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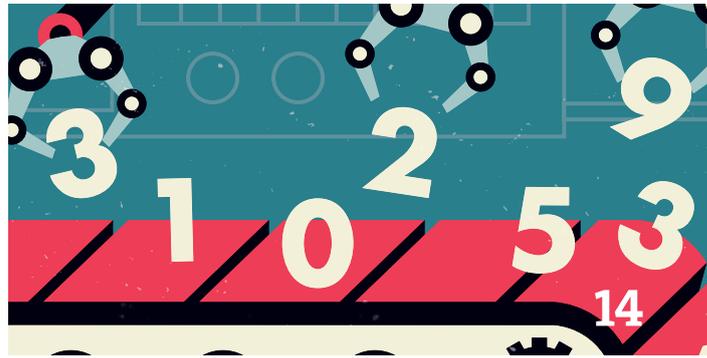
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Students look for prize balloons dropped from the third floor in Hamilton-Williams Campus Center on March 7 as part of a Charter Day celebration, marking 175 years since the Ohio Wesleyan charter was issued by the state of Ohio in 1842. A 175th birthday celebration will be held Oct. 19-21 during Homecoming and Family Weekend for the campus community, alumni, and friends. owu.edu/175celebration

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IN TIMES OF CHANGE, ETERNAL VALUES ENDURE

OWU looks to the future while remaining true to its roots

In his most recent book, *Thank You for Being Late*, Thomas Friedman notes that we humans are essentially adaptable beings who until recently managed change rather well. Now, he suggests, the pace of change can be often greater than our ability to adapt, leaving us too often bewildered, anxious, and afraid.

Our healthiest response to this unprecedented pace of change is finding a way to balance an appreciation for that

We explored ways in which the use of big data enhances the quality of human life, and we were reminded of the ways in which, if left untethered, big data robs us of our privacy and manipulates our behavior.

When the Ohio Wesleyan faculty began exploring new majors that connect a traditional liberal arts education with pre-professional preparation, data analytics quickly rose to the top of the

list. But in the liberal arts context, a data analytics major comes with a twist. The Ohio Wesleyan major in data analytics, as designed, "both provides students with the skills necessary to work with big data and the ability to assess the impact of that work." Each student is required to complete a course on the Social, Ethical and Cultural Impact of Big Data. The structure of the data analytics major reflects Ohio Wesleyan's founding commitment to liberal education and to an

"education designed for the benefit of citizens in general" (see story, Page 14).

For 175 years, Ohio Wesleyan students have actively engaged with the community, developing habits of service they carry with them throughout their lives. In the late 19th and early 20th centuries through its Methodist connection, Ohio Wesleyan sent more alumni to establish schools and hospitals in the developing world than any other Methodist-related institution. More recently, our students have engaged in service learning integrated with courses in the curriculum, through spring break interfaith service trips, and in dozens of schools and organizations in central Ohio and far beyond. I am constantly inspired

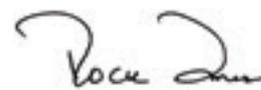
by the impact of our alumni through volunteer service in ways small and large, in the communities where they live, and in the far corners of the world.

In this issue of the magazine, you have the opportunity to read about our new data analytics major and the ways in which data informs our work on campus today. And you have the opportunity to read about the culture of service bred at OWU (see story, Page 20). In this issue we encounter a major that might have seemed inconceivable not so long ago,

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and we are reminded of the values of social impact and ethical leadership that trace to our founding and now inform this new major.

When the pace of change seems to outstrip our ability to adapt, it is good to pause to reflect on that which endures. In the pause, when our sight is good and our head is clear, we can identify and/or insert those enduring values in that which is new. In the process, we continue our aim to educate moral leaders for a global society. That, indeed, might be the ultimate outcome of a liberal arts education. ■



Rock Jones
President, Ohio Wesleyan University
Twitter: @owu_rockjones



President Rock Jones (left) mans the midnight breakfast station in Smith Hall in January. Photo: Hannah Wargo '19

which is new with a fidelity to that which endures the test of time. This is the noble aim of liberal education; here we stand at the nexus between eternal values, and knowledge and structures never before imagined.

Last fall the Sagan National Colloquium engaged the campus in consideration of big data in our lives. We learned about the role of big data in retail, where the record of past behavior predicts our next purchases before we are consciously aware of our own interest. We learned about ways in which certain patterns of human activity tracked at the meta level discern outbreaks of disease before physicians or the Centers for Disease Control are aware.

Wager in white

During my freshman year at Ohio Wesleyan, I lived in East Selby, in the now-closed dorm under the stands of the football stadium. There were 30 or 40 freshmen living in East Selby, and we had access to the field through a laundry room on the first floor of the stadium.

One snowy evening in December 1963, two of my dormmates made a bet, and the two of them, accompanied by a group of spectators that included me, went out onto the field to settle the matter. One of them had taken on the challenge of running 10 lengths of the football field in snow that was probably a half-inch deep, while wearing only sneakers, shorts and a T-shirt. According to the bet, if he ran the entire 10 lengths, the other guy would have to hand in 10 chapel cards for him the next term (at that time, chapel attendance was taken via the handing in of computer cards at the door). I've forgotten the details of the bet in the other direction, although it also involved chapel cards, but it's a moot point because the runner did the full 10 lengths and won the bet.

— **Roger Allaway '67**
Warminster, Pa.

Alumnus cherishes larger lessons

I recently got a call from a classmate about our 55th reunion in 2018. It got me thinking. I haven't been the most involved alumnus, but I wanted to say how much I appreciate the way the magazine keeps me aware of the University and how well I think the magazine staff portrays the life and liveliness of the school. I was impressed with the campus and its vitality when I visited for my 50th reunion in 2013 and continue to feel the same. I treasure my liberal arts education. It made it possible for me to be a physician but, more importantly, it made me culturally aware and taught me that giving is as important as receiving. I think that OWU is truly teaching students how to be citizens. I applaud the Board of Trustees, President Jones, faculty and staff for continuing and enhancing an experience that truly lasts for a lifetime.

— **Robert Prentice '63**
Cheyenne, Wyo

A SLU of memories

I thoroughly enjoy reading each issue of your magazine.

Your article on Dittrick House, the new "Small Living Unit," mentioned that SLUs have a history of nearly 50 years. In fact, I resided in the French House in 1964-65 and the Honors House in 1965-66, making the tradition more than 50 years old.

— **Suzanne DeVoe Pettit '66**
Endwell, N.Y.

Remembering a classmate

Many of you know that **Dick Shaffer '56** (who died in 2012) had a distinguished career as an admiral in the U.S. Navy medical and dental service. In retirement, he was active in his church and made regular visits to the Navy Medical Facility in Bethesda, Md. One Saturday morning, I joined him. The sailors and Marines we visited were recovering from illness or severe battle wounds suffered in Afghanistan and Iraq. During the following hour I was mesmerized by the effect Dick had on these men as he moved from bed to bed offering encouragement, and pinning Purple Heart medals to the surgical gowns of two wounded Marines. The atmosphere was electric, in part due to the fact that Dick was in uniform, wearing the heavily braided, wide gold stripes of his rank. I am sure that these young enlisted men were pleasantly shocked by a visit by an admiral on the weekend.

As Dick and I left the hospital, we talked about my time in the Marine Corps as a sergeant in a communications unit, prior to my attending Ohio Wesleyan. He smiled and with a wink said that probably he outranked me. I said that was certainly true as there were about a dozen pay grades between us. I walked him to his car, and as he was about to drive away he rolled down his window and said: "You know this rank and status stuff doesn't amount to a hill of Navy beans especially at our stage of life, and I thank the Lord that what matters is our precious friendship." Thank you Dick and thank you Ohio Wesleyan.

— **Carl Harris '56**
Arlington, Va.

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OWU groups travel to DC for historic weekend

On a busy and historic weekend in our nation's capital, Ohio Wesleyan was well represented at both ends of the political spectrum. Twenty students attended the inauguration of President Donald Trump on Jan. 20 in Washington, D.C., along with two staff members. The next day, about 150 OWU students, faculty, and staff attended the Women's March on Washington. At least four OWU students attended both events. Here are a few of their reflections about their experiences.

Inauguration

As we arrived in Washington, D.C. early Friday morning, we were anxious to see what the rest of the day had in store. When we entered the viewing area on the National Mall, our group of students and faculty was pleasantly surprised at the sighting of Fox News and reporter Pete Hegseth. As the news went live, some of the group (including me) crowded behind Hegseth to get on live TV. A neat experience. Then a popular figure, "The Naked Cowboy" dropped by and was an immediate crowd favorite.

As the ceremony began, thousands of people gathered around the large monitors within the boundaries of the watch area. The majority of the crowd were supporters of Trump; loud ovations occurred when Trump was shown on the monitors. I was amazed by the great number of people who came to witness the peaceful transfer of power (amid all of the controversy of the election). President Trump delivered a powerful speech that pleased the crowd. I was impressed with what he said. However, as we left, I saw several protests. The protesting grew and grew; eventually it led to a large group of people taking up a whole block. I figured I would witness some protesting, but there was much more than I expected.

My overall experience was one that I will never forget. I got to connect with students and faculty that I had not met before. Everyone I talked to was polite and helpful with any questions I had. Going as a group from OWU made the experience even better. I won't forget the memories created or the people I met on the trip!

Nick Braydich '20

Major: accounting

Hometown: Struthers, Ohio



OWU adds men's wrestling, women's rowing and marching band

Ohio Wesleyan University will reinstate men's wrestling and add women's rowing as varsity sports for the 2018-19 academic year, following approval by the Board of Trustees in February. "These sports will provide great opportunities for our student-athletes," says Roger Ingles, director of athletics.

"Through the addition of these two new programs, the growth of the Ohio Wesleyan Athletics Department will play

an integral part in the University's strategic growth."

Plans call for head coaches for each sport to be hired during the summer. The teams will compete as club sports in 2017-18, and varsity competition will begin in 2018-19.

The additions increase Ohio Wesleyan's complement of varsity sports to 25, with 13 for women and 12 for men. They are the first varsity sports to be added at Ohio

Wesleyan since 2010, when women's golf was added.

Wrestling was a varsity sport at Ohio Wesleyan from 1954 to 1984 under the direction of **Ray Leech '49**, until Leech retired and OWU left the Ohio Athletic Conference to join the North Coast Athletic Conference.

OWU also will be recruiting students next year to field a marching band beginning in fall 2018. ■

Women's March memories

Attending the Women's March on Washington was very significant for me. It has forced me to confront and reflect about feminism in this country. I realized that I still have more growing and learning to do as a feminist. I am excited to take my experience back to communities that I am involved in on campus, including the Sexuality And Gender Equality house. This experience is applicable to my life after graduation because I want to work for a nonprofit dealing with women's and/or queer issues.

Julianne Zala '18

Hometown: Chagrin Falls, Ohio

Majors: English and comparative literature

I've always been fighting. Ever since I was ignored when I volunteered to help teachers because I wasn't a boy. But saying I've been trying isn't enough. I marched because I was done with only doing little things to combat the issues women face. I marched, for when we ignore problematic speech because we don't want to push buttons or actually deal with issues, we end up being complicit in the very ideas we abhor. I marched. And for me, it was the catalyst to stop hiding behind forced kindness and stand up for what I believe in.

Alyssa Clark '18

Hometown: Martinsburg, Pa.

Major: English

Going to the Women's March on Washington was an affirmation, seeing so many people united and fighting for a common cause. It was amazing to see the pride and determination in people's faces as they chanted, and it made me appreciate being a feminist even more. As a creative writing and theatre major and a women's and gender studies minor, I like inspecting different narratives and how they're created, and this march was certainly one that will go down in history. I look forward to doing some activism work, through whatever avenue I can, and the march affirmed that's what I want.

Adriana Rodriguez '17

Hometown: San Juan, Puerto Rico

Majors: theatre



More than 100 OWU students traveled to DC including (back row, from left):

HannahJo Grimes '20, Carrie Kubicki '20, Caroline Shaffer '19, Aimen Nawaz Shah '20, Jannat Mazari '18, Jermaine Johnson '20, and Cemaliye Semmedi '17;

(front row, from left) **Trent Williams '17, Piff Stephens '18, and Marie Overing '20.**

New student housing includes Panhellenic House

Construction began in January on two new student housing options, with plans for a third option to be created from existing housing.

The newest Small Living Unit duplex, or "SLUplex," is under construction on Rowland Avenue, thanks to a gift from President's Circle members James and Janet Dicke. Their Ohio Wesleyan legacy continues to grow with their \$1.5 million contribution to fully fund construction of the Jim and Eilleen Dicke House, named in

memory of James Dicke's parents.

In addition, work on a new Honors House, with room for 27 students and programming options, is underway on Oak Hill. This new living-learning community is made possible by a \$2 million gift from an anonymous donor.

Both buildings will open in August, with the Tree House and the House of Spiritual Athletes occupying the newest SLU building. In addition, a new Panhellenic House will be created at 30 Williams Dr.,

a new themed residence for up to 22 sorority members.

Bashford, Thomson, and Welch halls, along with Smith West, will be used to create powerful living and learning environments for incoming first-year students, helping them to connect with each other and their OWU experience from day one. Bashford and Thomson also will undergo renovations this summer, with new lounge furniture, flooring, and paint. ■

One World United | OWU launches Global Studies Institute

History professor Jeremy Baskes believes the letters OWU could stand for more than Ohio Wesleyan University these days. As director of the University's new Global Studies Institute, Baskes proposes: "One World United."

"OWU is rich in faculty resources with global focus," says Baskes, who joined the University in 1993. "The institute helps unify these expertises. The result will be an even more interdisciplinary and global curriculum than that which already exists here."

The OWU Global Studies Institute was created in August with a four-year, \$135,000 Innovation Fund grant awarded to Ohio Wesleyan by the Global Crossroads Initiative of the Great Lakes Colleges Association.

Beginning in Fall 2017, the institute will launch a competitive Global Scholars Program to support students pursuing internationally-focused studies. Baskes says he hopes to welcome 15 to 20

incoming students into the inaugural class of Global Scholars. In their first year, these students will enroll in a full-credit Global Studies Freshman Seminar. The topic of the team-taught seminar will vary each year, with the 2017-18 course set to focus on "Borders: Gender, Race, and the Politics of Citizenship." This fall's seminar will be taught by Shari Stone-Mediatore, professor of philosophy, and Richelle Schrock, associate professor of women's and gender studies.

Ohio Wesleyan's Global Scholars also will be required to take four semesters of foreign language – a full year more than required of other students. "As Global Scholars," Baskes says, "they can never be too competent in a language."

In either their junior or senior year, all OWU Global Scholars will receive a \$4,000 grant to support an international research or study project. The scholars also may use the funds during their requisite semester study abroad.

As seniors, the scholars will be required to complete a capstone project, either a

thesis or similar assignment in their major. If they meet all of the institute's requirements, their Global Scholar status will be designated on their transcripts.

In addition to Baskes, the OWU Global Studies Institute is being overseen by two assistant directors: Nathan Amador, assistant professor of geology and geography, and Mary Anne Lewis, assistant professor of modern foreign languages.

Baskes says now is the perfect time for Ohio Wesleyan to create a Global Studies Institute and launch a Global Scholars Program. "Americans historically live sheltered from the rest of the world," he says, "a condition that is increasingly at odds with our globalized planet. This program takes students who have demonstrated interest in other cultures and brings them together on our campus under the umbrella of the Global Scholars Program."

Learn more about the OWU Global Studies Institute at www.owu.edu/globalstudies. ■



Photo: Reilly Wright '20

Jack Riter '18 starred as Seymour in OWU Opera Theatre's production of *Little Shop of Horrors* in March in Jemison Auditorium in Sanborn Hall.



Jill Becker, lecturer in dance at OWU, and an Oberlin student demonstrate technique during the Ohio Five Dance Workshop held at OWU in February.

A STAR is born: Rosie Bell wins first-ever staff award

Rosemary “Rosie” Bell has been a star on the Ohio Wesleyan campus for 25 years, and in January her dedication was recognized with the first ever Special Thanks and Recognition (STAR) Award from the University Staff Council.

The new award honors a non-faculty employee who goes above and beyond his or her job description, offering encouragement, a positive attitude, and an efficient work ethic to the campus community. Nominees are judged by both the Staff Council and President Rock Jones.

Bell worked in the Accounting Office for most of her time at OWU, but switched to the Purchasing Department a year ago. “My favorite part of my job is the people. I’m very social,” she says.

She was nominated for the award by Sandie Maynard, whom Bell helped interview in 2006 for a position in the Office of International and Off-Campus Programs. On Maynard’s first day on the job, her tour stopped by Bell’s turf in the Accounting

Office. Maynard recalls that Rosie jumped out of her chair with her arms in the air and shrieked: “You got the job! Yay!”

So began their friendship, and Maynard’s admiration of Bell’s dedication to her job, especially how she works diligently to run purchasing reports.

Not only does Bell perform her job meticulously, but she also tries to teach as much as she can, ensuring that her student workers learn filing, how to pay bills online, how to use the computer systems, and how to write journal entries of purchases.

Bell says she also tries to teach her students important workplace values. “Use your common sense. Take your time in deciding when a problem comes up and don’t panic. And don’t be afraid to ask for help!

“I still think after all this time that the caliber of student here is outstanding,” she adds. “The students we work with are so caring. They go above and beyond to learn.” ■



Sandie Maynard (left) nominated Rosie Bell (right) for the STAR Award Bell received at the employee service awards luncheon in January.

New York Arts Program

Ohio Wesleyan isn’t alone in marking a significant milestone in 2017. As the University celebrates its 175th birthday, the OWU-managed New York Arts Program (NYAP) is recognizing its 50th year of providing students with innovative, inspiring, and immersive arts education experiences.

And thanks to new student housing options, the Big Apple-based program is celebrating in style. Beginning in September, students in the program will live in educational housing services rooms inside the New Yorker Hotel, located on Eighth Avenue in midtown Manhattan.

Linda A. Earle, NYAP executive director, said the new housing will maintain the strong sense of community provided by the program’s current West 29th Street building but provide added amenities and value. “Living in the New Yorker will give students larger rooms with private, full bathrooms as well as amenities including elevator access, a private gym, practice

Midtown Manhattan housing adds amenities for students

and study rooms, recreation space, and 24-hour monitored security,” Earle says.

To mark the program’s 50th anniversary, Earle says the staff is planning a celebration and inviting NYAP alumni to share memories, anecdotes, and photos, as well as information about what they’re doing now. (A short questionnaire is available at nyartsprogram.org in the “Creative Community” section.)

A new website also is in the works that will feature regular updates on alumni along with information about trends and opportunities in the arts and creative industries. The site also will feature video interviews with recent students, including **Reginald Hemphill ’17**, **Alexis Immerman ’17**, and **Shareeque Sadiq ’17**.

Since 1967, the semester-long New York Arts Program has helped more than 3,000 students prepare for careers in theater and dance, music and media, visual arts, and writing and publishing. Learn more at nyartsprogram.org. ■



LATHAM ENDOWMENT TO FOSTER ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The multimillion dollar idea **Carol Hilkirk Latham '61** developed about polymers in the late 1980s combined plastics and ceramics in a unique process, drawing from the fields of chemistry and engineering. But she knew the idea was just a start. Going on to create the company Thermagon, based on her innovation that found a way to keep electronics like laptops from overheating, was the real challenge.

“Getting an idea into the marketplace, that’s where my passion lies. You have to look across borders; it has to be multidisciplinary,” Latham says.

After quitting her job at British Petroleum, with her children off to college, Latham leased out her house, moved into an apartment and lived on the difference, betting on herself and her idea. An initial order from IBM set her and the company on their way, and with a later order from Intel, she knew she’d found success.

Now, Latham is looking to encourage that same sort of practical innovation with the creation of the Entrepreneurial Scholars Program. Her seven-figure gift to the University is being used in concert with a wide range of faculty members across disciplines and will be housed in the Woltemade Center for Economics, Business and Entrepreneurship. The program will have three components, with the signature piece being the Latham Entrepreneurship Fellows.

“Ideas are just out there,” Latham says. “To carry that forward and to figure out how to actually get it to market and have it work, be viable in the marketplace, that’s what I’m trying to get across to students at Ohio Wesleyan. That’s the hard part. Ideas are a dime a dozen.”

The Latham Entrepreneurship Fellows program, modeled after OWU’s successful Economics Management Fellows program, will give internship stipends to 10 to 15 sophomore, junior, or senior students from a wide variety of disciplines, allowing them to investigate real-world applications of ideas.

Encouraging entrepreneurship is already an area of pride for OWU: *Forbes* magazine ranked the University No. 17 among “America’s Most Entrepreneurial Colleges 2015,” a list of schools graduating high numbers of business founders and owners, and



Carol Hilkirk Latham '61

“I like to solve real problems, for real life.”

No. 1 in the state of Ohio. (For more examples of alumni entrepreneurs, see “Data Driven” on Page 14.)

Entrepreneurs such as Latham gained a greater understanding of the world and learned how to draw on multiple disciplines while at OWU. They come from all majors and all geographic areas and are linked by a common drive to succeed and an appetite for measured risk, creativity, and a desire to solve problems. As Latham puts it: “I like to solve real problems, for real life.”

One critical component of this is encouraging collaboration. During her career in the corporate world, Latham often saw that one department didn’t know what the other was doing. “To get rid of these silos and to get people to interact is very difficult. Whereas at Ohio Wesleyan, it’s so much easier. To bring all the ideas together and to give all the departments the chance to think entrepreneurially is exciting,” she says.

Daniel Charna, assistant professor of economics, joined the faculty in 2013 after more than 30 years of business experience, including as a founding partner of a consumer products company, and so he understands well the value of real-world experience. “This is the essence of OWU,” Charna says, “creating experiential learning opportunities for students so they can follow their dreams.”

Latham’s gift could also help create a lecture or panel series on entrepreneurship, bringing successful entrepreneurs to campus to share their stories with students. Field trips to “makers’ places” such as the Columbus Idea Foundry, a community workshop, will be encouraged.

Since selling Thermagon in 2004, Latham has continued to work with start-ups. “I usually have somebody I’m working with to get an idea out into the marketplace,” she says.

Latham’s gift to OWU will ensure that students benefit from that same guidance and encouragement, with real-world experience. “The idea is that this program will help attract students and ultimately create a better University, something that differentiates us,” she says. ■

—Molly Vogel



HIGHER-ED LEADER FRED CARLISLE '56 TREASURES 'OWU CONNECTION'

Fred Carlisle '56 has spent much of his professional career thinking about the best way to prepare students for the world. As that world has changed, he has worked at several universities as a professor and administrator — including one in the Middle East. Through his experiences, Carlisle has grown more committed to the importance of educating moral leaders for a global society.

When he looked at how he might say thank you to the university that helped set him on his life's path and connected him to his passions, he was drawn to The OWU Connection and its emphasis on this ideal. He created the Carlisle Family Endowment for The OWU Connection through outright gifts of \$200,000 and with a \$50,000 estate commitment.

Carlisle hopes his support of The OWU Connection will enable more students to better translate their academic research from the classroom into practical workplace experience through a global lens.

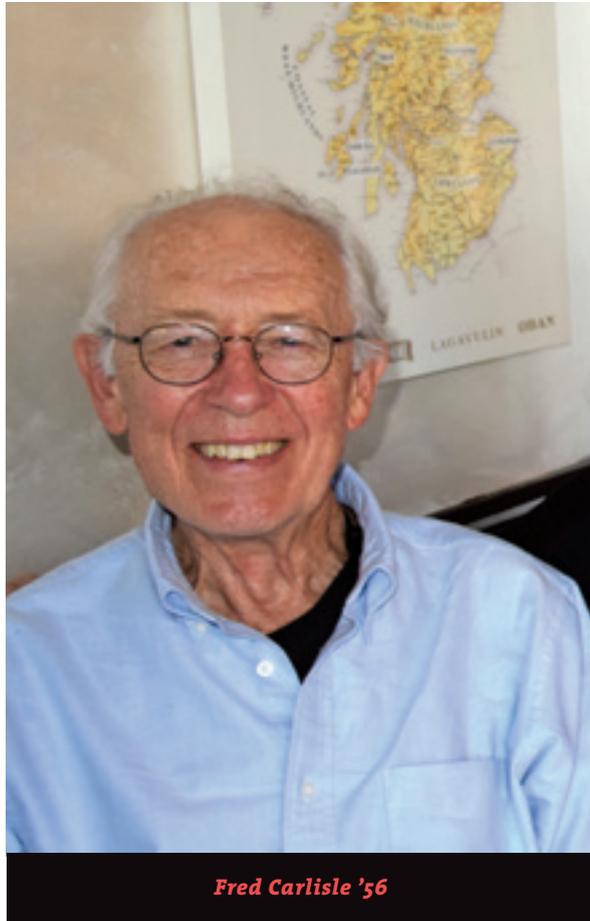
"The OWU Connection is a way of engaging both the intellectual and the expectations of the everyday world" he says.

A global citizen, Carlisle says, should be someone who understands the complexities of global politics and cultures, and someone who wants to make the world a better place. "A global citizen has to understand something about the rest of the world and different expectations of other countries," he says.

"They don't think everything is for me and America first, or America only."

Carlisle's thoughts on place have also informed his writing. In his 2006 biography of his father, *Searching for Ervin: A Boy From Columbus, A Man of Delaware*, Carlisle looked into the life and times of **Ervin Carlisle '31**, who married **Winifred Lucas Pope '31**.

Thoughts of the Carlisle OWU legacy also guide Fred's giving.

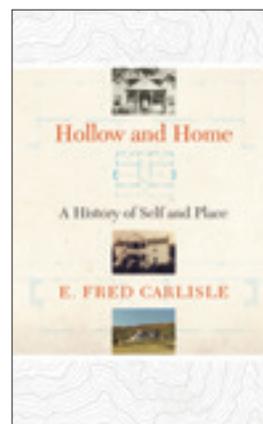


Fred Carlisle '56

"OWU did more than just change my life."



Albert Paley's Sculpture #88-1 (1988) of forged and fabricated steel



Carlisle's latest book will be published by West Virginia University Press in August.

"It seemed like one way to acknowledge the importance of the University in my life and a way of identifying with my parents, who were both OWU grads. My family now has a (permanent) place there," he says.

While at OWU, he was a member of the honorary societies Omicron Delta Kappa and Phi Beta Kappa. He was also a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, just like his father.

After graduating with a degree in English, Carlisle has spent a career in higher education. He earned his master of arts degree from Ohio State University and his doctorate from Indiana University before joining the English faculty at Michigan State University, where he was chair of the department, and serving as provost and vice president of academic affairs at Miami (Ohio) University, with stops at Ohio University, DePauw University, and Zayed University in the United Arab Emirates. He served as senior vice president and provost at Virginia Tech until 1995, and is now provost emeritus.

"OWU did more than just change my life," Carlisle says. "It gave me a life in the academic world. I have a real debt to the University and the faculty."

Carlisle has chosen to repay this "debt" not just through the creation of the Carlisle Endowment, but also with gifts of art — valued at \$50,000 — to the Ross Art Museum. His donation of a sculpture by Albert Paley, a major American artist, greets visitors to the museum in the lobby. He also has donated nine pieces of Zimbabwean stone art by internationally renowned African artists.

Currently, Carlisle is back to thinking about his place in the world. He's in the process of finishing the book *Hollow and Home: A History of Self and Place*, which will be published in August. ■

—A.L. Davies '19

It's all in the game for economics prof

JULIDE YAZAR | *Welch Meritorious Teaching Award winner*



Yazar, who came to Ohio Wesleyan in 1999, is the 2016 recipient of the Herbert Welch Meritorious Teaching Award.

Photo: Paul Vernon

Julide Yazar can help improve your poker game, your business acumen, and maybe even interactions with your spouse.

Game theory is the focus of one of the three classes Yazar, the Charles L. and Elizabeth Quay Merwin Associate Professor of Economics, is teaching this year. It examines how the actions of others affect our decision-making.

Yazar describing game theory begins with a pencil sketch on paper, as she succinctly explains the business decisions of two ice cream vendors on a beach. They set up on opposite ends, each cornering his own market. Then one vendor inches closer to the other's territory, to secure his market and edge into the competition's. The competition adjusts. The rival adjusts. They inch closer and closer together, until, at last, they have reached a point in the middle, next to each other, that is profitable for both.

Game theory recognizes that our choices depend not only on our own decisions, but also on decisions made by the people we interact with, and it analyzes how we make choices in these settings. "I strategize and counter-strategize in a game every week with my husband, each of us deciding how much to contribute to housecleaning and other chores," Yazar says, only sort of kidding.

Yazar, who came to Ohio Wesleyan in 1999, is the 2016

recipient of the Herbert Welch Meritorious Teaching Award.

The winner is chosen by the Faculty Personnel Committee and receives a stipend. The award is presented at commencement to a faculty member who has made significant contributions to the academic climate at Ohio Wesleyan University.

For those not fortunate enough to take a class from Yazar, just a few minutes with her makes clear why she is such a favorite. She dances around between subjects in a lively manner, careful not to lose the listener, as she literally illustrates a concept. She is

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precise, as one might expect from an economist, but also warm and funny, as one might expect from an OWU professor.

Among OWU's international students and faculty, she has a particularly unique background, coming from Turkey by way of Imperial College London. She is also a ballet dancer. So perhaps it is no coincidence that she describes teaching a class as a "performance." She studied at a conservatory in Turkey and taught ballet for years after coming to the States, fitting classes around her studies and teaching. The precise positioning of the classic style of dance, with its rigid rules, appealed to the same part of her that economic theory does.

"We are faced with strategic interactions every day of our lives. For me to figure out what I'm going to do, I have to guess what you're going to do," Yazar explains, although one gets the impression that somehow this keen observer has the edge.

For a game theorist like Yazar, examples of games are everywhere, from the business that opens next to a rival, to bidding on eBay, to the selection of plays in a football game. Game theorists abstract away common elements from everyday problems and study the resulting stylized games using mathematical tools, providing insights into settings where humans engage strategically, with applications to biology, business, and, of course, economics.

Yazar presented a talk on game theory in politics before the election last fall. Just as the ice cream vendors maintain a geographic advantage by moving toward consumer density in the center, "It's the same exact effect which also encourages political candidates in general elections to move to the center of the political spectrum with populist agenda, rather than appealing to their base," Yazar says. But, she acknowledges with a knowing look, that talk might have to be retired for a while. ■

— Molly Vogel



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STILL STRIKING THE RIGHT CHORD

The equipment may have changed, but the notes remain the same. The 1983 class met in the Chappellear Electric Piano Laboratory in Presser Hall. Today, Mariko Kaneda (left), assistant professor of music, leads Class Piano I (MUS116) students in instruction on Yamaha Music Laboratory equipment in Sanborn Hall 327. The students (from left, front

row) are: **Ni Dong '20**, **Alex McPherson '20** and **Brandon Solomon '20** and (back row) **Kamryn Stanton '20**. Students learn scales and arpeggios, chord progression, transposition, harmonization, improvisation, and build a repertoire from classics to modern.

Nate Axelrod '18 • Branch Rickey Arena

Nate Axelrod '18 has felt at home on a basketball court since he started playing at age 5. Since coming to Ohio Wesleyan, that home has been Branch Rickey Arena, which is marking its 41st season of play. Nate was named North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) Newcomer of the Year in 2015 as a freshman and hasn't stopped piling up the accolades since. In February, his point guard play helped the men's basketball team

(21-7) secure the conference championship for the third consecutive season. Nate was named NCAC Offensive Player of the Year, first-team All-Great Lakes District team and second-team All-America by the National Association of Basketball Coaches, and was a first team All-NCAC selection for the third season. He's the first OWU men's basketball player to repeat as NCAC Player of the Year since 1987, when **Scott Tedder '88** did.

1 Friends and brothers

Nate is a member of Phi Delta Theta, which he joined as a freshman because several of his fellow basketball players were brothers and he enjoyed the environment.

2 Counting the wins

A talent for math prompted Nate to choose a finance major when he enrolled at OWU. "I've always been good with numbers and wanted to see a real-world application." He was named second-team Academic All-America® this season.

3 Superstitious eater

Nate's home game routine includes his special meal of a footlong sub from Subway with ham, provolone, and spinach on honey oat bread – no mayo or mustard. "I'm high-maintenance."

4 Sweet spot

Nate can find his shot from just about anywhere, but he admits a preference for the top right of the arc. "College basketball is a lot faster-paced than high school basketball, and as a freshman you have to step in there and get adjusted. I think I did a pretty good job."

5 A shoe for every occasion

Nate loves collecting shoes, including his favorite: the Nike Kobe X Elite. On game day, he puts his right sock on first, then the left, and then his left shoe, then the right one. Call it practicing his crossover.

6 Scrappy can-do spirit

Nate makes a statement on the court, but not by towering over his opponents. He's 5' 7".

7 Basketball is a contact sport

He has earned more than accolades this season. Nate earned a scar over his left eye after taking an elbow while chasing a loose ball during a game against Denison.

8 Going for 3

Nate's jersey number is 3. He says a lot of great point guards have worn that number, including Allen Iverson, Stephon Marbury, and Chris Paul. And Nate's an expert at 3-pointers. As a freshman, he set the OWU season record for 3-point shooting percentage, 46.3 percent.

9 Going on offense

Nate's average 17.6 points and 4.7 assists per game were fourth in the NCAC.

10 Don't let it go to your head

Nate played basketball all four years at Dublin (Ohio) Coffman High School, and he kept this memento of a giant cutout of his head from his Senior Night. Which is not weird *at all*.

—A.L. Davies '19





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DATA DRIVEN

How OWU alumni are using data analytics for everything from improving your golf game to selling liquor

By Jeff Bell

Sal Syed '03 has an unusual explanation for the recent improvement in his golf game. He credits his zero handicap not just to hours at the driving range or good clubs. Instead, the athletically gifted former captain of the Ohio Wesleyan tennis and cricket teams says: "It's the power of data."

That answer makes sense coming from the co-founder of Arccos Golf, a company based in Stamford, Conn., that deploys GPS technology and data analytics in products designed to analyze a golfer's game and improve decision-making on the course.

Syed's work developing Arccos, combined with his past startup experience, has provided him with an insider's perspective on how the ability to collect and analyze data can give a business an edge. Syed, who majored in computer science and mathematics at OWU, sees the field as the next frontier in technology.

"We have a saying in our company that data is the new oil," he says. "It will power the next revolution."

Syed is just one of many OWU alumni using data today, in fields as disparate as golf and liquor sales, and every possible number-crunching opportunity in between. Recognizing the seemingly unlimited potential applications, and responding to the

interests of today's incoming students, Ohio Wesleyan will introduce a data analytics major in the fall, offered through the Mathematics and Computer Science Department. The major will be rooted in OWU's liberal arts tradition and combine foundational study in math and computer science with courses in data analytics methods, data visualization, science writing, and the social, ethical, and cultural impacts of data in our lives.

Syed founded Arccos in 2012 with his childhood friend Ammad Faisal, and Clinton Grusd, whom Syed met while pursuing a master of business administration degree at

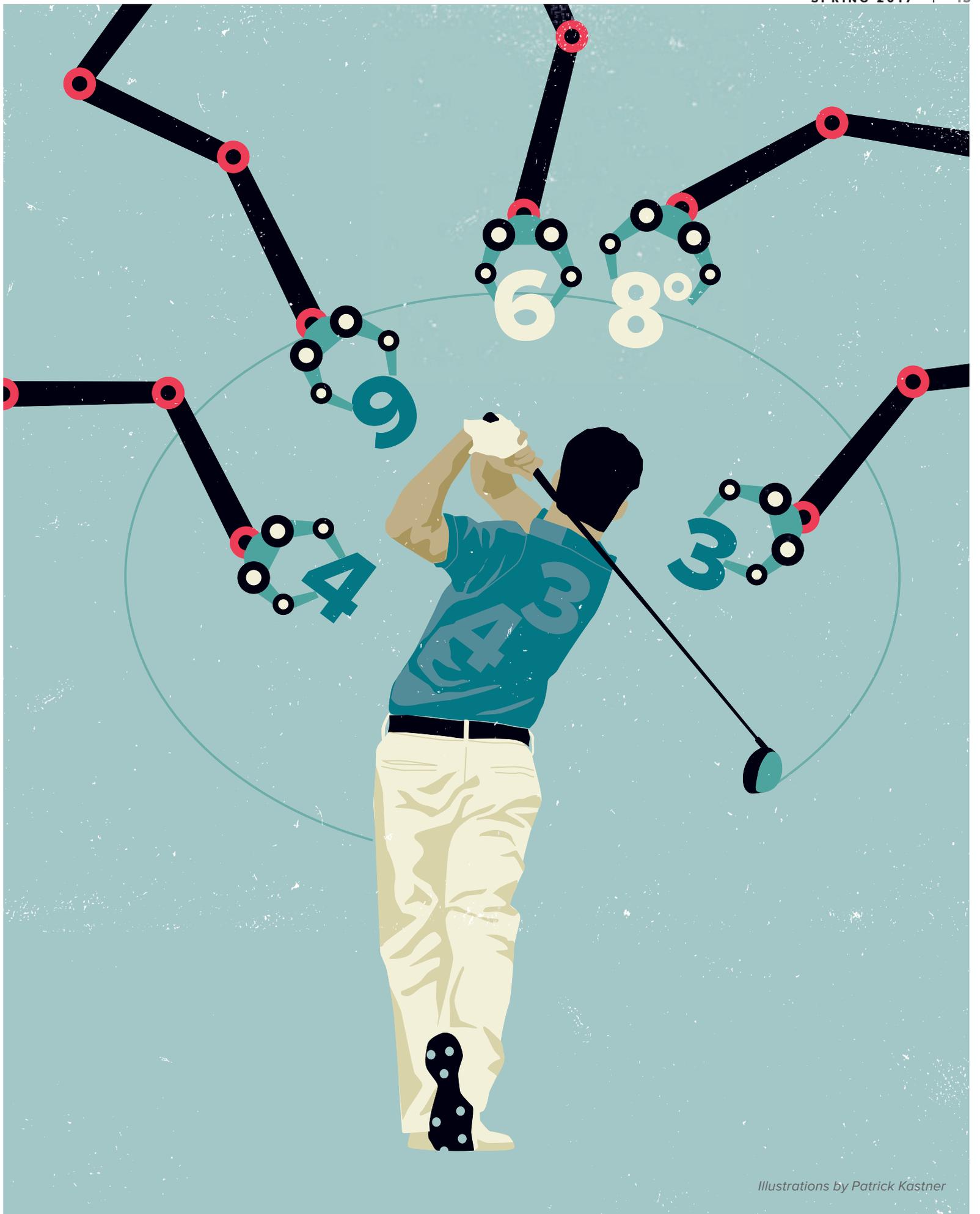
Yale University. Arccos' shot-tracking technology and GPS are designed to provide shot locations and club distances to allow golfers to make better-informed choices that improve approach shot accuracy. The company's performance-tracking system utilizes sensors that attach to a golfer's club and log every stroke. The sensors sync with the player's smartphone, delivering real-time data throughout a round.

Arccos has grown from a startup to a company that now employs 25 people. In January, Arccos announced a partnership with Microsoft Corp. using Microsoft's Azure cloud platform and advanced analytics to leverage a player's personal performance history, weather, elevation, course features,

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—Sal Syed '03







Arccos uses a sensor that attaches to the end of a golf club to track every stroke and send real-time data to an app on a player's phone.

equipment selections, all the shots ever taken by the Arccos community, and more. “The resulting strategic advice will be smarter than anything that’s humanly possible,” says Syed, not overstating the possibilities within data analysis.

Job opportunities abound in data analytics, and a liberal arts education gives candidates and practitioners a leg up in the field. “Having a liberal arts background and a broad perspective helps you see patterns (in data),” says Sean McCulloch, an associate professor of mathematics and computer science who has been instrumental in developing the new major.

“It also helps you find the right questions to ask. Sometimes that can be harder than finding the answers to the questions.”

To McCulloch, an Ohio Wesleyan faculty member since 2001, data analytics is a fancy term for what has been done for a long time with statistical modeling and database management. What’s different now is the amount of data that’s available and the heightened level of interest in analyzing it in fields such as marketing, finance, health care, biomedical research, and the creative arts.



Eugene Ward '74

“Just about every field is finding ways to collect data,” McCulloch says, “but they often don’t know what to do with it.”

Eugene Ward '74 has been working to make sense of data since his days in the publishing business back in the 1990s. After majoring in journalism at OWU, and stints in the newspaper industry, he went on to Maclean Hunter in Waltham, Mass. In the late

“THE GREATEST CHALLENGE IN DATA ANALYTICS IS HOW TO DIG OUT VALUABLE INSIGHTS FROM ALL THE NOISES IN THE DATA.”

—Hersey Liu '09

1990s, the communications company wanted insight on the demographics of subscribers to its commercial construction newsletter, and turned to Ward to provide it.

In addition to converting the newsletter to his first searchable database product, Ward used data analytics and predictive modeling, a process that uses data mining and probability to forecast outcomes, to isolate best prospects for the newsletter.

Ward’s tech engagements have included serving as a principal of Boston-based Cognetics Inc., which provided predictive models built upon proprietary data for use by Fortune 1000 companies, and executive sales positions with the Corporate Research Board and Mobidia, providing data on customers and prospects to major U.S. companies and mobile-communication operators. “It’s all been about working with large files (of data) and large analytic tools to manipulate those files and enhance a strategy to sell more stuff and save money,” he says, adding that a single predictive model can save millions of dollars for a company.

Ward, now retired but still working as a consultant, says data analytics was an exploding field when he started and one that has changed a lot in recent years. “The big challenge now is that there is so much data out there, so how do you make sense

of it?” he asks.

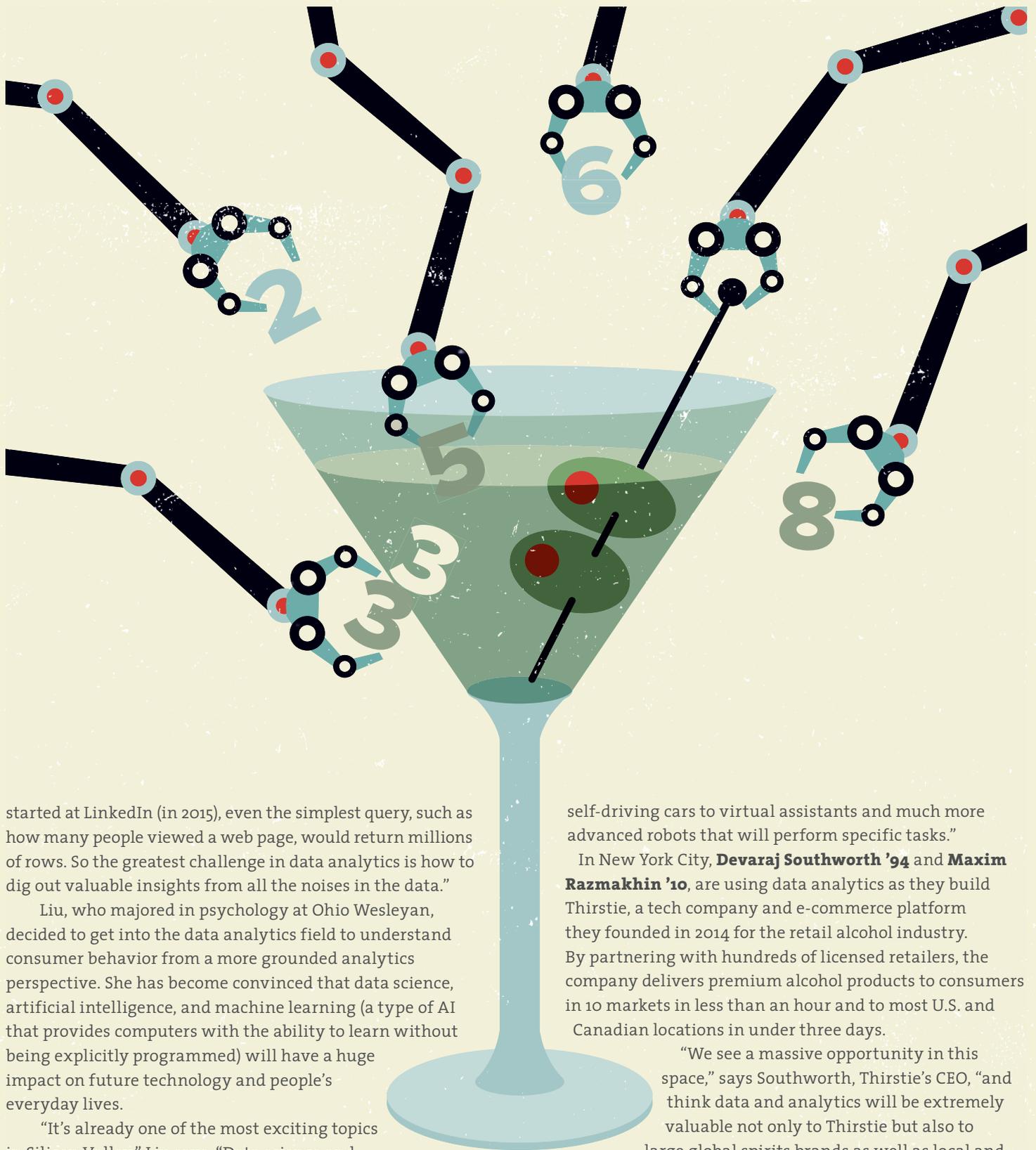
“Crunching power used to be a limiting factor, but that is no longer an issue. It’s about defining a strategy to identify and build the best variables for a model and the best modeling technique to use. If someone can do that, they have an advantage in the marketplace.”

Holding a similar view is **Hersey Liu '09**, who started focusing on data analytics in 2013 while working on a master’s degree in integrated marketing communications at Northwestern University. She now works as a data scientist at LinkedIn, the business and employment social networking service.

“I remember in my graduate school program when we worked with pharmacy companies to analyze their consumer behavior, a text file of 100,000 rows of data would scare us,” Liu says. “Then when I



Hersey Liu '09



started at LinkedIn (in 2015), even the simplest query, such as how many people viewed a web page, would return millions of rows. So the greatest challenge in data analytics is how to dig out valuable insights from all the noises in the data.”

Liu, who majored in psychology at Ohio Wesleyan, decided to get into the data analytics field to understand consumer behavior from a more grounded analytics perspective. She has become convinced that data science, artificial intelligence, and machine learning (a type of AI that provides computers with the ability to learn without being explicitly programmed) will have a huge impact on future technology and people’s everyday lives.

“It’s already one of the most exciting topics in Silicon Valley,” Liu says. “Data science and machine learning will use data to understand and predict behaviors and then connect everything together. And artificial intelligence is going to power everything from

self-driving cars to virtual assistants and much more advanced robots that will perform specific tasks.”

In New York City, **Devaraj Southworth ’94** and **Maxim Razmakhin ’10**, are using data analytics as they build Thirstie, a tech company and e-commerce platform they founded in 2014 for the retail alcohol industry. By partnering with hundreds of licensed retailers, the company delivers premium alcohol products to consumers in 10 markets in less than an hour and to most U.S. and Canadian locations in under three days.

“We see a massive opportunity in this space,” says Southworth, Thirstie’s CEO, “and think data and analytics will be extremely valuable not only to Thirstie but also to large global spirits brands as well as local and national retailers.”

He notes that makers of those brands are prevented by law from selling their products directly to consumers, so they

lack a clear understanding of who their customers are and why they do or do not buy their products. In addition, local retailers that sell those branded spirits to consumers typically lack even a simple online presence, let alone deep marketing or data expertise. Thirstie is built to help solve those problems for the brands and retailers, Southworth says, and data analytics is a big part of the equation.

Much of it involves being focused on understanding consumer preferences and purchases by analyzing data. It includes identifying Thirstie's customers, why they buy certain products, when and where they make their purchases, how much they spend on a particular brand in a given month, how frequently they make purchases, and what type of content leads to an increase in sales. The sets of data number in the hundreds, and data analytics helps make sense of it all.

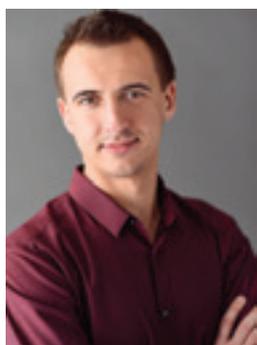
Thirstie's co-founders note that 80 percent of today's data was created in just the past two years, opening a whole new world of possibilities. "There is a massive amount of product inventory data that Thirstie has collected over the last two years," Razmahkin says.

"We plan on developing machine learning tools to help us better understand this data and help retailers spot discrepancies, anomalies, or other issues relating to pricing, product categories, or product titles, for example."

Looking ahead, the Thirstie co-founders say the most interesting trends in data analytics are machine learning and making sense of boundless bytes of information whose volumes are such that they gave birth to the term "Big Data." Used properly, that mountain of information can drive decisions that benefit commerce, spark improvements in medicine and science, and identify new ways to address poverty and other socioeconomic problems. Unfortunately, data analytics also poses a threat to consumers' privacy and raises ethical concerns about how all that data is being stored, shared, and used.

"That's something that we as a society need to address," Syed, of Arccos, says. "With all this data, the potential for abuse is there. We all have to figure that out, and we're not there yet."

Considering the ethical implications of data usage is something that will be examined in DATA 250: Social, Ethical,



Maxim Razmahkin '10



Devaraj Southworth '94

and Cultural Impact of Big Data, a required course planned for the new data analytics major.

Razmahkin and Southworth are convinced that the liberal arts education they received at OWU provided a foundation for their success as entrepreneurs and technology practitioners.

"Absolutely," says Razmahkin, who was named to *Forbes* magazine's "30 Under 30" list in the food and drink category for 2017. "OWU not only provided me with a foundational liberal arts education but also real-world experiences critical to advancing my career. That's in addition to my amazing classmates, professors, advisors, and alumni. The nurturing community is something that really makes OWU stand out."

Southworth says his four years at Ohio Wesleyan taught him how to be passionate, creative, and collaborative in his work. He also learned how to listen actively and question everything.

"Perhaps even more importantly, OWU gave me the opportunity to put theory into practice in many instances — something quite rare on the undergraduate level," says Southworth, whose résumé includes building a digital agency with more than \$10 million in sales that was sold to an *Inc.* 500 company (one of the top 500 fastest-growing companies in the country) and working for American Express, Accenture, and Deloitte.

Ward says the journalism training and liberal arts education he received at Ohio Wesleyan taught him how to ask the right questions in his business career. Liu remembers how being exposed to research methods in her psychology and science classes provided a foundation in statistics and helped her develop a scientific mindset. And Syed feels his broad liberal arts education gave him "rounding" that he

wouldn't have had if he had taken only engineering and computer science classes.

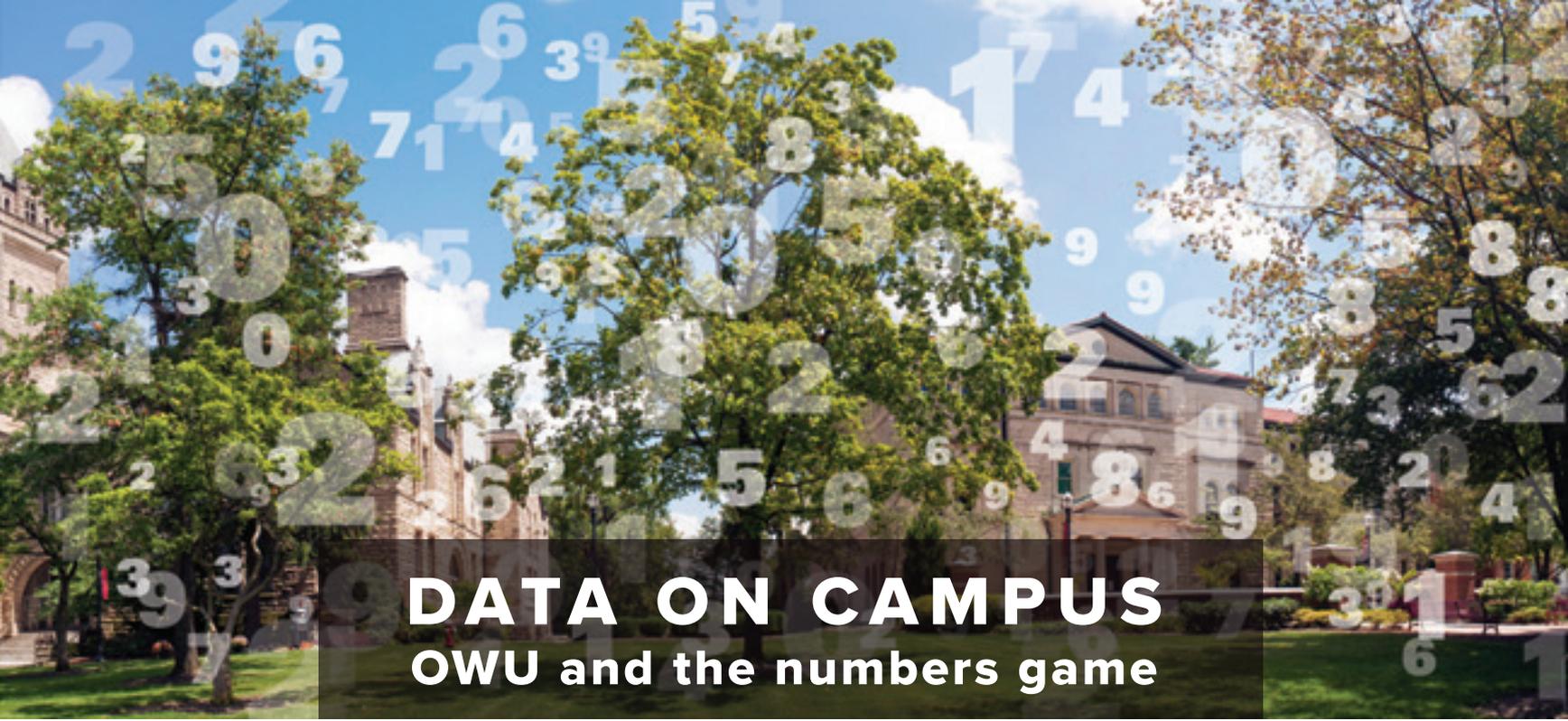
"You study music, art, and other things at OWU," he says. "It broadens you in how you connect with different types of people — and OWU was an amazingly multicultural place. It sets you up for a different course in life."

For Syed, it's a course that his new golf technology, with the use of data analytics, is helping him explore more fully. ■

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— Sean McCulloch,
associate professor of mathematics
and computer science



DATA ON CAMPUS OWU and the numbers game

Imagine the demands of sorting through 40,000 to 50,000 inquiries a year from prospective students. That is exactly the challenge faced by Susan Dileno, Ohio Wesleyan vice president for enrollment, and the admission staff. Savvy use of data analytics helps them stay on track in their quest to ensure the best and brightest first-year classes possible for the University.

“Data analytics allows us to work more efficiently,” Dileno says, noting that a database of prospective students is used for predictive modeling that helps identify those most likely to apply to OWU and eventually enroll. The idea is to use all that data to build a list of about 5,000 top candidates and go from there; such a process resulted in a first-year class of 514 students in fall 2016.

In addition, OWU crunches external data it acquires to build a better understanding of what competing universities are experiencing in areas such as student retention rates, where their students come from, and what majors they choose. The University also examines data to identify factors that may contribute to students who apply to OWU choosing to attend other schools.

Dileno has been working in student admissions since 1987 and using data for predictive modeling for more than 15 years. “It’s funny, but I think data analytics is a new spin on an old practice,” she says. “It’s just that there are a lot of tools now to make it easier to retrieve and crunch the data. It’s a lot more seamless than it used to be.”

Data analytics is being deployed across OWU, including in athletics, budgeting, and predicting student retention and graduation rates.

In sports, Ohio Wesleyan coaches are using data analysis to identify factors that can help athletes improve their performance, says Mike Plantholt, the men’s lacrosse coach. The men’s and women’s lacrosse teams now use a company, Krossover Intelligence Inc., to analyze film and produce data on multiple aspects of player and team performance, including shooting

percentages from various areas of the field.

Other teams, including football and baseball, use data analytics tools as well. “I really believe this is the science of sports today,” Plantholt says. “You’re looking for any intellectual or mathematical advantage you can to see what you’re doing well and not doing well.”

On the academic side, the most direct use of data analytics comes in making predictions about student retention and graduation rates, according to Associate Provost Dale Swartzentruber. He spends much of his time on data analytics projects of one sort or another.

As an example, he uses something called “logistic regression analysis” every semester to compare the success of students in different categories such as gender, ethnicity, and athletics after controlling for variables like high school grade-point averages and ACT/SAT scores. Swartzentruber also does exploratory types of analysis to see what role financial aid, co-curricular involvement, grades, and other factors play in student retention and graduation.

Data analytics work by him and others also plays a key role in the University’s budgeting process. For instance, recent historical averages for student retention rates, applications, admission rates, and tuition deposits help create a budget model that provides projections for five or more years, says Ben Emch, director of budget and accounting systems.

“Analytics for the incoming freshmen class is where the most data is used,” he says. “In the beginning of the budget process, we use the number of applications received along with historical admission rates/yields for each category of students to help us project how large the freshman class will be and to budget revenue accordingly.”

It is complicated stuff, but the University’s number crunchers say data analytics can help improve their chances of finding the right answers to the big questions of the day.

—Jeff Bell

OWU students (from left) **Sophia Bien '18** and **Hanna Cordes '19**, assistant director of residential life **Meredith Dixon** and **Christine Pinder '17** work with members of Repair the World in Pittsburgh, along with **Allie Niemeyer '18** (right).



community of SERVICE

OWU ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO GIVE BACK ACROSS ALL ASPECTS OF CAMPUS LIFE, AND THAT SPIRIT IS CONTINUED BY MANY ALUMNI AFTER GRADUATION

By Molly Vogel

Kevin Jones '18 saw all the community service information tables set up in Hamilton-Williams Campus Center most days and decided it was time he got involved. He wasn't sure where to start, so he did what thousands of students before him have done: He took the elevator to the top of Ham-Wil, then the stairs up to the fourth floor, and headed for the corner.

The Community Service Learning Center, occupied by its director, Sally Leber, is windowless and tucked away but bursting with energy and promise, containing resources on the dozens upon dozens of service options available to OWU students, faculty, and staff, and the tools to find new ones.

"Everybody that comes up here wants to do something to make the world better," Leber says.

Leber's role is something akin to matchmaker. "Our office is a connector and clearinghouse and resource center. If faculty are looking for service-learning sites, I can help them with curricular needs. When students come in, whether they want to do volunteer work or take what they learned in the classroom and become advocates or activists, we can help them do that," Leber says.

"What I try to do is listen to them and figure out: How does service fit into their story?"

Service has been part of the Ohio Wesleyan story since its founding in 1842, when the charter was written to include that the University be, among other aims, "designed for the benefit of our citizens in general." Placing education in the context of values is a primary OWU objective. That includes equipping students with knowledge and character for leadership and service.

OWU is ranked among the top 20 percent nationally among liberal arts institutions rated by Washington Monthly on the basis of several factors, including "promotion of an ethic of service to country." OWU received the Presidential Award for Excellence in General Community Service in 2009 — the highest honor a school can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service learning, and civic engagement — from the Corporation for National & Community Service (a federal service agency) and has been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll every year since, including 2015, the most recent recorded, with 1,385 students

providing nearly 40,000 hours of community service in a variety of settings and locations.

Across campus, service takes many shapes and forms — from the belly flops performed annually in Meek Aquatics and Recreation Center by Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity for charity, to debris collected by students, faculty, and staff during the all-campus cleanup annually in April.

Within Delaware and surrounding communities, students work with more than 40 community partners in areas ranging from food insecurity to preventing domestic violence. Suzanne Pingry, program director with Connections Volunteer Center, a program of HelpLine, works with OWU students frequently. "They've been super reliable, very interested in giving back to the community and learning about service opportunities," she says.



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Sally Leber, director of service learning

In her role as director of clubs and fraternity & sorority life at OWU, Dana Behum works with Greek organizations on the local component of service and/or philanthropy required by the national organizations. "I don't think people view it as a requirement or obligation. They see service as an opportunity to better themselves. They feel civically responsible to help others," Behum says.

In addition to each individual organization's service focus, approximately 300 Greek students turn out each year in October for the Greek Day of Service, which Behum helped launch at OWU in 2013 in conjunction with National Make a Difference Day. Behum coordinates with Pingry to identify nonprofits near campus. In the past students have worked with Lutheran Social Services, Choice Food Pantry, the Delaware County District Library, the Strand Theatre, the Delaware Historical Society, and many other organizations. "The nonprofits are always very thankful for the student's service, they complement us about the respect the students show and the help they've been able to

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Years the Columbus Initiative, the OWU tutoring program, has been in existence

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Approximate number of Greek students who participate in the annual Greek Day of Service each October

40,000

Approximate number of hours of community service performed annually by OWU students

40

Approximate number of local community partner nonprofits

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Floor in Ham-Wil where the Community Service Learning Center is located

give,” Pingry says.

Behum notes the enthusiasm shown by students, even when doing early morning cleanup at places like Oak Grove Cemetery. “They show up at 8:30 and tell me it’s early, but they’re laughing and do the work. They make it delightful and make it a great joy to give,” Behum says.

All athletic teams and team members are also expected to participate in community service, a long-standing practice that was initiated by Athletic Director Roger Ingles in 2005. “Giving back to the community is an important aspect of the student-athlete experience at OWU, which not only helps strengthen team bonds, but also enriches the student-athlete and the community,” he says.

This year, the softball team under coach Cassie Cunningham continued its 11-year tradition of work with People in Need Inc. (PIN), which provides emergency services to Delaware residents. The team works a holiday clearinghouse event and delivers food to families. “My kids really like it because they get a chance to meet the families. It’s also during

finals and it helps keep the big-picture mentality in mind. It’s a reminder that, yeah, finals are a big deal, but reality is bigger,” Cunningham says.

“The kind of students that come to Wesleyan, and certainly my athletes, are very into serving their community in whatever way they can, whether it’s picking up trash on the way to the field, or the PIN event,” she says.

Off-campus, the University has several long-standing international relationships, including with Pwoje Espwa (Project Hope), an orphanage in Haiti that has hosted students as volunteer coordinators for many years through the connection of alumnus **Doug Dittrick ’55**, who has been influential in operating the facility. In Tanzania, students have the opportunity to work with the School of St. Jude, thanks to **Gordon Smith ’54** and OWU Life Trustee **Helen Crider Smith ’56**, who support the school. International travel and service are increased areas of emphasis through The OWU Connection, which touts service as a gateway to the world.

Student-led Interfaith Service Teams, previously known



Lacrosse players (from left) **Mickey Rice ’19**, **Cami Fonseca ’19**, and **Val Helenberger ’20** (at right), helped clean up and plant flowers around the the 9-11 Memorial for the team’s fall service project in September.



Columbus Initiative students **Arionna Robinson '19** and **Jenelle Collier '20** chat with **Wendy McCall Johnson '74** during a break in tutoring at Linden S.T.E.M. Academy in March.



Christine Pinder '17 talks to kindergartners (from left) **Devron Fletcher** and **Adiel Dominguez** at Linden.

as spring-break mission trips, work in communities from Pittsburgh to San Diego each spring (see sidebar). **Chad Johns '02** is an associate chaplain who runs the Interfaith Service Teams program and completed three trips as a student. “OWU students tend to have an ethos of service and social justice that is particular to us; we’re finding a way to feed that,” he says.

THE COLUMBUS INITIATIVE

Leber joined OWU in 1994, and before being appointed director of service learning in 2012 served as director of the Columbus Initiative, an innovative tutoring and mentoring program that is now in its 28th year. Many people know it better as simply “tutoring in Columbus,” but even that doesn’t capture the role that OWU students fill for the pre-kindergarten through sixth-graders at Linden S.T.E.M. Academy three times a week.

Debra Yetts is the instructional coach for the school, which she describes as “high-poverty, low-achievement” in school improvement status. During her 17 years at Linden, she has seen the impact OWU students have made on the younger kids. “On an individual basis, you see students on that day feeling more valued, feeling more visible,” Yetts says. “The visits really contribute to esteem issues of students and the validation of having one more person smiling at them. On a daily basis, we see it impacting the child.”

Jones has been tutoring once a week at Linden since the start of the school year, and he loves it. “They’re funny, they’re just so sweet and love having people there,” he says.

But he admits that the experience has been eye-opening. “All my school experiences were very different; I’ve never seen a school like this before,” says Jones, who is from Marengo, a village about 20 miles northeast of Delaware with a population of fewer than 350 people.

Leber describes the longevity of the program as the result of the planning and commitment that go into the visits and

the resulting positive effects for all involved. She calls it “hard work and magic.”

Chris Mickens, a sergeant with the Office of Public Safety, started as on-site supervisor with the program last spring. He accompanies the 40 or so students who make the trips each week. Students must go through an interview process with

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Debra Yetts, instructional coach at Linden S.T.E.M. Academy.

Mickens, during which he explains his standards, including that they simply be present when they are with the children, giving their undivided attention. To that end, before each trip the group meets in the chapel, where Mickens asks them to leave anything else that may be on their mind on campus. “I say that we do tutoring — and mentoring by default,” he says.

“What I find is really awesome about the students I’ve worked with is they’re not just education majors. I see them pulling something from this about how the education system works, about how life works,” Mickens says.

The tutoring is a unique service experience for OWU students because they are also paid for their time, or allowed to access their federal work-study dollars. “It’s a way that students don’t have to choose between doing volunteer service and flipping burgers,” Leber explains.

Khadija Salman '17 has been working with the Columbus Initiative since her freshman year, when Leber connected her

Khadija Salman '17

with the program. “I love it, I absolutely love it,” Salman says of the tutoring she does twice a week.

“You are working with students who are coming from all different sorts of backgrounds. These kids have seen a

lot. You might not be able to relate to them, but you have to be empathetic,” she says. “You have some students that are absolutely brilliant and some students that are absolutely brilliant but refuse to work.”

Salman, an international studies major, hopes to attend graduate school and work at a nonprofit. But first, after graduation in May, she will head to New York City for a school-year teaching position with AmeriCorps, and she expects that her time at Linden will inform her experience. She enthusiastically recommends the tutoring to all OWU students.

Recently, several OWU alumni joined Mickens and Leber to volunteer at Linden. They were brought together by **Matt Palmer '79** through the Columbus Foundation's Big Table initiative, a day of community-building through hourlong conversations throughout central Ohio that took place on Aug. 30, 2016. Palmer's group of OWU alumni, faculty, and staff focused on issues in education, and followed up with the University to learn about ongoing volunteer efforts.

After learning more through Leber, **Farooq Busari '10** and

Interfaith Service Teams

Service teams traveled to both coasts and to Mexico over spring break in March to assist on issues from minority rights to Native American relations.



Let There Be Light: OWU-Muslim Service Together | Columbus

By partnering with the Noor Islamic Center in Columbus, this team sought to examine concerns of interfaith conflicts in an urban setting by experiencing firsthand the community service outreach programs of a mosque to its urban neighbors of all faiths, and the subsequent impact such outreach programs have on the healing of such conflicts. (At left) **Charlotte Gross '20** and **Dominic Mejia '17** organize donations in the Open Shelter storeroom in Columbus.



Crossroads of the Powerful and Powerless

Washington, D.C.

Team members explored the many facets of power as it relates to the equally diverse dimensions of poverty. They spent time with the poor and those working on the grassroots level to alleviate poverty as well as lobbyists and politicians who strive to reduce poverty.



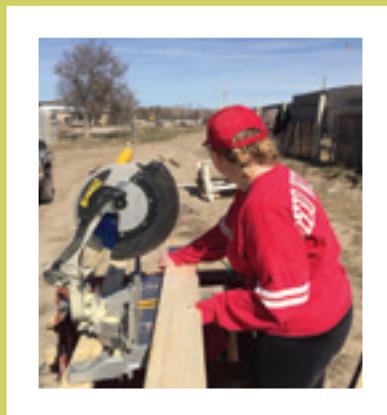
Repair the World | Pittsburgh

This team, including **Sashane Williams '18** (above), worked with Repair the World, a Jewish service organization, to address issues of food and education inequality in Pittsburgh.

Building and Rebuilding

Lakota Nation, S.D.

This interfaith team engaged in a long-term mission to rebuild Lakota-Anglo relationships through respectful conversation, deep critical reflection, and dedicated service. They worked with Remember, a nonprofit working with the Oglala Lakota people in both construction and cultural education and immersion. (At right) **Malory Wolfe '19** works on a wood frame for a modular home.



Wendy McCall Johnson '74 made the trip to Linden.

Busari, who is on the advisory board for the Woltemade Center, knew about the Columbus Initiative as a student but never had time to get involved. (Among other endeavors, he ran a laundry business and founded a successful nonprofit while a student.) Although he is arguably busier these days as a client executive for government, education, and health care at IBM, and leading the youth and young-adult ministry at his church, (and welcoming a baby daughter April 8) he figured: "It's never too early or late to start."

Johnson says that while volunteering wasn't a priority for her on campus, these days it's one of her primary focuses. In addition to her extensive volunteer work with OWU, she is a docent at the Columbus Museum of Art and recently hosted the Interfaith Service Team that spent time with a mosque in Columbus. She was impressed by her initial visit to Linden, particularly by the attitudes of the college and elementary students.

"The fact that they are so open and engaged, it made me

very hopeful," she says.

Leber believes another reason for the program's success is that over nearly three decades, as OWU students have graduated and new ones have signed up, Ohio Wesleyan's commitment to Linden hasn't wavered. "It's had a lasting impact on the Linden community," she says. "These kids know that we're an organization that shows up every year. We say we're going to come, and we come."

The long-running program embodies the commitment to service across campus that is second nature to students. Leber sees service opportunities fitting into "vocational discernment," the process of how someone figures out what he or she wants to do in life. She talks to students about what they want their life to look like after graduation and helps find service opportunities that relate.

"Part of our work is to help them figure out who they are, so that academically and otherwise they fit into the world the way they want to. I think we help them figure out their place in the world, I really do," she says. ■



Gender, Sexuality, and Immigration: Navigating Overlapping Realities

San Diego

This team worked with the San Diego LGBT Community Center to work with documented and undocumented members of the LGBT Latinx community.



Connecting with the Community | Bucerías, Mexico

The team worked with Human Connections, an organization that specializes in cross-cultural immersion with an eye toward growth and learning for all involved. (Above, left) **Jackie Everetts '17** and **Sydney Quinn '19** admire the view in Nayarit, Mexico. Past projects have included construction, education, art, cleanup, and more, depending on community needs.

Hurricane Katrina Recovery

New Orleans

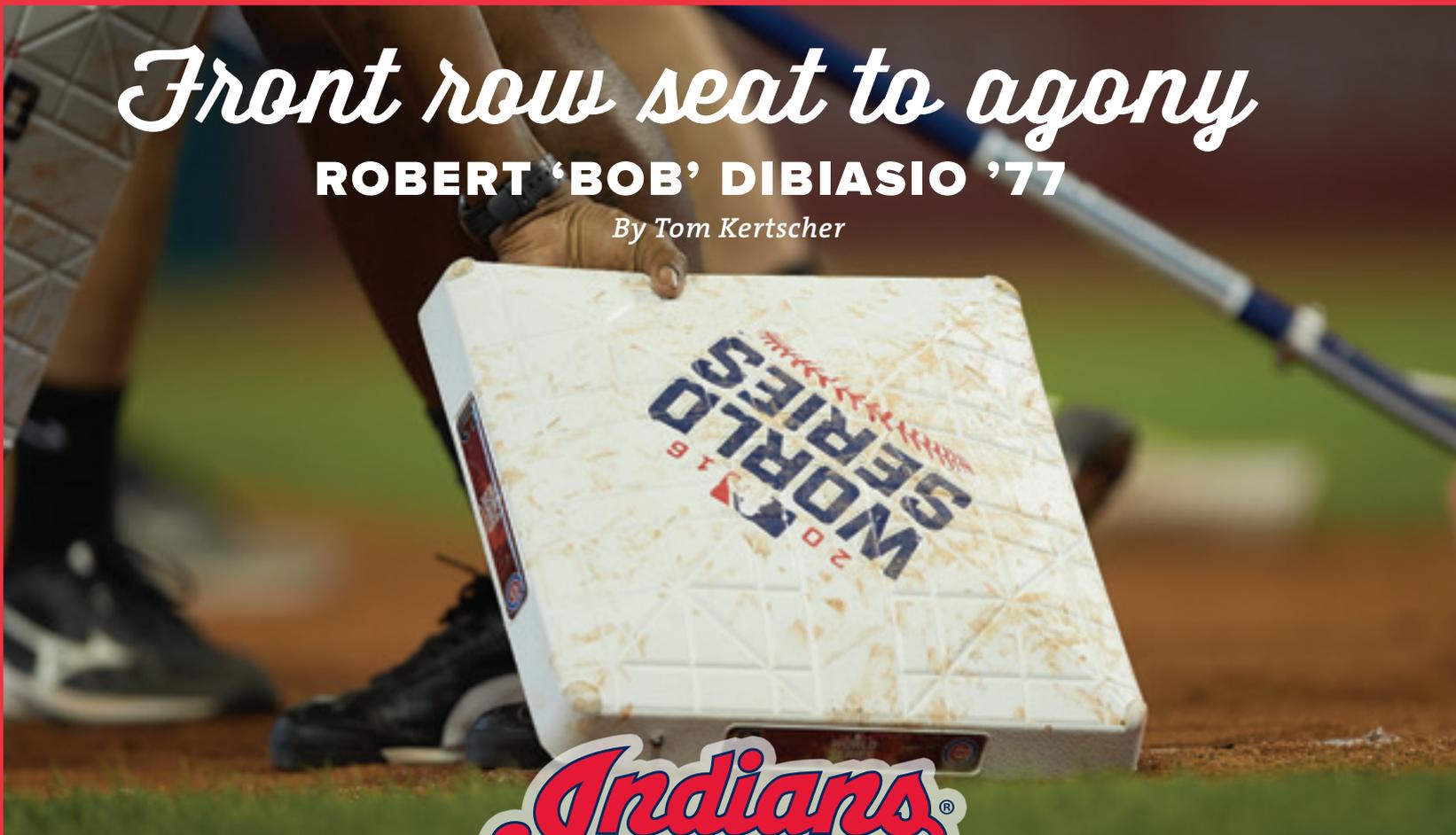
Team members spent the week working with the St. Bernard Project (a nonprofit co-founded by **Zack Rosenberg '95** to assist with hurricane recovery), either gutting damaged homes or starting the rebuilding process. The team (at right) attended a "Homecoming Celebration," to formally welcome a displaced family into their new or renovated home. The team also explored issues of community building, as well as national and global responsibility for disaster restoration.



Front row seat to agony

ROBERT 'BOB' DIBIASIO '77

By Tom Kertscher



For **Bob DiBiasio '77**, and all Cleveland Indians fans, Game 7 of the 2016 World Series was sheer anguish. The Indians were this close to achieving their ultimate goal — a world championship for the first time since 1948 — only to be defeated by the Chicago Cubs (who hadn't won the title since 1908).

But few inside Progressive Field in Cleveland on Nov. 2 were as close to the agony as DiBiasio, who has been a public relations executive with the Indians since 1979, almost his

entire career, minus a year with the Atlanta Braves. "You ask any of my buddies in college, they'll tell you that when we would sit around and say, 'What are you going to do with your life?', I'd say: 'I want to be the PR man of the Cleveland Indians,'" DiBiasio recalls.

DiBiasio played one year of basketball and two seasons of baseball at Ohio Wesleyan and was sports editor of *The Transcript*. Like many others, he praises the teaching of

Bob's Game 7 company
Back row (from left): Future son-in-law Matt Schaefer, wife Penny DiBiasio, former Indians pitcher Dennis Martinez, Indians all-time home run leader Jim Thome, former Indians player and manager and current advisor to the team Mike Hargrove, former Indians pitcher Len Barker, former outfielder Kenny Lofton, nephew **James DiBiasio '12**, brother **Tony DiBiasio '77**, sister-in-law Bonnie DiBiasio
Front row (from left): daughter-in-law Liz DiBiasio, daughter Julie DiBiasio, and **Bob DiBiasio**



legendary journalism professor Verne Edwards. “We had some incredibly talented, passionate, serious student journalists that have gone on to really have incredible careers,” says DiBiasio, who went on to exactly the career he aimed for.

As he found his niche with the Indians, DiBiasio retained his close ties to OWU, and to the friends he made, particularly those in his fraternity, Phi Gamma Delta. “(I made) lifelong friendships with many of the guys that have meant so much to me,” he says.

A dozen of his fraternity brothers (and one interloper, Bob notes), meet annually after Labor Day in northern Michigan for the “OWU FIJI Invitational,” a Ryder Cup-style golf tournament. “We’ve been doing it for 25 years, and nobody misses. It started as a weekend golf thing and now it’s a weeklong golf.”

DiBiasio will have plenty of stories to tell this fall.

As anyone close to the team will tell you, being a Tribe fan isn’t easy. The Indians made it to Game 6 of the 1995 World Series, only to succumb 1-0 to the Atlanta Braves. And in 1997, as *The New York Times* put it, an Indians title was put in writing — until, in Game 7, the team lost a lead in the ninth inning and was defeated 3-2 in the 11th by the Florida Marlins.

Then it happened again.

Three days after the painful loss in the deciding game against the Cubs, DiBiasio recalled the view from his suite at the stadium, where he watched the game with his family and Indians greats from the 1990s, including Jim Thome, Kenny Lofton, Dennis Martinez, and manager Mike Hargrove.

The Indians were behind 5-1 in the fifth inning of Game 7 when hope burst forth. DiBiasio, who was once named by *Sports Illustrated* as the PR director of its Major League Baseball “dream team,” watched in disbelief as the Tribe rallied in a most unusual way, scoring two runs off a wild pitch.

“You’re sitting there with Kenny Lofton when Jason Kipnis scores from second base on a wild pitch, which Lofton did in 1995 in Game 6 of the American League Championship Series in Seattle off Randy Johnson,” DiBiasio recalls. “You’re like, this is just too unreal. You never score from second off a wild pitch,

and here we did it in two postseason games. We’re watching one happen in front of us and standing next to the guy that did it. We’re hitting Kenny and squeezing him like he’s a rag doll.”

That play cut the Cubs’ lead to 5-3. Each team would add a run. Then, in the eighth inning, Indians outfielder Rajai Davis hit a two-run home run, tying the game at 6.

Here come the Indians.

“Rajai hits that line drive BB to left field for a home run. I swear to God, Travis Hafner, Jim Thome, all of us were jumping up and down like we were 5-year-olds on Christmas Day.”

The game went into extra innings and the irrepressible Cubs scored twice in the top of the 10th, taking an 8-6 lead. But hope surged again in the bottom of the 10th, after a single by Davis drove in a run to make it 8-7.

Could the Indians pull off a “walk-off” win, scoring two more times in the bottom of the 10th?

“We had walk-off wins 11 times during the regular season. It would be so appropriate for this team to do it in Game 7 of a World Series.”

But they didn’t, not this year. The dream, so close to being realized, ended.

“So, then you just sit there. The finality of it all in my world, that you’ve just had this incredible seven-month journey. The finality of it all, even though we know it because we’re in the business, it just smacks you, it just smacks you right in the face. No one knows what to say. Certain people in the suite are crying. And then you walk into the office. A lot of young people sitting on the floor just stunned and not sure what they just lived through because they’ve never experienced anything like that in their life on such a grand scale.

“There’s a passion we have for what we do, and to lose Game 7 in extra innings, and you go this far and you don’t win, it’s absolutely supposed to sting.

“But the sting will fade.” ■

Tom Kertscher is a PolitiFact Wisconsin reporter for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.



The 2016 “OWU Fiji Invitational”

Back row (from left) **Greg McComas '77**, **Rick Gociano** (the interloper), **Ken Sernad '77**, **Dave Vadas '77**, **Paul Eddy '77**, and **Bruce Smith '77**.
Bottom row (from left): **Byron Choka '77**, **Steve Walton '77**, **Bob DiBiasio**, **Chris Swift '77**, **Doug Kennedy '77**, and **Greg Sponseller '77**.

THEORY TO PRACTICE TO WORLD BANK

Rebekah Smith '12 knew she wanted to work on global poverty from the time she was a child. But it wasn't until an internship at a rural women's microfinance firm in India, supported by a Theory-to-Practice Grant, that she saw what that work might look like. "The India trip allowed me to understand how the tools we learned in the economics classroom play out in the context of developing countries," she says.

Smith was an international studies and economics double major at Ohio Wesleyan.

"For a small school in the middle of Ohio," Smith says, "OWU does a great job of getting their students out into the world."

Now she's a migration policy consultant at the World Bank in Washington, D.C., working with countries to design systems that connect workers in one country to jobs in another. Her current focus is Afghanistan, where she travels about once a month. Her work has also taken her to Bangladesh, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, and Thailand, among other locales.

She works to understand the migration context of a country: how many people are leaving; where, why, and how they are leaving; and what policies and institutions govern their exit. Then she works with the country's government to create new policies or institutions to make it easier for people to get jobs in other countries, or for employers to hire workers from overseas.

"For example, this might include an employment and recruitment service which would help a worker learn about vacancies that match their skill set in another country, or a vocational course which helps a worker learn a skill that they need to be eligible to be hired in another country," she says.

She also works to ensure that protection systems exist for workers abroad, so they have access to insurance or legal representation if something goes wrong.

Although her day-to-day work has not yet been affected by the new administration's increased focus on tighter immigration policy, it's an issue that looms large in her field. "For those of us who work on migration, there's just a big rethink right now in terms of what strategies we use to try to achieve our goals," she says.

"Migration is by far — and this is why I went into this as a field — the most powerful tool we have for poverty alleviation today. Its



Smith in Kabul, Afghanistan on one of her monthly trips, where she wears a head scarf, Kevlar vest, and travels by armored car.

"OWU did exactly what a good liberal arts school should do — left me with more questions than answers."

— Rebekah Smith '12

power to change lives is completely unparalleled," she says, pointing to statistics that show the gross domestic product in countries that welcome immigrants grows, along with most worker wages.

Smith says she was initially attracted to OWU's great balance of international diversity, interdisciplinary programs, and travel opportunities. Her India experience was inspired by an independent study on global poverty with Saif Rahman, Robert Bauman Associate Professor of Economics.

"My main advice to any OWU student is to take advantage of the professors!" she says. "I remember spending hours in the Economics Department talking with the professors. And it was about more than classes. I was trying to learn as much as I could about the world."

Smith was also a member of the inaugural class of the Economics Management Fellows Program. "It was such a highlight to be so integrated into the Economics

Department," she says. "I still have close relationships with other people in the program."

Smith continued her education at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, graduating in 2014 with a master's degree in public policy and receiving the 2014 Ellen S. Raphael Award for Academic

Excellence and Public Service. She wrote her thesis in partnership with the World Bank, proposing the design of a government-sponsored business incubator for the information, communication, and technology sector for Gabon. Her previous work at the World Bank was in private-sector recovery for Sierra Leone after the Ebola crisis.

"OWU did exactly what any good liberal arts school should do — left me with more questions than answers," she says. In class, she learned how economic theories should work. But in India, she learned how those theories actually looked in practice — and wanted to change them.

Smith credits her professional success to the mentors who worked with her along the way. "Professors have helped me get everything. They helped me get my job, and I've written research papers with them," she says. "Those relationships are really enduring." ■

— A.L. Davies '19

LONG'S ROAD TO LIFE TRUSTEE

Michael Long '66 is just the kind of alumnus to whom the phrase "Bishop for life" applies. In his more than 50 years of connection to Ohio Wesleyan, Long has gone from student, to alumnus, to chairman of the Board of Trustees, with many philanthropic and volunteer roles along the way. He is now a Life Trustee. For his decades of fervent support for OWU, the Alumni Association Board of Directors honored Long with the Alumni Award last May at his 50th class reunion.

Long began to hone his leadership abilities as a student. He served as president of the Gamma chapter of the Sigma Chi fraternity, sat on the Interfraternity Council, and played on the varsity soccer team. "I thought I was going to do pre-medicine as an undergraduate," he says. "But my freshman year I was taking chemistry five days a week at 8 in the morning and decided I wasn't cut out for that."

Long earned a B.A. in economics with a minor in political science. He graduated cum laude from the Ohio State University College of Law in 1969. "My girlfriend, who is now my wife, suggested to me that I take the LSAT my senior year," Long recalls. "I told her, 'Why would I do that?'"

In the end, he listened to **Pamela Blazer Long '66** and went on to a long and accomplished career as a litigator at Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease in Columbus.

"I had the pleasure of working my entire



(From left) **David Livingston '94**, then-president of the Alumni Board of Directors, presents Long with his Alumni Award last May as President **Rock Jones** looks on.

"I had the pleasure of working my entire career with really smart, really good lawyers, and that helped me tremendously in my professional development."

— Mike Long '66



career with really smart, really good lawyers, and that helped me tremendously in my professional development," Long says. "Being with that level of lawyers made me a better one."

Long first joined the Alumni Board nearly 30 years ago. His six-year term, which ended in 1994, was so positive that when another call came in 1996 to run for an open position on the Board of Trustees, he readily agreed, going on to serve as vice chair and eventually chairman.

He also has volunteered with his fraternity, acted as Class Giving Chair, and helped plan his 50th reunion. He and his wife are both members of the President's Circle and Tower Society.

"Through my experience on the Board of Trustees, I have dealt with many things I had given no thought to as a student," including budget issues, faculty concerns,

and how to make the University competitive and successful, Long says.

He thinks there's always room to make OWU even better.

"We need to continue to develop the endowment of the University to provide continual financial resources," he says. "We also need to give attention to residence halls, particularly freshman residence."

But Long knows some things are always going to be exceptional. "We need to continue to support the great faculty, and I think we're doing that," he says. "We've always had outstanding faculty." ■

— **A.L. Davies '19**

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SARAH FOWLER: AHEAD OF THE PACK

When planning for college, **Sarah Fowler '17** knew that running would continue to play a huge role in her life. "I've been running for 10 years now. I started in seventh grade and once I got started, I was hooked," she says.

Fowler wrapped up her final indoor season on the Ohio Wesleyan University women's track and field team in March by winning All-America honors at the NCAA Division III indoor championship meet in Naperville, Ill. Her fourth-place finish in the 5000-meter run with a time of 16:54.38 broke her own school record set earlier this season.

She also won All-America honors for the second year in a row at the NCAA Division III cross country championship meet in Louisville, Ky., in the fall. She was runner of the year for the North Coast Athletic Conference in cross country in 2016.

With graduation quickly approaching, Fowler, who spends a lot of time putting one foot in front of the other, has been thinking about her next steps. Her double major in exercise science and psychology with a minor in zoology was meant to prepare her for a career in physical therapy, but a summer internship made her question if the field was right for her.

She always expected to coach running, maybe at the middle school or high school level, but only recently began to think of it as a career. Finally, in the fall, she decided: "No more PT; it's coaching."

With the help of faculty in the Health and Human Kinetics Department, Fowler course corrected for her new path. She is applying for college recruitment intern positions for cross country and track while also earning her master's degree online.

Fowler leads the way at the NCAA Division III indoor championship meet in March. Photo by: Eric Kelley

"Hopefully I'll be helping recruit and doing more of the nitty-gritty things you see going on outside of practice," she says.

Fowler is excited to stay involved with the sport. "It's the biggest stress-reliever in my life. If I've been having a bad day or I just need time to think, I go for a run. It helps de-stress, helps to clarify, just helps me make sense of the situation I'm having trouble with at the time."

She also says that running taught her self-discipline. "We do a lot of running at practice, but when we go out for our runs, we're not with coach," she says. "No one is watching over us, there's no film, there's no one but you the entire time to make sure you're running a good pace or not stopping or cutting runs short."

Running isn't all hard work and lessons to Fowler though; she considers it a huge part of her social life.

"A good majority of my close friends are on the team. Coming to college and joining a team, you kind of have automatic friends," she says. "Those are the first people you meet because we come a week early, before anyone else is on campus. You form so many close bonds because you're running together for hours a week. It's just really good quality conversation, and you really get to know people."

Fowler says she plans to keep up with her teammates after graduation, as she has done with her Fredericktown High School team in her hometown of Mount Vernon, Ohio. "I still check their times, see if they're improving," she says.

She may be sad to leave OWU, but Fowler is looking forward to her future in coaching. "No overthinking it. This is definitely the right path for me." ■

— Erin England



"It's the biggest stress-reliever in my life. If I've been having a bad day or I just need time to think, I go for a run."

—Sarah Fowler '17

Martha Nunn Lewis '83

Martha Nunn Lewis graduated from Ohio Wesleyan in 1983 with a B.A. in sociology/anthropology. She is currently a member of the Ohio Wesleyan University Alumni Association Board of Directors as well as a member of the Northern New Jersey OWU Alumni Leadership Board.

After a career in national computer sales, Martha has focused much of her time volunteering at her children's schools and for local organizations. She held many volunteer positions, including president of the Parents' Association at Kent Place School, a K-12 all-girls school in Summit, N.J. She has also been heavily involved with fundraising at the school. She was a member of the executive board of the Madison (N.J.) High School PTSO. She served on the board of directors, chaired the development committee, and ran the annual benefit for many years at Grace Counseling Center in Madison. She co-chaired a world record-breaking bone marrow drive for DKMS to benefit a fellow OWU alumna.

Originally from Cincinnati, Martha followed her parents, **William Nunn '44**, and **Gwendolyn Jones Nunn '44**, and her sister, **Jenny Nunn Holland '74** (married to **Peter Holland '74**), in attending Ohio Wesleyan.

Martha resides with her husband, **Norman Lewis '83**, in Madison, N.J. They have five children — including two OWU graduates: **Kathleen '12**, **Kimberly '15**, Sarah, Caroline, and William.



Vikram Malhotra '87

Vikram "Vik" Malhotra came to Ohio Wesleyan University from his native India and graduated in 1987. He earned his degree in economics management and accounting with an international focus, while also finding time to play varsity tennis and join Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. While at OWU, he earned Phi Beta Kappa status and was a member of the Phi Eta Sigma Freshman Honorary. After graduating from OWU, Vik earned an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School in 1992.

Vik joined Credit Suisse (formerly First Boston) in 1987 and has worked in the New York, San Francisco, Singapore, and Hong Kong offices. In 2016, he became executive vice chairman for Asia Pacific and established a new private equity investment business in that region focused on deploying capital with entrepreneur-run companies — primarily in China, Indonesia, and India. Prior to that, Vik was head of investment banking for Asia Pacific.

In 2015, he established an endowed scholarship at Ohio Wesleyan that provides financial support for international students. Vik has lived in Hong Kong since 1997 and is married with two teenage sons.



Tracie Winbigler '87

An economics major at OWU, Tracie became part of General Electric's executive training program after graduation, eventually climbing the ladder until she became the chief financial officer and an executive vice president at GE Asset Management. She served in similar positions at NBC Universal Television Group and in 2012 became chief financial officer for the National Geographic Society. She is now chief financial officer of the specialty outdoor retailer REI, based in Seattle.

Along with **Colleen Nissl '72**, Tracie served as co-chair for the inaugural Women of Wesleyan leadership forum held in Merrick Hall in September.

Tracie says her liberal arts education at Ohio Wesleyan helped her work in a variety of industries, and she credits OWU professor Bob Gitter for steering her into the GE training program.



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More than 850 alumni, family, and friends gathered at a dozen OWU holiday parties in December across the country and in London to celebrate the season and shared connections. Parties were also held in: Boston, Chicago, Columbus, Cleveland, Denver, Los Angeles, New York City, Orange County, Philadelphia, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C.



CALENDAR of EVENTS

The following is a listing of OWU alumni events around the country. These events offer alumni, families, and friends opportunities to network with fellow Bishops and to reconnect with OWU near your hometown.

To RSVP for an event, please visit www.owu.edu/alumni or call (740) 368-3325.

MAY 2017

May 19-21 | On campus
Reunion Weekend (celebrating
classes ending in 2 and 7)

JUNE 2017

June 11 | Newberg, Ore.
Wine Tasting at Rex Hill Winery

**June 24 | Huntington Park
Columbus**
Night with the Columbus Clippers
Home of **Jason '02** and **Liz '06**
Downey

JULY 2017

July 15 | Northern Michigan
Red & Black Luncheon
Arcadia Bluffs Golf Club

July 22 | Columbus
Columbus Service Event
#hashtaglunchbag

July 29 | Cape Cod, Mass.
Red & Black Clambake
Home of **Rich '82** and **Kim**
Alexander

AUGUST 2017

August 21 | Powell
Team OWU Golf Outing
Scioto Reserve Country Club

SEPTEMBER 2017

**September 13 | Columbus,
Cleveland, Chicago, Boston,
Washington D.C., Denver,
New York City**
"Welcome to the City" Alumni Events
Meet & greet between new alumni
(recent grads) and alumni

September 23 | Columbus
Family Day at the Columbus Zoo
Columbus Zoo

OCTOBER 2017

October 19-22 | On campus
OWU 175th Birthday Party
Featuring: Homecoming/Family
Weekend, Connect Today Create
Tomorrow campaign kickoff.
Affinity reunions: Football
Reunion, Sigma Alpha Epsilon,
Phi Delta Theta, Kappa Kappa
Gamma, Sigma Phi Epsilon and
Alpha Sigma Phi



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October 21 | Boston
Head of the Charles
Reunion Village

NOVEMBER 2017

November 30 | Chicago
Chicago Holiday Party
Chicago Yacht Club

November 30 | Denver
Denver Holiday Party
Denver Athletic Club

DECEMBER 2017

December 1 | San Francisco
San Francisco Holiday Party
Home of **Jack** and **Lorry Luikart '71**

December 5 | Columbus
Columbus Holiday Party
Columbus Museum of Art

December 6 | Boston
Boston Holiday Party
Harvard Club

December 7 | New York City
New York City Holiday Party
LeParker Meridian

December 12 | Cleveland
Cleveland Holiday Party
Progressive Field Infinity Club

December 13 | Philadelphia
Philadelphia Holiday Party
TBD

December 14 | Washington, D.C.
D.C. Holiday Party
National Press Club

December 16 | LA/Orange County
LA/Orange County Holiday Party
TBD

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**Alumni
& friends**

Ellen Arnold, associate professor of history, had her article “Rivers of Risk and Redemption in Gregory of Tours’ Writing” published in the January 2017 volume of *Speculum*, the flagship journal of medieval studies. The article is part of her larger research on the cultural history of rivers in early medieval Europe. In the article, Arnold looked at how a medieval writer described rivers as both a danger to human society and a form of divine intervention from saints.

Amy Butcher, assistant professor of English, saw several essays published nationally, including “What I Learned Visiting The Grave Of My Mom’s Teen Boyfriend,” in *The Washington Post* in January and “Pokémon Go Explore The World In All Its Splendor,” in July 2016 in *The New York Times*. Her essay “Taking Shape” was selected for inclusion in the forthcoming *Beautiful Flesh: A Body of Essays*, and her work additionally earned distinctions as notable essays in *Best American Essays 2016* and *Washington Post Best American Essays 2015*. In July 2016, the Unicode Emoji Subcommittee formally approved 11 new female-empowered emojis, proposed by Google in response to her March 2016 *Times* op-ed “Emoji Feminism.” All were released in December as part of the new iOS software, resulting in interviews with the BBC Radio, on the BBC program *World Have Your Say*, and BFM Business Radio in Malaysia.

David M. Caplan, professor of English, will serve a five-year elected position on the executive committee of the Modern Language Association Creative Writing Forum. The forum supports discussions and debates on the role of creative writing in the 21st century. Caplan’s term began Jan. 9 and will run through the association’s 2022 convention. He will serve as secretary and chair of the forum’s executive committee in 2019 and 2020, respectively.

Katherine Glenn-Applegate, assistant professor of education, and **Kellie Hall**, OWU Early Childhood Center (ECC) director, published a two-article series in *Teaching Young Children*, a journal for early childhood teachers published by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Their articles describe the reflective practice the ECC went through prior to making the decision to welcome a dog to their program, and the resulting social-emotional and cognitive benefits to children.



ECC director Kellie Hall with Sunny the dog and Audrey Ekegren.

Jerry Goldstein, professor of botany & microbiology, had three research papers published, all with current or former OWU students as co-authors: “Inhibition of replication of adenovirus by 6-diazo-5-oxo-L-norleucine (DON)” with **Jamie Harden ’06** in *Research & Reviews: A Journal of Microbiology and Virology*; “Turmeric extract and curcumin enhance the yield of T2 bacteriophage in *E. coli*” with **Sarah Bergman ’18**, **Mary Cranley ’18**, and **Nicholas Reed ’17** in *Research & Reviews: A Journal of Biotechnology*; and “Differential susceptibility of bacteriophage and viruses to reactive oxygen species” in *Research & Reviews: A Journal of Microbiology and Virology*. All of the research started as classroom lab projects.

Larry Griffin, professor of music and chair of the Department of Music, was a featured artist, performer, and clinician at the Magic City Jazz Festival in Minot, N.D., in February. He adjudicated and conducted master classes for eight jazz ensembles/combos

and performed as a soloist with four high school bands during the festival concert. In addition, Griffin, who plays trumpet and cornet, completed his third solo tour of Europe in May 2016 and second tour of China in September. In China, he and part-time assistant professor of music **Gulimina Mahamuti**, an accomplished pianist, collaborated on master classes for Chinese students.

Jennifer Jolley, assistant professor of music, saw her opera *Krispy Kremes and Butter Queens* performed by Opera MODO at the Detroit Institute of Arts in early January. In the opera, celebrity chef Paula Deen is making her infamous “Lady’s Brunch Burger” (glazed doughnuts, hamburger, fried egg, bacon, and cheese) when she chokes on a doughnut and dies. In the afterlife, Deen is denied entrance to heaven because of her sinful culinary ways. She pleads to the angels guarding heaven’s door to let her in, tempting them to taste butter and causing them to lose their angel wings.

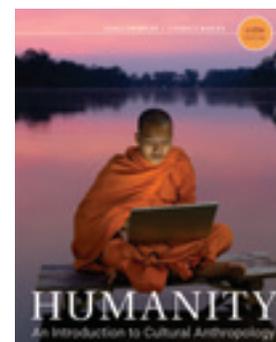


Angels Constantine Novotny (left) and Katrina Van Maanen (right) are caught with real butter on their faces thanks to the culinary trickery of Paula Deen (Danielle Wright). Photo credit: Bruno Vanzieleghem.

Eva París-Huesca, assistant professor of modern foreign languages, traveled to Colombia in September to present her latest research at the International Medellín Noir Festival. Her talk was titled “Victims, Criminals, and Law Defenders: the Relationship Between Women, Crime, and Justice in Contemporary Spanish Gynocriminal Fiction” (translated from Spanish). It analyzed the works of novelists Susana M Gijón, Empar Fernández, and

Cristina Fallarás, as they are primary examples of the new transformations of the genre in relation to contemporary forms of social and gendered violence. She and **Glenda Y. Nieto Cuebas**, associate professor of modern foreign languages, are scheduled to take a group of eight students to Barcelona and Basque country in May for the travel-learning component of París-Huesca’s Spanish Crime Fiction class offered this semester. They will explore some of the most emblematic sites featured in 20th- and 21st-century Spanish crime fiction.

Jim Peoples, chair of sociology & anthropology and director of the East Asian studies program, published the 11th edition of his textbook *Humanity: An Introduction to Cultural Anthropology* (Cengage 2017) in February. He is also an officer in the Japan Studies Association, an international association that works to further education about Japan among American faculty in colleges and small universities. He co-directed a summer workshop in 2015 in Hiroshima and Nagasaki and will take faculty to Okinawa this summer.



Chris Wolverton, professor of botany & microbiology, saw his students **Meka George ’18**, **Rachel Quick ’17**, **Allyson Wojnoski ’18**, and research technician **Nathan Madonich ’16** present a research poster at the annual meeting of the American Society for Gravitational and Space Research in Cleveland in October. The poster was titled “Gravitropism and Long-term Seed Storage on PES Membranes in Preparation for a Flight Experiment.”

CLASSnotes

1940s

Bruce Leonard '45, a World War II bomber pilot, was featured in the Decatur, Ill. *Herald and Review* on Nov. 11.

1950s

Howard Strauch '50 and **Joann Bowman Strauch '51** celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Aug. 5.

Alva Taylor '52 and his wife, Evelyn, celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary on Oct. 25.

James "Clem" Allison '56 published the book *Seeing Beyond: Awakening to the Reality of a Spiritually Interconnected, Evolving World*, now available on Amazon.com and Kindle. Allison is professor emeritus of art at Tusculum College in Greeneville, Tenn., where he served as Art Department chairman and then as director of the Division of Arts and Humanities until his retirement in 2000. The Tusculum campus art gallery was named for him in 1996.

Judith "Judy" Yingling Giffin '58 was recognized by the Ohio Association of Two-Year Colleges as the Outstanding Adjunct Faculty of the Year for her work at Rhodes State College. Judy has contributed 28 years of service to Rhodes State and has some 50 years of total teaching experience. Judy majored in chemistry and is married to **Bill Giffin '58**.

1960s

George Gebhardt '63, an economics major at OWU, graduated from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College with an MBA in marketing and finance. He spent eight years on the corporate ladder and more than 40 years as an independent IT technical writer, with clients in Washington, D.C., New York, and as far away as Hanoi, Vietnam. His life's work included teaching management subjects at three Baltimore colleges and rehabbing houses. In May, Gebhardt and his wife, Joan Schaefer Gebhardt, traveled to Normandy, France, and walked on Omaha Beach. They also visited the White Cliffs of Dover and toured the World War I battlefields at Verdun. Gebhardt is a member of the Tower Society. They welcome OWU correspondence at: vndesign3629@gmail.com or visitors in Pikesville, Md., or Boynton Beach, Fla.

Leonard Kobren '68 received the Founders Society Award from the American College of Prosthodontists Education Foundation for his outstanding contributions to the growth and future of the foundation.

Alan Armstrong '69 is production dramaturg with the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Ore., most recently with Shakespeare's *Henry IV, Part One*, which opened in February and runs through October. He previously worked on the 2015 production of Shakespeare's *Pericles* and the 2016 adaptation of *Great Expectations*, which had its world premiere in Ashland.

Lowell Folsom '69, the Roy J. Carver professor of English at the University of Iowa, co-authored the book *Song of Myself: With a Complete Commentary*, a critique of Walt Whitman's famous poem.

1970s

Tom Friedman '71 announced his retirement as music director of Jenkintown (Pa.) Music Theatre after 20 years of service. Friedman also served as director of the Thomas Jefferson University Choir and sang with the Choral Arts Society of Philadelphia, the Princeton Opera Company, and the New Jersey Opera Company. Friedman's Horsham Square Pharmacy was honored by Drug Topics as one of the top 200 pharmacies in the country. Friedman is a guest lecturer on health topics and has served on the boards of the American Boychoir, Singing City of Philadelphia, the Princeton Center for Arts and Education, the Hatboro-Horsham Educational Foundation, the American Red Cross, and the Century Board of Massachusetts College of Pharmacy.

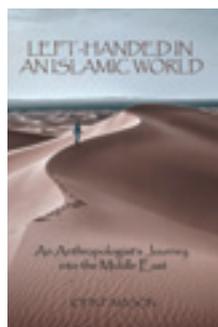
Clay Small '72 published the book *Head Over Heels*.

Thomas Cole '73 was inducted into the City League Hall of Fame in Toledo, Ohio, on Nov. 7.

Michael Howard '73 announced plans to retire as family court judge in Stark County, Ohio.

James Mendenhall '73 was co-chair of the two-day Martin Luther King Jr. celebration in Delaware, Ohio.

Anthropologist examines everyday Islam



John Mason '63 published *Left Handed in an Islamic World: An Anthropologist's Journey into the Middle East* (New Academia Publishing, 2017). The book, which spans the years 1968 to 2012, explores Mason's experiences abroad and those of Arab Muslims he met. The book is intended for a wide audience and presents Islam through the eyes of ordinary people who practice the religion.

Mason has worked as an international developer for USAID and the World Bank and as a professor of anthropology at Boston University, the University of Libya-Benghazi, the American University in Cairo, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

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Leslie Reed Evans '74 announced plans to retire as executive director of the Williamstown Rural Lands Foundation in Williamstown, Mass.

James Hallan '74 was appointed to Michigan's State Officers Compensation Commission, the board that is responsible for determining the salaries and expense allowances of the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, members of the state legislature, and justices of the Michigan Supreme Court.

Nicholas Calio '75, a lobbyist for Airlines for America, was included in *The Hill's* Top Lobbyists 2016 list in recognition of his success

in advancing a major proposal to reform the nation's air-traffic control system.

William Ingram '75, president of Durham Technical Community College, was awarded the 2016 I.E. Ready Distinguished Leader Award, which is presented annually in recognition of distinguished service and leadership in the North Carolina Community College System.

Alden McWilliams '75 was inducted into the Western New England Preparatory School Soccer Association Hall of Fame and presented with the Western Connecticut Soccer Officials Association Outstanding Service Award.

Martin Hurwitz '76, executive director of Habitude and the founder of Transitioneering, was featured on the podcast "The Un-Billable Hour," providing tips to help legal practitioners create processes and habits to better leverage their strengths and achieve their goals.

Michael Jordan '76, of Jordan Resolutions, LLC, has been named to the Best Lawyers in America list in several practice areas, including arbitration, mediation, health care, and commercial litigation. He has been named to the list each year for over a decade. In addition, he was recognized by his peers as Healthcare Lawyer of the Year in Cleveland.

Penny Pilafas Mercadante '76 is executive vice president and chief human resources officer at Michael Baker International, a global leader in engineering, planning, and consulting services.

Gregory Moore '76, former editor of *The Denver Post*, has joined the Boettcher Foundation Board of Trustees.

Doug Kridler '77, CEO of the Columbus Foundation, was named Columbus CEO of the Year by *Columbus Business First* in December. The Columbus Foundation is the seventh-largest community foundation in the nation.



Baseball cap connects alumni

When **Richard Gall '56** first received his red OWU baseball cap in December 2015, he didn't know that it would connect him with fellow Bishops more than once in the next year. In August, Gall was in Carmel, Calif., at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance automobile show. A woman approached him to say she went to OWU, identifying herself as **Leigh Stewart '75**. In October 2016, Gall was at the Schonbrunn Palace in Vienna when a woman approached him to say she had also attended OWU. This time it was **Linda Collins '62** of New York (above with Gall). "We were both on a Danube River cruise on the same ship, and she noticed my baseball cap while we toured the palace," Gall recalls. "From California to Austria, the red OWU baseball cap is a sure sign of alumni recognition!"



Delta Tau Delta alumni gather in Columbus

Delta Tau Delta alumni reconnected at the home of **Tom Vivyan '67** in Columbus in October. Pictured from left: (front row) **Doug Hoover '69**, **Tom Vivyan '67**, **Charlie Andrews '69**, **Bob Brust '67**, (back row) **Ron Porta '69**, **Harry Zink '67**, **Mike Flack '68**, **Keith Walker '68**, **Jeff McDonald '69**, **Dave Eyrich '69**, **George Welsheimer '66** (Phi Kappa Psi), **George Ellis '68**, **Charlie Doan '67**, and **John Hinton '68**.



Boice receives state award

Martha Hibbert Boice '53 received Ohio's 2016 State Historic Preservation Award on Oct. 29, recognizing her efforts as leader of the Landmarks Foundation of Centerville and Washington Township.

90th birthday celebrated on campus

Sally Eliot Williams '48 celebrated her 90th birthday at the OWU Hamilton-Williams Campus Center on Oct. 9. Fellow alumni and family members joining in the celebration were, from left: **Adam Cumby '11**, **Claudia Henning Cumby '11**, **Ann Eliot-Naille '85**, **Jill Shanks Eliot '59**, **Judy Williams '77**, **Sue Williams Bauer '74**, **Sally Eliot Williams '48**, **Steve Williams '83**, **Bob Bauer '72**, and **Jessica Bauer '02**.

Kridler, a sociology/ anthropology and politics and government double major, joined the Foundation in 2002 and has overseen the introduction of The Big Give, a hugely successful 24-hour giving marathon, and The Big Table, a day of conversation and community-building.

Thomas Rosenberg '77 was named a Fellow in the American College of Construction Lawyers.

Marcia McBurney Stutzman '78, a foreign languages teacher at Middletown (Md.) High School, was offered a Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching grant to Morocco by the Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign

Scholarship Board. One of 45 U.S. citizens chosen for a grant, she was selected based on her professional achievements, academic ability, and leadership skills.

Geron Tate III '79 is the 2017-18 president of the Mansfield, Ohio, chapter of the National Association for the Advanced of Colored People.

1980s

Sally Maher '80 was appointed to the board of directors for ACell Inc., a regenerative medicine company. Maher is Edwards Lifesciences' vice president of regulatory and clinical affairs, critical care.

Megan Richard '81 was a featured artist in the Asheville (N.C.) Gallery of Art's February show, "For the Love of Art," displaying her watercolor/water-media paintings.

Richard "Dick" Spybey '84, retired University of Alabama golf coach, was inducted into the 2016 class of the Collegiate Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) Hall of Fame. Spybey joins OWU alumnus **Rod Myers '61**, former coach at Duke, and former OWU coach and athletic director **Dick Gordin '52** in the GCAA Hall.

Dwight Hiscano '85 was curator of the fourth annual Highlands Art Exhibit in Morristown, N.J.

Nancy McLaughlin Sackson '85 is chief philanthropy officer at the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco. She plans and directs integrated fundraising programs to expand local, national, and international support for the museum's exhibitions, programs, general operations, and institutional growth.

Michael van der Veen '85 was named one of the 2016 Top 10 Criminal Defense Lawyers in Pennsylvania by the National Academy of Criminal Defense Attorneys. He was selected to the National Trial Lawyers Top 100 List for his work in criminal defense, and to the National Trial Lawyers List of the Top 25 Motor Vehicle Attorneys. He was also



Pi Phi celebrate the holidays at Buns

A group of Pi Phi alumnae reunited at Buns restaurant in Delaware over the holidays. Pictured from left: (back row)

Amy Prior Littler '83, **Amy Caddy Whipple '84**, **Daphne Lusk '84**, **Ali Kahle '81**, and (seated) **Maryjane Miller Hotaling '83**.



Alumnus inducted into Lacrosse Hall of Fame

Jeffrey Coulson '71 was inducted into the U.S. Lacrosse Western Massachusetts Chapter Hall of Fame on Jan. 11.

Carter '74 honored by Poetry and Praise

Sharlene Owena Carter '74 was selected as a Poet Laureate through Poetry and Praise Productions Inc., a Columbus nonprofit that focuses on using spiritual gifts and talents to educate local communities through volunteer work. Carter also received an award for her commitment to community service from the Ohio House of Representatives. Rep. Kevin L. Boyle calls Carter "a remarkable individual, combining civic concern and dedication with selfless initiative to become a dynamic leader in the community."



Carter also exhibited her work through Poetry and Praise at the Driving Park branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library in March. Carter was a French major at OWU and has enjoyed traveling and using her language skills to teach French in Anchorage, Alaska.



Gamma Phi Betas connect in Colorado

Nine Gamma Phi Betas from the classes of 1982 and 1983 gathered for an October weekend in Manitou Springs, Colo., at the home of **Judith "Judy" Koenig Browne '82**. Although many of them had not seen one another in years, they reconnected with a lot of laughter, and only a few tears. Pictured from left: (back row) **Sarah Bachman '82**, **Judith "Judy" Koenig Browne '82**, **Amy Lyndon '83**, **Marge Frank '82**, **Selena Cona Stracke '83**, (front row) **Kathy Sampson Molloy '83**, **Jennifer Moser Hunter '83**, **Dee Smith Connors '83**, and **Judy Dunham Shaal '83**.

named in the December 2016 issue of *Suburban Life Magazine* as a "Justice Seeker" and 2016 Top Attorney.

Nancy Kohlen Cahall '86 was appointed to the Cincinnati State Technical and Community College Board of Trustees.

Luisa Cestari '87 is a real estate agent with LAER Realty Partners.

Kenneth Young '87 was appointed to the board of trustees for Marion Technical College in Marion, Ohio. Young is executive vice president and general counsel for United Church Homes.

1990s

Evelyn Jones Walter '91 supported the 2016 "Step Up For Down Syndrome" fundraiser for the Rocky Mountain Down Syndrome Association. To honor and support her daughter, who has Down syndrome, Walter and her family organized a team of 65 people to participate in the walk and raise money.

Marc Cottle '92 created the Cottle Family Fund, an endowment fund managed by the Scioto Foundation and devoted to assisting public charitable causes in the Portsmouth, Ohio, area.

Heather Love Carman '93 is workforce development administrator at the Huron County, Ohio, Department of Job and Family Services.

Frederick Schilling '93 is partner in and co-CEO of Big Tree Farms, a global organic coconut product firm.

Timothy Ward '93 is principal and casualty practice leader at EPIC Insurance Brokers and Consultants in Stamford, Conn.

Lidia Kapoustina Carr '95 joined the law firm of Kadish, Hinkel and Weibel in Cleveland.

D.J. Young '95 and **Andy Young '96** teamed up with

Ellen McCarthy to form Young & McCarthy LLP, a new Cleveland law firm that primarily represents victims of truck accidents in Ohio and nearby states.

Marie Kuban '97 is a vice chair at Ulmer & Berne LLP.

Andrew Stillman '99 is the athletic director at Vermilion (Ohio) High School. **Tyler Stillman '00** is the athletic director at neighboring community and rival Firelands High School in Oberlin. Both recently earned the level of Certified Athletic Administrator by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association.



Will Day '93 featured in ARTCOVER

Several abstract works by **Will Day '93** (including "Freedom," pictured here) were featured in *ARTCOVER* magazine's January issue, including on the cover, along with a profile of his work.



Nashville-area alumni enjoy reception

On the evening of Jan. 19, alumni from the Nashville, Tenn., area gathered for a cocktail reception hosted by **Dwight Wiles '78** and his wife, Diana. OWU President Rock Jones provided a campus update to the group, including from left (front): **Karen Lackey '68** and **Dwight Wiles '78**, (back row, from left) Rock Jones, **Jeff Long '82**, **Joel Daunic '65**, **Ann Daunic '67**, **Jim Lackey**, **Nicole Onufrey '93**, **Anna Jones '15**, **Melissa Lollar Jones**, **Matthew Garvey '07** and Ann Garvey, Roger Ingles, **Tim Corbin '84** and Maggie Corbin. Not pictured: **Kamal Saggi '90** and Diana Johnson Wiles.



Leibrich sworn in as county supervisor

Kathryn Barger Leibrich '83 was sworn in as Los Angeles County supervisor representing Pasadena on Dec. 5. Leibrich has 28 years of experience working for the county, including 15 years as chief deputy supervisor for her predecessor.



Recent grad studies in Belize

Last summer, **Elizabeth Fikter '16** studied coral reefs, manatees, howler monkeys, jaguars and other wildlife while learning how communities are trying to sustain them in Belize. Elizabeth lives in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, and took the graduate course in pursuit of her master's degree from Miami University's Global Field Program.

2000s

Kenyon Commins '00 was named head football coach at Ross (Ohio) High School.

Timothy Sesternenn '02, assistant professor of biology at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, was awarded the school's 2016 Sharon Walker Faculty Excellence Award, honoring teaching excellence, effective advising, scholarship, and service to the college.

Dana Bucin Diaz Vazquez '02 is a partner in the immigration practice group of Murtha Cullina LLP.

Marc D'Auteuil '03 was named boys soccer coach at Olentangy

Liberty High School in Powell, Ohio.

Tim Hawthorne '03, assistant professor of geographic information systems at the University of Central Florida Department of Sociology, has been appointed associate editor of the *Journal of Geography*, an academic publication featuring the research of geographers and spatially oriented scholars.

Jacob Kagey '04, associate professor in biology at the University of Detroit Mercy, co-authored an article with a student about cell growth and division of chromosomes in flies, which was published in the journal *Advances in Bioscience and Biotechnology*.

Michael Grady IV '04 is the owner of Velocity Sports, a baseball facility in North Canton, Ohio, with a focus on improving pitching velocity and bat speed.

Joanne Meyer '04 owns the Backstretch in Delaware, Ohio, which recently rebranded from a bar to a full-service kitchen.

Nathanael Jonhenry '05 was named to the 2017 Ohio Rising Stars list by Super Lawyers in the field of government relations, an honor reserved for those lawyers who exhibit excellence in practice. Only 2.5 percent of attorneys in Ohio receive this distinction. Jonhenry is an associate at the international law firm Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP, where his primary practice

areas are government relations and campaign finance law.

Ryan Martin '05 is director of the youth academy for the D.C. United soccer team.

Carrie Williams Schlegel '05 was inducted into the OWU Athletic Hall of Fame. She was a four-time all-region selection in women's lacrosse.

Andrew Warnock '06 is director of multifamily housing for RED Mortgage Capital in Columbus.

Wes Goodman '06 was elected to the Ohio House of Representatives, representing the 87th House District. He was sworn into office on Nov. 16.



McGarr '10 collaborates with professor

When Lee Fratantuono, professor and chair of the Classics Department, was asked to write a series of books on the expansion of the Roman Empire across the Mediterranean world, he knew he would need strong photography. He turned to **Katie McGarr '10**, who took several of his ancient history classes as a student and was working as a freelance photographer.

McGarr began her odyssey in the footsteps of Lucullus and other Roman

conquerors, moving from Spain and Italy east to Croatia, Serbia, Greece, Cyprus, Turkey, and Armenia. Her knowledge of ancient Greek and Latin helped immensely in working out everything from inscriptions on ruins to modern signs in Greek. The first product of the collaboration is an illustrated edition of Book 16 of Tacitus' *Annals*, due to be published early in 2017 – to be followed later in the year by the release of a Lucullus book. Several additional volumes will follow at regular intervals, including a project on the mad emperor Caligula's military misadventures in what is today France.

Degree completion after decades



Tarsha Williams '16 joined the Class of 2016 in December when she completed her degree in music. Williams was originally a member of the Class of 1988. Tarsha (left) with her daughter Cydney. Congratulations, Tarsha!



Rosato-Davis wedding

Anthony Rosato '09 was married to Danny Davis on Oct. 8 at the Center of Science and Industry in Columbus. OWU alumni joining in the celebration included, from left: (front) **Leanna Daniels Bucceri '10**, **Colin Magruder '09**, Danny Davis, **Karen Griffiths Leary '78**, **Anthony Rosato '09**, **Joe Rosato '06**, (middle row) **Amanda Zechiel-Keiber '09**, **Sarah Bruno '10**, **Meredith Brown Sinclair '09**, **Valerie Sloboda Weyand '09**, **Kim Leary '09**, **Alison Kennedy '10**, (back row) **Nick Baker '09**, **Grant Daniels '09**, **Sam Sinclair '07**, **Yaser Helal '09**, **Jenny Brodie '04**, **Chris Moore '04**, and **Zach Barbara '10**. Not pictured: **Josiah Huber '12**, **Justin Skaggs '09**, and **Sam Skaggs '11**.



McCarthy-Jakinovich wedding

Kathleen McCarthy '05 married Nathaniel Jakinovich on Oct. 8.

Alexandra “Lixie” Snyder Alford '07 is director of education at Educational Services, a test-preparation business based in St. Davids, Pa.

Qiana McNary '07 starred in Fox Country Players' presentation of *Sister Act*, playing nightclub singer Deloris Van Cartier, in Sugar Grove, N.C.

Eric Carpenter '07, a Los Angeles-based actor, recently wrote and self-published the book *Becoming Invincible: Training Your Mind to Achieve the Possible*. It is currently available on Amazon Kindle (free), with an audio book scheduled to be released in March. More is available on his blog at becominginvinciblebook.com.

Andy Burd '09 was named an Institutional Investor “Rising Star of Wall Street” for his coverage of Master Limited Partnerships.

2010s

Dave Winnyk '13 is a co-producer of P.O.V., the iO Talk Show at iO Chicago, an improv comedy theater.

Alex Armstrong '16 was the soloist for January's First Thursday Noontime Recital Series at Asbury United Methodist Church in Delaware, Ohio. He is a graduate student at the University of Oklahoma.

Ben Miller '16 is a marketing associate at the Orton Family Foundation in Vermont.

Alexander Paquet '16 performed as Field Sleeper at the It Looks Like It's Open gallery in Columbus on Feb. 3, as part of the Fuse Factory Electronic and Digital Arts Lab's Frequency Fridays experimental music and sound art monthly series.

Marriages 2010s

Magdelaine Anthony '12 was married to James Cushing on Jan. 28. She is the varsity field hockey, squash, and lacrosse coach at the Spence School in New York.

Births 2000s

Michael Sher '00 celebrated the birth of son Sebastian Sher on Nov. 21.

Casey Dobbins Hinkle '04 and her husband Doug welcomed daughter Kiersten on Sept. 8. Kiersten joins big sister Callie.

Christine Maier '04 celebrated the birth of daughter Norah Stevie Baker on Dec. 17.

Hannah Phillips '04 celebrated the birth of son Theodore John Thomas on Nov. 21.



Dague-Gallagher wedding

Jamison Dague '08 married Heather Gallagher on Sept. 17 on Governors Island in New York. OWU alumni joining the celebration were **Joseph Rosato '06**, **Casey Teeters '08**, **Megan Downing Teeters '09**, and **Kate Lefurgy '08**.



Foy-Lafontaine wedding

Katie Foy '08 married Grant Lafontaine on Aug. 6 in Tiffin, Ohio. Foy is the daughter of **Jan Miller Foy '77** and Ken Foy. Members of the bridal party included **Brianna Robbins Meister '08** and **Jackie Coffey '07**.



Kleinman-Constantine wedding

Jessica Kleinman '09 and Michael Constantine were married on Sept. 24 in Brooklyn Heights, N.Y. Joining Michael and Jessica in the celebration were fellow OWU alumni, from left: (back row) **Mac Stemberg '07**, **Gordon Witkin '77**, **Kelly Butler '78**, **Eric Tillman '77**, **Meg Rooney**, **Andy Behymer '79**, **Kate Walker Ames '09**, **Mark Ames '09**, **Greta Perry**, **Chris Kelly '79**, **Gary Kleinman '77** (father of the bride), (middle row) **Maureen Curran Kleinman '78** (mother of the bride), **Emily Steger '09**, **Meryl Stemberg '09**, **Chris Myers '08**, **Kaitlin Moran '09**, **Bennet Newman '09**, **Ella Claney '10**, **Dina Salvatore '09**, **George Franz '08**, (front row) **Michael Constantine**, **Jessica Kleinman '09**, **Jennifer Dansie '09**, **Erica Hamann '09**, **Mary Grimm '09**, and **Annie Tillman '78**.

Emily Kenny Prater '04 welcomed son James Tappan Prater on Nov. 21. Also celebrating are uncle **William Kenny '09** and grandmother **Linda Williams '74**.

John Schaefer '05 and **Marie Rymut Schaefer '07** celebrated the birth of son Nicholas Schaefer on Nov. 25. Also celebrating is aunt **Sharon Rymut '10**.

Jessica Morris Lieberth '06 celebrated the birth of daughter Jocelyn Lieberth on Oct. 7.

Lynn Kelly McClish '06 and **Jeffrey McClish '06** welcomed their second child, Audrey, on Dec 3. Audrey joins big brother Spencer.

Sarah Tobias '06 welcomed son Samuel Joseph Gaither on Nov. 22.

Sarah Wall '06 welcomed son Jack Edward Fortier on Jan. 16. Also celebrating are uncles **Tyler Wall '11** and **Travis Wall '12**.

Farrukh Mushtaq '07 celebrated the birth of son Aden Montgomery Farrukh on Nov. 8.

Jordon Sampson '07 celebrated the birth of daughter Ella Lynn Sampson on Nov. 11.

Amanda Zechiel-Keiber '09 and her husband Jason celebrated the birth of son Beckett Anthony Keiber on Dec. 8. Beckett had the good fortune of being delivered by **Dr. Britta Buchenroth '09**.



Hill-Hooper wedding

Melanie Hill '05 married Jesse Hooper on Oct. 15 in a small family wedding at the Bellville, Ohio home of her brother Jim and sister-in-law **Megan Maurer Hill '02** (on left). The newlyweds live in Alaska.



Sprajcar-Aiello wedding

Jessica Sprajcar '00 married James Aiello on Oct. 22 at the Willis House in York, Pa. The couple lives in Harrisburg, Pa., where he is a civil engineer for the Susquehanna Regional Airport Authority and she is a consultant and freelance journalist for LandStudies Inc., among other organizations. Both are members of the Harrisburg Keystone Rotary Club, where they initially met. OWU friends, pictured from left: **Sarah Wright '99**, **Molly Meister '98**, **Tom Fuller '00**, **Jessica Sprajcar Aiello '00**, **Brooke Georgiton '00**, **Robin Monteleone '00**, and **Elyse Fuller '00**. Not pictured is bridesmaid **Michelle DeIulis '02**.

2010s

James Willison '11 welcomed son Holden James Willison on Oct. 23.

In Memoriam

1930s

Geraldine Evans Boyce '34, of Columbus, Dec. 10, at the age of 104.

Geraldine Davidson Roberts '36, of Pullman, Idaho, Oct. 19, at the age of 102. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

Jeanne Grant Stayton '38, of Newport Beach, Calif., Nov. 11, at the age of 100. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

Virginia Wiggins Childs '39, of Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 7, at the age of 99. She was predeceased by her mother, **Gwendolyn Moore Rentz 1916**, and a sister, **Nancy Wiggins Voght '41**. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Nansie Dienstel Follen '39, of Bridgeport, Ohio, Jan. 7, at the age of 99.

Serge Hummon '39, of Holden, Mass., Dec. 29, at the age of 99. He was predeceased by a brother, **Norman Hummon '42**, and is survived by a sister, **Janet Hummon Rankin '42**. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Marguerite Seip Morgan '39, of North Charleston, S.C., Nov. 1, at the age of 100.

1940s

Malinda Horn Gage '40, of Lancaster, Pa., Jan. 11, at the age of 98. She was predeceased by her husband, **John Gage '38**, and was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Eleanore Pottman Kleist '40, of Fort Myers, Fla., Jan. 11, at the age of 98. She was predeceased by

her husband, **Peter Kleist '40**, and a son, **David Kleist '72**. She is survived by a granddaughter, **Julie McMillen Evans '92**. She was a member of the OWU Tower Society and Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Richard Cole '42, of Whitehall, Pa., Nov. 24, at the age of 96.

Irene Dulin Offeman '42, of Texas, Oct. 9.

David Chenoweth '43, of Warren, Ohio, Nov. 5, at the age of 94. He was predeceased by his parents, **Harley Chenoweth 1914** and **Pearl Moore Chenoweth 1917**. He was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi.



Mahlon Hamilton '43 (above), of Stephens City, Va., Jan. 3, at the age of 97. He was a member of Chi Phi fraternity and played varsity basketball and baseball for three years. He later earned a master's degree in education and athletic administration at Springfield College, Mass. Hamilton's senior year at OWU was interrupted by his service in the U.S. Army Air Corps in WWII, flying materials and supplies to allied forces in Burma, and evacuating the wounded and prisoners of war. Later, he flew numerous flights over the Hump to China. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with one oak leaf cluster and the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters. He was honorably discharged as Captain, USAF. Hamilton was a health and physical education teacher, coach, and administrator at the high school, college, and community college levels for 37 years. As a member of the

American Red Cross for 30 years, he taught swimming, life-saving, and first aid. He was a high school and college sports official in football, swimming and diving, and baseball for many years. Hamilton was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Batavia, N.Y., and of North Lake Presbyterian Church in Lady Lake, Fla., for many years. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters. He is survived by Lila, his wife of 64 years, three daughters and their families, including seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Claude Martin '43, of Norwalk, Ohio, Jan. 12, at the age of 95. He is survived by a granddaughter, **Trisha Kilgrove Cross '02**, and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

John Marshall '44, of Portsmouth, Ohio, Jan. 27, at the age of 94. He is survived by his wife, **Beverly Tierney Marshall '49**. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Juanita Wright Schlee '44, of Lakeland, Fla., Nov. 1, at the age of 94. She was predeceased by her husband, **Roy Schlee '43**, and was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Thoburn Anderson '45, of Heber Springs, Ariz., Dec. 3, at the age of 94. He was predeceased by his wife, **Alice Tobin Anderson '47**.

Helen Yeiter Bergmann '45, of Marion, Ohio, Dec. 24, at the age of 93. She was predeceased by a sister, **Luella Yeiter Wells '40**, and was a member of the OWU Tower Society.

Jacquelyn Staats Cobble Dick '45, of Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 20, at the age of 91. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

E. Dwight Griswold '45, of Bellbrook, Ohio, Jan. 21, at the age of 94. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Murland Minor Oliver '45, of Boynton Beach, Fla., Oct. 1, at the age of 93. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Charlotte Purdy Mabee '46, of Mansfield, Ohio, Jan. 13, at the age of 92. She was predeceased by a sister, **Jean Purdy McNeill '40**, and was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

Eileen Seabright Smith '46, of Hamilton, Ohio, Nov. 12, at the age of 91. She was a member of Kappa Delta sorority.

Jonathan Amy '47, of West Lafayette, Ind., Dec. 4, at the age of 93. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Audus Helton '47, of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, Dec. 15, at the age of 94. He is survived by his wife, **Adeline Waller Helton '48**, and was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Lois McGee '47, of Willoughby, Ohio, Jan. 2, at the age of 91. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

L. Lucille Van Cleve Burrow '48, of Santa Maria, Calif., Aug. 27, at the age of 91. She was predeceased by her husband, **Robert Burrow '48**, and was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

Patria Olesen Kerrick '48, Nov. 15, at the age of 92.

Marion Garrison LoPrete '48, of Orchard Lake, Mich., Oct. 1, at the age of 90. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

William Mulroney Jr. '48, of Gaithersburg, Md., Nov. 17, at the age of 93. He is survived by his wife, **Lenore Pyle Mulroney '48**, and was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Donald Boothe '49, of Spanish Fort, Ala. He is survived by his wife, **Joan Foley Boothe '49**, and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Selene Elliott Butters '49, of Dublin, Ohio, Sept. 27, at the age of 89. She was an active member of the Monnett Club and is survived by her husband Bob, five children, and nine grandchildren, including **Andrew Geoffrey Stock '16**.

Marilyn Sager Jacobs '49, of Palm Coast, Fla., Jan. 30, at the age of 89. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

Thomas Lotrecchiano '49, of Mahopac, N.Y., and Rhinebeck, N.Y., Dec. 29, at the age of 92. He is survived by a brother, **Al Lotrecchiano '56**, two children, **Diane Lotrecchiano Holmes '70** and **Donna Lotrecchiano Meyer '74**, and a grandson, **Rich Holmes '98**. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and the OWU Athletic Hall of Fame.

Clarice Johnson Myers '49, of Carey, Ohio, Nov. 9, at the age of 89.

1950s

Grace Butterweck '50, of Somers, N.Y., and Wellfleet, Mass., Dec. 25, at the age of 88. She was predeceased by a sister, **Ethel Bucher '43**. She was a member of the OWU Athletic Hall of Fame and Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

Eleanor Stitt Chenoweth '50, of Clarksburg, Ohio, Dec. 11, at the age of 88. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Geneva Puterbaugh Day '50, of Tipp City, Ohio, Nov. 4, at the age of 88. She is survived by a son, **James Day '77**, and was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

Richard Frieg '50, of Perry Township, Ohio, Dec. 31, at the age of 90. He is survived by a brother, **John Frieg '44**, and was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

William Kelly '50, of Bellevue, Wash., Dec. 15, at the age of 89. He was predeceased by his wife, **Joan Flucke Kelly '52**, and was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Charles Mendelson '50, of Santa Barbara, Calif., Dec. 11, at the age of 88. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Dale Renner '50, of Tucson, Ariz., Nov. 6, at the age of 92. He is survived by his wife, **K. Annette Halley Renner '52**, and was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Phyllis Rogers Adams '51, of Delaware, Ohio, Nov. 30, at the age of 87.

Richard Eesley '51, of Rockford, Ill., Dec. 4, at the age of 87. He was predeceased by his mother, **Edla Scaife Eesley '26**, and is survived by a brother, **Daniel Eesley '53**. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Barbara Huff Ellwood '51, of Lancaster, Ohio, Dec. 1, at the age of 87. She is survived by a sister, **Dorothy Huff Pettibone '42**, and was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Agnes Park Fausnaugh '51, of Rocky River, N.C., Oct. 20, at the age of 87. She was predeceased by her husband, **Hal Fausnaugh '48**, and is survived by a grandson, **Perry Obee '06**. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and the OWU Tower Society.

William Garrison '51, of Minden, La., Dec. 1, at the age of 87. He was predeceased by his parents, **Clarence Garrison '26** and **Helen Harman Garrison '27**. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

John Nixon '51, of Lancaster, Ohio, Jan. 19, at the age of 92. He was predeceased by his wife, **Catherine Annas Nixon '49**, and was a member of Beta Sigma Tau fraternity.

Richard Nowers '51, of Edgewater, Md., Jan. 23, at the age of 87. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Elizabeth Westland Nye '51, of New London, N.H., and Palm City, Fla., Dec. 2, at the age of 87. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Nancy Schultz '51, of Delaware, Ohio, Dec. 22, at the age of 87. She was predeceased by her husband, **Stanley Schultz '51**, and her mother, **Frances Hughes Schultz '24**. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Marguerite Schimmel Wolf '51, of Bethany Beach, Del., Oct. 18, at the age of 87. She was predeceased by her parents, **Elmer Schimmel 1917** and **Marguerite Schimmel 1919**, and a brother, **Harrie Schimmel '44**. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Marilyn Davis Buckley '52, of Stuart, Fla., Dec. 27, at the age of 86. She was predeceased by her husband, **Claude Buckley '52**, and was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

Joanne Plank Greaves '52, of Tampa, Fla., Jan. 9, at the age of 86. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Lawrence Green '52, of Hamilton, Ohio, Jan. 23, at the age of 86. He was predeceased by his father, **Albert Green '23**; his wife, Betty Green; a brother, **Carl Green '51**; and a sister-in-law, **Carol Fox Green '51**, and is survived by a son, **John Green '79**. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, and his family says he enjoyed attending OWU reunions and was making plans to attend his 65th class reunion in May.

Dolores Deist Fraser '53, of Silver Lake, Ohio, Dec. 28, at the age of 85. She was predeceased by her husband, **Ivan Fraser '52**.

Sally Jackman Freeman '53, of Highlands Ranch, Colo., Dec. 22, at the age of 85. She was predeceased by her husband,

Robert Freeman '51, and is survived by a daughter, **Victoria Freeman Kunter '78**. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Jack King '53, of Crawfordsville, Ind., Nov. 17, at the age of 85. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Winston Lora '53 of Medford, Ore., Oct. 28, at the age of 85. He was a member of Chi Phi fraternity.

Wallace "Wally" Pursell '53, of Baton Rouge, Dec. 27 at the age of 87. He was predeceased by his wife **Zoe F. Pursell '53**, whom he met at OWU, and his brother **William Pursell '51**. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi and later a 1st Lieutenant in the Army before going on to a career in the steel industry. He is survived by three children, grandchildren, a great-grandson, cousin **Anne Reed Robins '56**, and nieces and nephews. Wally co-founded the Baton Rouge Astronomical Society in 1981 and volunteered in its community outreach for 35 years. His astronomical equipment designs and astrophotography were published in astronomy magazines, and a minor planet discovered in 1999 was named in his honor.

JoAnn Bradley Thompson '53, of Hermitage, Pa., and Pompano Beach, Fla., Jan. 18, at the age of 84. She was predeceased by her husband, **Wallace Thompson '51**, and is survived by children including **Wallace Thompson '75**, and grandchildren including **Amanda Thompson Oliver '09**. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

Thomas Wilson '53, of Saint Johns, Mich., Oct. 10, at the age of 85. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

John Bennett '54, of Syracuse, N.Y., Nov. 4, at the age of 84. He was a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity.

M. Richard Holbrook '54, of Westlake, Ohio, Oct. 7, at the age of 85. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Patricia Cailor Varley '54, of Westlake, Ohio, Oct. 19, at the age of 84. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

James Matz '55, of St. Clairsville, Ohio, Oct. 2.

Laura Merrill Meridon '55, of Delaware, Ohio, Dec. 7, at the age of 82. She is survived by a son, **John Donnenwirth '82**, and was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Laurence Miller '55, of Wellington, Ohio, Jan. 12, at the age of 83. He is survived by his wife, **Mary Whitman Miller '53**, and was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

James Wilkins '55, of Birchaven Village, Ohio, Nov. 22, at the age of 83. He was predeceased by his wife, **Nancy Martin Wilkins '58**, and was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

David Carr '56, of Bowling Green, Ohio, Dec. 7, at the age of 82. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Donald Corfield '56, of Monroeville, Pa., Oct. 4, at the age of 82. He was a member of Beta Sigma Tau fraternity.



Dorothy "Dot" Kelley Downing '56 (above), of Uxbridge, Mass., Nov. 19, at the age of 82. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority and earned her degree in psychology. She is survived by her five children: John, Kathleen, Brian, Matthew, and

Nicole. She is also survived by six grandchildren and her long-term partner, John Congdon. Downing was born in Middleboro, Mass., and graduated from Hingham High School in Massachusetts. After earning her degree at Ohio Wesleyan, she became a small-business owner. She enjoyed cooking at the restaurant she owned and later at the diner she owned. In addition to her career, Downing also pursued a master's degree while raising five active children. During retirement, Downing became an accomplished artist and loved to cook for her many friends and family members. She also was an enormous fan of the New England Patriots and was intensely interested in politics. After becoming ill with lung cancer and later suffering a major stroke, she maintained her amazing strength and sense of humor. She often made jokes with hospital staff and family while undergoing treatment. Downing personified grace and dignity. Her unwavering spirit will forever be an inspiration to the many who knew and loved her.

William Wiggins Jr. '56, of Bloomington, Ind., Dec. 24, at the age of 82. He is survived by a sister, **Anna Wiggins Smith '64**, and was a member of Beta Sigma Tau fraternity.

Thomas Zesiger '57, of North Fort Myers, Fla., Jan. 2, at the age of 81. He is survived by his wife, **Hanna Holt Zesiger '57**. He was a member of the OWU Athletic Hall of Fame and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Glen Butterman '58, of Marion, Ohio, Jan. 15, at the age of 80. He was a member of the OWU Athletic Hall of Fame and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He served in the Army from 1959 to 1961, and he retired in 1999 from ESCO in Bucyrus, Ohio. He was an active person and enjoyed bowling, fishing, running, bicycling, hiking, camping, and playing chess in his later days. Butterman took great pride in his children and grandchildren and will be missed by family and friends.

Kayanne Garber Day '58, of Hudson, Ohio, Dec. 13, at the age of 80. She was predeceased by a sister, **Veda Garber Rose '59**. She is survived by her husband, **Ralph Day '58**, a sister, **Joyce Garber McHaffie '68**, a son, **Bryan Day '84**, and a daughter, **Karen Biava '88**. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

Telford Fuge '58, of Johnstown, Pa., Jan. 18, at the age of 83. He was predeceased by his wife, **M. Jane Meek Fuge '59**, and was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Urlin Harris Jr. '58, of Delaware, Ohio, Dec. 8, at the age of 80. He is survived by a son, **Urlin Harris '83**, and was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Clyde Cox '59, of Lakeside, Ohio, Oct. 3, at the age of 79. He is survived by a son, **Andrew Cox '92**. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and the OWU Tower Society, and he was a former member of the OWU Board of Trustees.

Kenneth Gallinger '59, of Harford, Pa., Dec. 14, at the age of 80. He predeceased by his wife, **Ruth-Anne Spurrier Gallinger '58**, and was a member of Chi Phi fraternity.

Gordon Greek '59, of Bluffton, Ind., Dec. 5, at the age of 79. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Donna Sherard Hunkins '59, of Columbus, Jan. 5, at the age of 80. She was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.

James Whittaker '59, of Virginia Beach, Va., Nov. 2, at the age of 79. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

1960s

G. Thorpe Mitchell '60, of Leesburg, Ind., Dec. 11, at the age of 78. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Katharine Boerner Rindge '60, of Columbus, N.C., Nov. 1, at the age of 77. She is survived by her husband, **Fred Rindge IV '59**.

Ernest Bickford '61, of Pilesgrove, N.J., Oct. 13, at the age of 81.



Aaron Messing '62 (above), of Morgantown, Pa., formerly of West Orange, N.J., Oct. 22, at the age of 76. He is survived by his wife, **Virginia Drick Messing '63**. He was a member of Chi Phi fraternity and the OWU Tower Society. Messing graduated from OWU with a degree in chemistry, then from Baruch College in 1972 with an MBA in management and finance, and the American College in 1974 with a CLU. He was a member of Chi Phi fraternity at OWU, a founding member of the Garden State Theater Organ Society in 1973, and a lifelong member of the Temple Sinai in Summit, N.J. He enjoyed woodworking in his home workshop, playing competition-level chess, and was an avid collector of Imari. Although only a hobby, his optical microscopy work was recognized with winning entries in the Nikon Small World competition in 2002 and 2003. He was also a world traveler and visited all 50 states. In March 2016, he became a member of the Chrysler 300M Enthusiasts Club as an owner of the classic 2002 Chrysler 300M. In addition to his wife of 50 years, he is survived by two sons and two grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the "Aaron and Virginia Messing Scholarship" at Ohio Wesleyan.

Kathy Kerr '63, of Troy, Ohio, Jan. 16, at the age of 75. She was predeceased by her father, **Ellis Kerr '29**, and is survived by a sister, **Karol Kerr McCarthy '59**. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Don Noland '64, of Rockwall, Texas, Feb. 4, at the age of 74. He is survived by two brothers, **Stan Noland '60** and **Tom Noland '67**, and a daughter, **Katie Noland '01**. He is also survived by his wife, Nancy Stevenson Noland; a son, Jeff Noland; a daughter-in-law, Heather Kristoff Noland; and two grandchildren, Carter and Delaney. Noland was a four-year letterman for OWU football and was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Russell Brown '65, of New Concord, Ohio, Dec. 28, at the age of 73. He was predeceased by his mother, **Marjorie Smith Brown '31**, and was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

Marilyn Warner '65, of Delaware, Ohio, Jan. 18, at the age of 81. She was predeceased by a brother, **Robert Warner '58**.

Stephen Bricker '69, of Richmond, Va., Oct. 11, at the age of 69. He was a member of Chi Phi fraternity.

Alice Schneider '69, of Rockland Township, Pa., Sept. 24, at the age of 68.

1970s

Mark Shankland '71, of Yarmouth, Maine, Oct. 21, at the age of 67. He was predeceased by his father, **Alan Shankland '34**, and is survived by a brother, **David Shankland '75**. He was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

Michele Carr Kiene '75, of Schwetzingen, Germany, Dec. 20, at the age of 63.

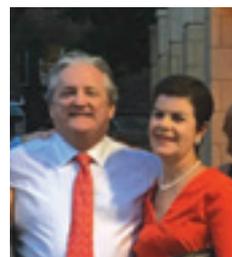
Susan Sounders Obrecht '77, of Greenwich, Conn., Nov. 13, at the age of 61. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

1980s

James Ned Walls '80, of Hartly, Md., Sept. 28, at the age of 58. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Lane Bettcher '83, of St. Petersburg, Fla., Nov. 5, at the age of 55. He is survived by his parents, **Laurence Bettcher '61** and **Nancy Lamvermeyer Scott '61**, and a brother, **Robert Mack '87**. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Julie Monteith '83, of Milwaukee, Dec. 2, at the age of 55. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.



Royce Mulholland '83 (above with wife **Lauretta Kennedy Mulholland '84**), died at home on March 3, at the age of 56. He leaves a legacy in the communities he deeply touched in New York City and beyond, including his hometown of Douglas Manor, N.Y. Whether he was raising money for the new dock project or officiating at the annual July 4th track and field games for local kids, Royce was proud of his friends and the community that they had built together. He was a passionate advocate for affordable housing. His company, The Mulholland Group, developed, managed, and was lauded for creating modern multi-family housing in upstate New York as well as in Texas and Virginia. After graduation from OWU, Royce went to work for New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, where he developed the love for housing and helping those less fortunate that shaped the balance of his life's work. Royce was a passionate man with big appetites. He thought he had the coaching acumen to bring Notre

Dame football another national title. Royce was a longtime supporter of Providence House, a Brooklyn nonprofit shelter that helps women who are homeless and recently released from prison transition back into society. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. He is survived by his wife, **Lauretta Kennedy Mulholland '84**, daughters, Noelle, Shannon, Annie and Blair; and his son Royce Jr., his mother Dorothy, brothers and sister and more than 40 nieces and nephews.

Donald Rodgers '84, of Sherman, Texas, Nov. 6, at the age of 54. He is survived by a sister, **Marcy Rodgers '82**.

1990s

Jeffery Head '90, of Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 4, at the age of 48.

Faculty/Staff

Robert Fichter, of Hampton, Conn., Nov. 25, at the age of 95. Fichter taught religion and philosophy at OWU. He is survived by his wife, Angela Hawkins Fichter '69, and a daughter, Allison Fichter '73.

John "Jack" Fulcher, of Hopewell Township, Pa., Jan. 9, at the age of 98. He taught psychology at OWU.

Anne Wood Galloway, of Evans, Ga., Dec. 3, at the age of 86.

Marian Hoffman, of Delphi, Ohio, Jan. 3, at the age of 97.

Mont Christy Hollingsworth, of Sunbury, Ohio, Nov. 27, at the age of 68.

Sandy Jones, of Lecanto, Fla., Jan. 4, at the age of 66.

Richard King, Jan. 29, at the age of 85. He was a chemistry professor at OWU.

Maxine Main, of Delaware, Ohio, Nov. 29, at the age of 96. She taught home economics at OWU.

Paul McEnderfer, of Harrisonburg, Pa., Dec. 1, at the age of 85. He taught and conducted orchestras at OWU.

Joyce Ross, of Delaware, Ohio, Nov. 30, at the age of 78. She was a former cafeteria worker at OWU.

James Rowley, of Charleston, S.C., Dec. 14, at the age of 91.

Friends

James Dicke, of New Bremen, Ohio, Nov. 11, at the age of 94.

Sympathy to

William Jacobson '68 for the loss of his father, Arthur Jacobson.

Marlene Yellin Wilson '70 and **Laura Zionts Yellin '74** for the death of Mark Yellin.

L. Clark Morehouse III '73, **Susan Currie Morehouse '74**, **Sarah Morehouse '05**, **Meryl McCumber Stemberg '09**, and **Thomas "Mac" Stemberg '07** for the loss of William Currie, Oct. 19, at the age of 95.

Laurie Smith Darling '77 for the loss of her mother, Claire Smith, Dec. 16, at the age of 88.

Eric Tillman '77 for the loss of his mother, Joan Tillman, Dec. 15, at the age of 88.

Carolyn Shenk Connolly '79 for the loss of her father, Louis Shenk Jr., Nov. 30, at the age of 90.

'65 alumnus receives royal honor

Andrés Duarte's path to being honored by the British monarchy last summer began during a nine-hour trans-Atlantic flight in the late 1980s. He was returning to Caracas, Venezuela, from a business trip to London and was seated near executives from the British firm Thomas De La Rue, one of the oldest security printing companies in the world, on their way to the South American nation to seek representation there.

Duarte secured an interview and later, their business. His trading company Duarte Vivas & Associates handled imports for De La Rue until Venezuela's economy crashed in 2010.

Duarte is a Life Trustee at Ohio Wesleyan, where he majored in geology and minored in economics. In March, it was announced that he would be the keynote speaker for the University's 173rd commencement ceremony on May 13.

Duarte recalls being astonished and honored to be named Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE), the order of chivalry of the British constitutional monarchy. According to the official website of the British government, the OBE can be awarded to a civilian "for having a major local role in any activity, including people whose work has made them known nationally in their chosen area."

Duarte's announcement states: "For services to British exports." "I'm very proud of it, and at the same time I was shell shocked," he says.

He was contacted by the British ambassador in Caracas in June and told he had been nominated for the award by several British citizens who work with diplomats and companies in Venezuela. In November, he received confirmation. Plans for a trip to London were scuttled when Queen Elizabeth II fell ill, and Duarte was officially presented with his OBE at the British Embassy in Caracas.

"The ceremony was short and small with only six guests from my side plus British diplomats. Naturally, I shed some tears, and had to use a handkerchief as I spoke giving my thanks," he says.

Adding to his honor, Duarte's is the first OBE presented in his country since 1959, when a British citizen received it.

The award has buoyed his spirits during an uncertain time, as Venezuela grapples with an annual inflation rate of more than 600 percent. Simple things like making phone calls can sometimes prove difficult. Since the economic crisis, his company has been selling high security banknotes and other related business items to the Venezuelan government.

"My conclusion from this is that I am not going to retire but simply continue working; this has brought me luck and good times, especially in (Venezuela's) difficult in times," he says.



Andrés Duarte '65 (right) is named an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire by John Saville, British ambassador to Venezuela, during a ceremony in Caracas.

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The deadline for receiving Class Notes and Faculty Notes submissions for the Fall 2017 OWU Magazine is June 9, 2017.



Helen Crider Smith '56 and her husband Gordon Smith '54

Helen Crider Smith '56 receives award

Helen Crider Smith '56, a member of the Ohio Wesleyan Board of Trustees since 1985, has been selected to receive the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges (OFIC) Earl F. Morris Trustee of the Year Award.

The annual award, to be presented in April, recognizes an exceptional trustee from one of the OFIC's 34 member institutions. Smith is the first Ohio Wesleyan trustee to earn the Morris Award, created by the OFIC in 2010.

President Rock Jones says Smith's 30-year-plus legacy of service to her alma mater makes her the perfect choice for the prestigious honor.

"As an Ohio Wesleyan trustee, Helen Crider Smith's leadership has been exemplary in every way," says Jones, who nominated her for the award. "She is known by all for her wise counsel, penetrating and pertinent questions, and genuine concern for the University as a whole as well as for each individual on campus."

Smith was the board's first female chair and has been a Life Trustee since 1998. The University previously recognized her leadership with an Alumni Award in 1964, a Greek Alumni Award in 1992, and an honorary doctor of humanities degree in 2012.

Smith and her husband, **Gordon Smith '54**, have been a driving force behind the development of one of Tanzania's leading private schools, the School of St. Jude. The East African school provides elementary through high school education for children living in poverty. The couple's connection with the School of St. Jude also has benefited Ohio Wesleyan students who study abroad as part of the University's semester-long OWU in Tanzania program.

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FOR THE HOTALING FAMILY, ALL ROADS LEAD TO OWU

By Clark Hotaling '83

My wife, Maryjane, and I were both surprised — but thrilled — when our son Jackson decided four years ago to attend Ohio Wesleyan. Jackson has always liked to find his own path; we didn't expect his would be the same one we had taken decades earlier.

We are both members of the class of 1983. Although we spent the same four years at OWU, we didn't actually meet until our last two weeks on campus, at a party at the Brown Jug to celebrate hitting our senior class gift goal (which funded the patio between Hamilton-Williams and the Mowry Alumni Center).



(From left) **Maryjane '83** and **Clark Hotaling '83** at their house on N. Sandusky street after OWU; Clark, Jackson, and Maryjane just before the trip to Delaware in August of 2013 before Jackson's freshman year; arriving at OWU in 2013; Jackson in Glacier National Park last summer before his senior year.

OWU was the perfect choice for me, allowing me to study economic management, history, and political science. It even gave me my first job: as assistant director of annual giving, which allowed me to travel and meet lots of my fellow alumni while Maryjane and I lived in a house on N. Sandusky Street.

Professors Richard W. Smith (history) and Uwe J. Woltemade (economics) had tremendous influence on me, and Donna Burtch '76 (my first-ever boss) is still the best boss I've ever had.

Maryjane followed her sister **Marilyn Miller '76** to OWU. Maryjane enrolled in botany her freshman year to get it out of the way, and now works at the Missouri Botanical Garden, proofreading botanical manuscripts. She has fond memories of many, many (many!) hours at the Pi Phi house and watching Luke and Laura get married on *General Hospital*, along with scads of other women in the Hayes TV room.

And now, in just a few short weeks, our family will close another chapter at OWU as Jackson graduates.

The choice he made to attend OWU — without any pushing from us, we swear — was the absolute perfect one for him. We are grateful to the entire OWU community for providing such a great foundation for Jackson — incredible opportunities for him to check out, plug into, participate in, and learn from.

Jackson immediately hit the ground running in his first days at

OWU, and he never stopped. He's been able to major in two areas of great interest to him: geography and history. I know he's been challenged and enriched, as well as made many contacts in his field for potential postgraduate employment.

In addition to his rigorous academics and full social life, Jackson has worked all four years: as a student caller for the OWU Phonathon; overnight host for prospective students; intern for a historical Web map project; and editorial assistant at *The Historian*, one of the largest professional history journals in the world.

Our son has volunteered at Habitat for Humanity, the Delaware

County Historical Society, various projects for his fraternity Alpha Sigma Phi, and participated in two OWU spring break service trips — and was a leader of one of them.

Jackson participated in two Travel-Learning Courses — one to Argentina and one to South Africa; he went to South Korea with

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the Geography Department in May 2016 to study sustainability and waste management; he studied abroad in the fall of 2015 at the University of Cork in Ireland and also managed to visit the United Kingdom, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Germany, Poland, Tunisia, Italy, and Malta that semester. During his winter break this year, he traveled to Aysén, Chile, with three other students and two OWU faculty members to study environmental conservation.

I'm exhausted just thinking of the above — and I did this by memory, so I'm sure I've missed a lot. It's hard not to brag — not just about our son, but about our alma mater. The opportunities available at OWU for Jackson to reach out and grab are impressive.

We hope that he will continue to pack as much as possible into what remains of his time on campus. As my wife and I know well, a lot can happen in your last two weeks at OWU. ■

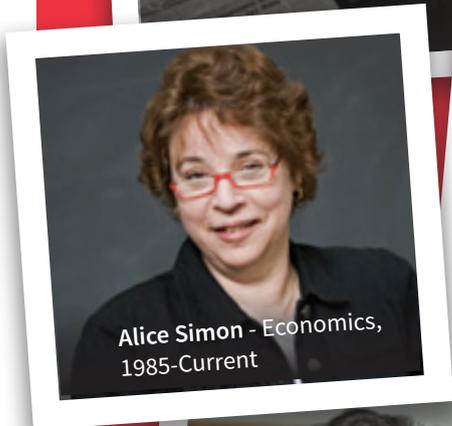
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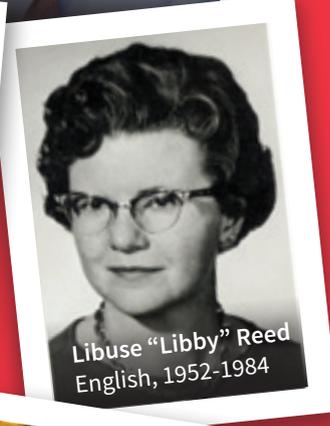
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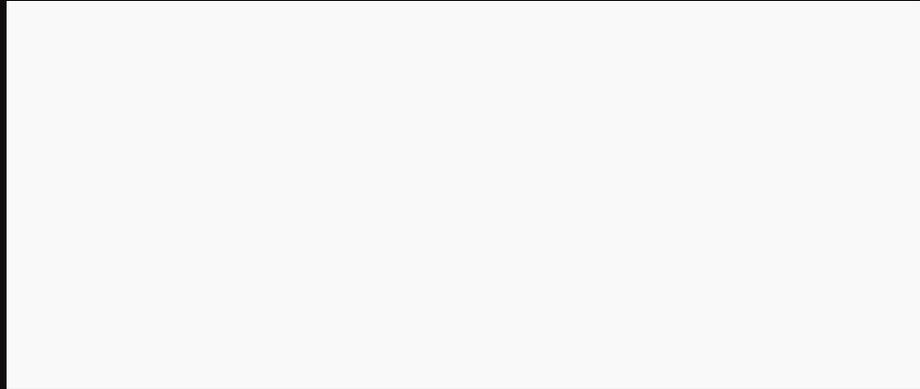
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