flood '78 for the loss of her mother, Hilda Stork, on March 23.

Elizabeth Dey Gerlach '79 for the loss of her husband, Alan Gerlach, on Feb. 20.

Robert Seiwert '99, Nancy Seiwert Williams '72, Thomas Williams '72, Carrie Williams Schlegel '05 and **John Schlegel '05** for the death of father, brother, brother-in-law, and uncle Robert Seiwert II on March 27.

Britton Lombardi '07 for the loss of her father, Richard Lombardi, on April 3.

Catherine Peranzi '13, John Peranzi '15, Nick Peranzi '12 and Nick's wife **Rachel King Peranzi '12** for the loss of Nick's father, Louis Peranzi, on Feb. 27.

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Seeing new worlds with first-gen students

By Paul Dean, Associate Professor
of Sociology and Social Justice

When I set about to study the American Dream and social mobility with some of my first-generation students, I had no idea it would turn into one of the most meaningful experiences of my professional life.

The heart of the American Dream is the idea that with hard work and a little smarts anyone can achieve their dreams. It is the promise of opportunity — that your class, your race, and your upbringing will not hold you back. Coming from working-class families and being the first in our families to attend college (commonly called first-gens), my students and I knew that it is not simply about hard work. In the United States, there are many hurdles that make it difficult to climb the class ladder.

I'm a sociologist by training, and the primary way that sociologists evaluate such a promise is through researching intergenerational mobility. Researchers consider how a parent's place in the class hierarchy might be related to their children's ultimate position in the class hierarchy. In other words, how much does where you start affect where you end up in society?

It turns out that many countries in Europe, especially the Scandinavian countries like Denmark, facilitate mobility much better than the United States. Some mobility researchers say, "If you want the American Dream, then go to Europe."

My students and I wanted to learn more about what Denmark and the Scandinavian countries do differently and what it might tell us about mobility here. So three students, Associate Dean for Student

Engagement Brad Pulcini, and I — all the first in our family to attend graduate from college — applied for and were awarded a theory-to-practice grant (TPG) through The OWU Connection to study mobility in Denmark.

At the University of Copenhagen, we compared mobility statistics and learned about their flexible labor market and generous social programs that take care of the unemployed. Medical staff who implement and research their universal health care system showed us its impact across society. Denmark isn't a perfect society, but it was striking for us to see how Danes have built generously funded (through taxes) institutions to support each other *and* a competitive economy.

Our students also sat down to dinner — and a three-hour conversation — with students in Denmark's first-ever first-gen student organization. The experience was a little surreal.

Most of our group had never had the opportunity to travel outside of the country before, and now they were dining with a group we had never met from a country we were just getting to know, yet quickly they felt such unity and warmth, sharing very personal stories with each other. The students all talked about feeling out of place in college, expressing doubts of themselves and wondering if it was just them or a result of their circumstances, finding commonalities across vast social and



The first-gen project team shows their OWU spirit at the University of Copenhagen, from left, Paul Dean, **Mallorie Watts '21**, **Claudia Kelly '20**, **Scott Hughes '21**, and Brad Pulcini.

cultural differences. As an educator, I could not have dreamed of having such a powerful experience on the trip.

What made this among the most meaningful experiences of my professional life was that in the context of this educational opportunity to which we all personally related, our group experienced a deep sense of connectedness with one another. Having all come from difficult economic and social backgrounds, we were freed of the judgments that are often placed on poor and working people. We shared things with each other that we had never shared with others before.

We all greatly appreciated every moment. The common identity and experiences and the tremendous personal growth in the context of academic learning all complemented each other to make for a truly wonderful and fulfilling experience.

Claudia Kelly, one of our students on the trip, told me: "Getting to college is a challenge in itself for students whose parents don't have that experience. It can feel isolating to struggle to understand the system, and often we don't get involved in campus life as much. This TPG showed us what is possible for students like us." ■



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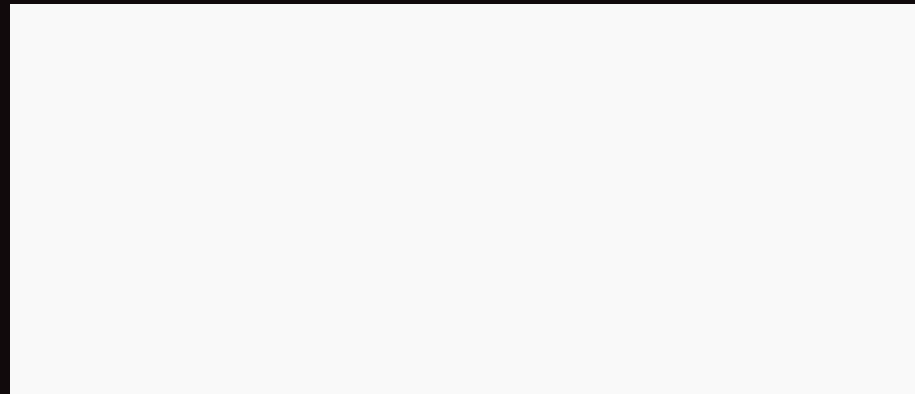
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