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OWU is the place for first-gen success

During my first 15 months at Ohio Wesleyan, I've crossed the nation talking with alumni of all ages about their OWU experience, their lives after OWU, and what matters most to them about this university they love.

One issue that fires up the spirit, the gratitude, and the imagination of alumni is OWU's role in providing opportunities for first-generation college students. Many of our alumni were the first in their family to graduate from college;

needed, and she improved her grades from C's to straight A's.

Trine believes she would have fallen through the cracks at a different school, and she told me, "I want to give back to Ohio Wesleyan because OWU took a chance on me."

Crucially, Trine also recognized the substantial investment and innovative programs we've implemented to attract first-generation students to OWU and, more important, to make sure

on Student Affairs (WCSA) is **Gabby Gonzalez-Duarte '26**, a first-gen triple major in public health, psychology, and politics and government.

We have teams of faculty, staff, alumni, and donors who are deeply committed to empowering first-gen students and giving them a space where they find belonging. Our work with first-gen students begins weeks before they set foot in their first classroom, preparing them for the rigors of college,



At an October luncheon for first-gen students, Matt vandenBerg talks with, from left, **Katie Fink '27**, **Kirsten Quinn '28**, **Jaila Conway Patterson '27**, and **Sabnaji Najnin '28**.

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all value Ohio Wesleyan's long history in guiding first-generation college students to find their pathway, succeed academically, and begin a successful adult life with an Ohio Wesleyan degree.

That's the case with **Katherine Trine Grissom '92**, who earlier this fall made a \$12 million estate commitment to Ohio Wesleyan to support first-generation college students. Trine remembers her Italian professor, Penny Popper, who worked with her every day during office hours and was the first person to detect a learning disability. After a formal diagnosis, she got the help she

they succeed and do indeed become the first in their family to graduate. Trine's is the latest in a series of seven-figure gifts to OWU in recent years to support our work with first-gen students. What started as a splash has surged into a tidal wave of support.

Ohio Wesleyan has become one of America's premier destinations for first-generation college students. This fall, 38% of our new students will be the first in their family to graduate from college. More students are achieving success and progressing toward graduation. And appropriately, the president of the Wesleyan Council

and it continues through tutoring, advising, counseling, career services, and more. We are proud of that work, which is profoundly altering the lives of individuals and the trajectories of families for generations to come.

And we are grateful that so many Ohio Wesleyan alumni are generously providing the resources to help us fulfill that mission.

Matt vandenBerg
President, Ohio Wesleyan University
Facebook: mattpvandenBerg

Inspiring Issue

I just received the recent magazine, and was very moved and inspired by reading Matt vandenBerg's address. I also learned a lot from reading the collection of stories about the value and risks of AI. All of the pieces were well done.

Sallie Bodie '74, Seattle, WA

AI and Branch Rickey

Dear fellow Alumni,

Hopefully you saw and read the Spring 2024 edition of *OWU Magazine*, especially the sections on AI—and more specifically, how ChatGPT wrote an essay from another alum, **Norman Vincent Peale 1920**.

Based on this magazine's article, (my husband) Fred and I just spent a special afternoon together at our vacation home at Lake Arrowhead, reading, thinking, sharing, and creating. With the help of ChatGPT, we constructed an essay from another important and respected Ohio Wesleyan alum, **Branch Rickey 1904**.

Please read and enjoy this amazing communication from a man whose legend, and that of Jackie Robinson, live on as one of baseball's most important moments. (*Editor: For space considerations, the article is published at owu.edu/magazine/letters.)*

Barbara and Fred Haney '63, Palos Verdes Estates, CA,

Growing Old

Retrieving my college magazine from my post box today, I realized how old I am. The new college president on the front cover, I thought, was the senior class representative addressing graduation. Whatever happened to the

likes of President Elden Smith, who we joked about wearing his suit to bed, similar to the derisive comments made about Richard Nixon's passion for a white shirt and tie? I'm so old I remember Nixon before he was president, in fact, before he was vice president. Oh, so old.

But the alumni magazine really rubbed it in. The only pictures included of my days at college were in black and white. When I searched for the Class Notes, my decade was blank. The only pages with some company were those on the In Memoriam section. When I see the year of graduation after every person mentioned in the magazine, I still have to remember that '12 is the year in the 21st century, not the 20th. It can get confusing.

I guess I should be used to it now. I still marvel that when I get on a crowded subway someone stands up for me to take their seat. "No thanks, I'm fine," I say, trying to figure out what gave me away.

Growing old is not for the weak-hearted. Explaining your maladies to a doctor who may be your grandson's age is humbling. Figuring out who you can put down as an emergency contact is stressful. Everyone is older than you, and you are their emergency contact.

My solution is travel. I am not old when I am seeing new things. It is only when I pass by a window on the Champs Elysees and see a reflection in the window of a person I don't recognize who is walking in the same direction, that I realize my age. I usually invite the stranger for an aperitif at a corner café, and we reminisce our travels together.

John McWilliam '67, West Falmouth, MA



John McWilliam '67 (center) and his sister Susan McWilliam Fisher '63 met up with John's Chi Phi fraternity brother Randy Conklin '67 (left) in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, in February.

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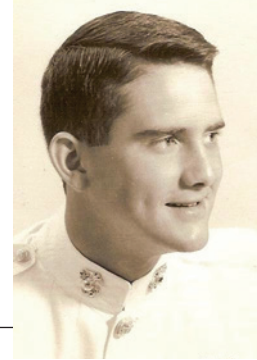
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Tribute to a Fallen Friend

Editor: **Wesley Spreen '68** sent OWU Magazine a touching remembrance of **Jack Dawson '66**, who was killed in Vietnam just over a year after graduating from Ohio Wesleyan. Rather than editing the piece to fit in the limited space of the printed magazine, we elected to print Wesley's letter in its entirety on

our website. The piece also includes photos of Jack and the text of the Presidential Citation that notes the awarding of the Navy Cross, posthumously, to Second Lieutenant John Robert Dawson. To read the letter, please go to owu.edu/magazine/letters.



Solving the Mystery Photo

We received several responses from 1990s alumni and a faculty member with partial solutions to the mystery photo. The photo included 22 students in front of Welch Hall, and the responses identified 30 different students!

I'm able to supply the names for seven of the people, and I believe the picture was taken in the spring of 1991. Here are the people I could identify: **Greg Watkins-Colwell '91, Andy Crawford '92, Jeff Zalatoris '93, Carolyn Svetz Marcinek '93, Heather Love Carman '93, Chris Sarver '92**, and myself.

As to the photo, I think it was one of those "round up anyone who lives in this dorm for a yearbook photo," and my memory was that not many people were around, so it was a pretty random collection of residents. As to the expressions, I think somebody thought it would be funny to try and look like an

indie band on the back of an album, so no one was on the same page.

Jason Laipply '92, Phoenix, AZ

I am in the back row of the mystery pic. I was an RA in Welch Hall (third floor). My roommate and I are standing there, with his girlfriend. There are also two other of my residents sitting on the rock on the right, so my guess is that this is a picture of Welch Hall, whoever decided to show up, whatever floor. This would have been taken in the spring of 1990.

Bob Abrams '90, Lewis Center, OH

This month's Mysteries from the Archives is a picture of the residents of Welch Hall for the yearbook ('90). The picture may have been taken by my roommate, **Fuad Salim '91**. Based on my recollections here is who is pictured: Front row L-R: **Heather Nardin Klumpp '93**, unknown, **Becky Roesner '92**; second

row L-R: **Greg Watkins-Colwell** (sitting on ball), **Elaine Bearden '93, Don Guilbert '91, Furrukh Khan '93**, unknown, **Jeff Zalatoris, Scott McBride '93** (foot on the ledge), **Jason Laipply** (sitting on ball on right); third row L-R: unknown, **Mike Patrick '90, Karen Faloon Patrick '90**, **Bob Abrams**, unknown, unknown, **Trevor Andary '90**, **Carolyn Svetz Marcinek**, unknown, unknown, unknown.

I am still in touch with about a third of these people through Facebook and see several of them many times throughout the year.

David Rutter '91, Cincinnati, OH

Yearbook photo of Welch residents, spring 1990. Among them: **Scott McBride, Jeff Zalatoris, Mark Rentz '93, Carolyn Svetz Marcinek, Elaine Bearden, Trevor Sharp '93, David Jimerson '93**, Wilmington, NC

Appears to be the RA group circa 1992. **Paul Edwards '93, Jeff Zalatoris, Heather Love Carman, Jessica Wadle '93, Carolyn Svetz Marcinek**. Not sure about the expressions, except some of them had a great sense of humor!

Can't believe these are ARCHIVES! Agh!

I lived in Welch all 4 years, many fond memories!

Lisa Norman Klemeyer '93, Sarasota, FL

Also sending in partial answers were **Alex Aguilar '94, Mary Devine '91, Chris Farmen '88, Shala Hankison '95, Jill Smith Nesbitt '93, Greg Watkins-Colwell**, and retired faculty member **David Johnson**.



OWU creates Ohio's largest entrepreneurship competition

With the U.S. Entrepreneurship Competition at Ohio Wesleyan University, "we're creating jobs, we're fostering innovation, and we are driving long-term prosperity for everyone in our state," President Matt vandenBerg said in October, announcing the winners of Ohio's most lucrative business plan contest.

The competition, created and run by the Delaware Entrepreneurship Center at OWU, attracted 42 teams from across the country competing for prizes totaling \$450,000. They were split into professional and college categories. The two first-place winners were:

Professional: WaterWise Technologies, a Columbus, Ohio, startup developing an aquatic drone to target pathogens, algae, and toxins in freshwater ecosystems without using potentially harmful chemicals. It seeks to integrate real-time water monitoring, contamination prevention, and treatment into a single device.

College: SearchOwl, founded by five Case Western Reserve University



Photo by Mark Schmitter '12

Matt vandenBerg discusses Ohio Wesleyan's commitment to entrepreneurship while speaking Oct. 5 at the Ohio Statehouse.

students, seeks to improve the online shopping experience with an ad-free algorithm that learns user preferences over time and suggests appropriate products to explore.

Both winning teams earned investment packages valued at

\$100,000 in addition to office space and mentorship at the DEC OWU, which is directed by Phil Smith. The second- and third-place finishers received investment packages worth \$75,000, and \$50,000, respectively.



OWU is back—The Admission Department has hired Anthony Rinaldi, seen here near the Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge, as its new associate director of admission for the New York metropolitan area. Working at Wagner College on Staten Island the past four years, Rinaldi built extensive relationships in the region with school counselors.

OWU's new Class of 2028 includes ...

1. An alpaca trainer
2. A monarch butterfly researcher
3. A bronze medalist in a national fencing competition
4. A student who spent six months in the Philippines teaching children music
5. A participant in the Irish sport of hurling
6. A participant in a national research competition in Greece
7. A premier rabbit exhibitor
8. 12 recipients of the Delaware Promise Program scholarship

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Barbara Wiehe

**Greenhouse Manager and Environmental Health & Safety Specialist
Edwin Moore Greenhouse**

The Ohio Wesleyan campus is filled with grand academic halls, historic sports facilities, and modern residence halls, but for all their architectural glory, perhaps none of them can surpass the beauty of the Edwin Moore Greenhouse in full bloom.

For 24 years, Barb Wiehe has been the caretaker of the greenhouse and the 350 species of plants growing there, including such exotics as the *amorphophallus titanium* from the rainforests of Sumatra. It's better known as the carrion flower or corpse flower because its flower, which blooms infrequently and for a short time, emits a powerful scent that resembles rotting flesh.

Originally from Caldwell, in southeast Ohio, Barb enrolled at Ohio State University to pursue a career in healthcare, but instead, she discovered a love of plant biology. "Plants need care and nurturing like people, but they don't talk back," she laughs. In addition to managing the greenhouse, she coordinates labs that use plant and greenhouse material, and she helps faculty and students with research projects, including drought studies, root-zone impact studies, and the creation of a pollinator garden at OWU.

1 Health & Safety

As OWU's environmental health & safety specialist for biology and chemistry, Barb keeps this vest nearby. Her role was critical during the Covid pandemic, when she oversaw biosafety across the OWU campus.

2 This Is Bananas!

Plants in the greenhouse range from the 5-mm azolla (an aquatic fern) to this 12-foot banana tree, which produces fruit that students and faculty share.

3 Every Person Comes Out Tired

Right after graduating from Ohio State, Barb put her horticulture degree to work at Disney World's Epcot Center. She returned to central Ohio to take a position at Franklin Park Conservatory.

4 Go Blue Jackets!

Barb and her family are huge fans of the Columbus Blue Jackets. "We've had season tickets on and off since their inaugural season in 2000-2001."

5 Connection at the Family Dinner Table

Barb has six siblings, and her mother comes from a family of 10. Barb has 45 first cousins. This family cookbook collects favorite recipes from across the generations. The apron represents immediate family. She has long loved to bake with her husband, Jeff, and children, Joe, 19, and Anna, 23. Joe made the apron at cooking camp while in elementary school.

6 TBDBITL

As a student at Ohio State, Barb played alto horn with The Best Damn Band in the Land (and trumpet and clarinet with other musical groups). She also ran on the varsity cross country team, giving her the rare distinction of being both a member of the marching band and a varsity athlete.

7 Forecast: Hot and Humid

Barb spends about half her day in the greenhouse. "I love being able to work with plants all day," she says. "My heart is in biology."

8 Ginger Has It All

One of her favorite plants in the greenhouse is ginger. "Anytime you have a beautiful plant, a fragrant flower, and an edible root, you can't go wrong."





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LEGENDARY



JAY MARTIN
LEAVES A LEGACY
OF TEAMWORK,
LEADERSHIP,
TEACHING, AND
INCREDIBLE
WINNING



In 1977, Jimmy Carter was president, disco was king, Luke Skywalker was just a kid from Tatooine in a new hit movie. And Ohio Wesleyan had hired a young, bearded redhead from Massachusetts as its new men's soccer coach.

Forty-seven years, more than 770 soccer wins (plus 104 lacrosse victories), 44 NCAA-tournament appearances, and two national titles later, Jay Martin is retiring from coaching after the 2024 season.

If you want to understand the impact of Jay's coaching and teaching career at OWU, don't just look at the stats. You have to talk with his former players and students. More than the wins and the league titles, they talk about teamwork, friendship, caring, responsibility, and growing up. They talk about a coach who has been a teacher and mentor who changed their lives.

So, to honor and celebrate Jay's legendary career, *OWU Magazine* asked some of those students and alumni from across the generations to tell us their favorite Jay Martin stories. Together, they paint a remarkable picture.

Many of these stories are edited for space. Please go to owu.edu/magazine to read the full stories—and to send us your own favorite anecdote to add to the online article.

Rich Farquhar '82, Atlanta, GA



I was fortunate enough to be invited to the first European trip to Bournemouth, England, in August 1978 as a 17-year-old freshman, an experience I will never forget. We trained twice with the then-Fourth Division Bournemouth and attended the Charity Shield match at the old Wembley Stadium.

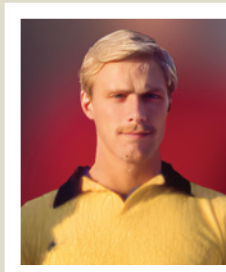
Unforgettable.

Jay was serious when it came to everything on the field, preparation for matches, tactics, training (OWU was always the most fit team). Jay was very verbally supportive—and a disciplinarian.

I remember he pulled me out of a match against Kenyon, as I was struggling in the first 20 minutes. He told me to stand next to him, that he would put me back in, to take a breath and just watch and get a feel for the game. I came back in more relaxed and scored a goal. We won 2-0. Jay treated us young men as Men. He empowered us.

Team was such a big part of Jay's coaching philosophy—it was never about the individual, always the team. As teammates, to this day, 42 years later, we remain very tight. These will continue to be lifelong friendships.

Guy Herrmann '82, Pittsburgh, PA



On a rainy day in the spring of 1981, baseball practice was indoors, and after practice, I offered to be a goalie for three guys who were kicking shots into the golf nets in the gym. As chance would have it, Coach Martin walked past, stopped, and asked if I was getting in shape for next season. A

brief conversation led to an invitation to preseason in August 1981. His parting comment was, "I like tall goalies."

I earned the starting spot and played the entire season with an incredibly strong team in front of me.

In the first half of our first game under the lights at OWU, our opponents had a free kick from some 40 to 45 yards away. They launched it toward my goal, and I totally missed it—over my head and outstretched arms and into the goal. Down 0 to 1.

At halftime, Coach Martin was going over updated strategies. He suddenly paused and turned my way to say, "By the way, Herrmann, nice dunk!" It was the perfect comment to lighten my mood and at the same time let me know that he had my back. True sign of a great coach, knowing what to say, and who to say it to at the right time! The 1981 soccer season was my most rewarding and enjoyable season of all the sports I played.



Vic Misiewicz '82, Atlanta, GA



In the late 1970s and early '80s, when Jay Martin was the young, energetic, new head soccer coach, OWU had a reputation for being a bit of a party school. The drinking age in Ohio was 18, and Jay's players were known to enjoy a refreshing adult beverage at times.

Jay, in his wise ways, elected to hold team meetings at his house the night before soccer games. At these meetings, he talked game strategy while allowing his players a cold draft beer or two from his own personal kegerator, an action that would probably be frowned upon in today's world. Jay seemed to know, even at his relatively young age, that by giving his players a little freedom, he could create a culture of responsibility. He could bond with his team over a beer and watch over his players while ensuring no one would behave badly the night before a game.

Smart coaching in my opinion.

Matt Byers '86, Cincinnati, OH



In the old Roy Rike days, when bricks were crumbling, paint was peeling, and hot water in the showers was scarce, Jay would always make a point to clean the women's restroom before games. He would pick up toilet paper and paper towels, empty the trash, and even clean the toilets. I recall distinctly

a quote during this era, "Successful people do what others are unwilling to do." These words have always stuck with me, and I live by them.

In the late fall of 1991 (when I was an assistant coach), we played in a national quarterfinal game at home for a chance to advance to the final four. We played on Saturday night and won 1-0 vs. Bethany College. In our post-game debriefing, Jay immediately turned our focus to our next opponent, which would be the winner of the UC San Diego and MacMurray College game to be played the next afternoon in San Diego. Needless to say, the next morning I was on a 7 a.m. flight to San Diego for a scouting trip, caught a red-eye back to Columbus with

a full scouting report in hand, and was on the field in time for training at 4 p.m. Monday. Jay talks a lot about the process, establishing the right environment, motivations, the mental approach to the game, etc. But, he sure does like to win!

Dan O'Neill '87, Jefferson, CO



I think I was the last student let into OWU in 1983. My former high school buddy and eventual OWU lacrosse teammate and friend **Mike Haggerty '84** was doing what we all did to recruit back in the day. We all called LAX guys from our high schools and asked if they were going to OWU. We also extended a few

calls for personal reasons, so it was great. Phone calls weren't free back in the day.

Mike calls me and asks if I'm going to OWU. I tell him my mother wasn't able to get her tax info to the financial aid group, so I didn't have any aid. I would have to go to UMass and scrape by.

Mike hands the phone to Jay and says, "You should talk to this kid."

Jay takes the phone and covers the receiver so I can't hear. Jay basically says to Hags, "Oh great, another genius I need to try and get into OWU."

Mike says, "No, Jay, he's already been accepted."

Jay asks, "Is he any good?"

Mike: "He's a high school All-American goalie."

Jay: "What? What am I missing?"

Hags: "The dude doesn't have a pot to piss in. He needs aid."

Jay then asks me if I had my mother's tax info now. I said yes.

Jay: "Can you FedEx it to me at the school?"

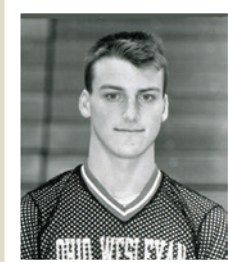
It's 1983, and I'm a high school student, so I say, "What the hell is FedEx?!"

Jay: "Never mind. I'll send you an envelope. Put the docs in it and send it back."

Jay got it all done, helped me get the aid I needed, and the decision was made. The next thing I know, I'm on a one-way flight from Boston to Columbus on People's Express Airlines. I never visited the school and really didn't know where it was. The rest is history for me. I enjoyed a fantastic life and lacrosse career at OWU.



Toby Boucher '88, Wilmington, NC



My favorite story is classic Jay: My roommate was not going to travel on our annual spring lacrosse trip our freshman year. But then a player got injured, and the morning before our trip, Jay called our dorm room at 7 a.m. I answered the phone, and Jay said, "Ask Charlie (Charlie Blanchard '88) if he's a

Boston Celtics fan."

Charlie said yes, and Jay said, "Good. Tell him he's going on the spring trip," and hung up.

Matt Miller '89, New Canaan, CT



We had a typical great season my first year, but between soccer and adjusting to college, I lost some focus in the classroom, and it was uncertain if I would be able to come back.

When I got back in January, Jay pulled me into his office and asked me what I wanted.

He said I had to work hard, and

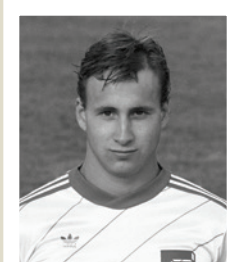
we talked about commitment and being part of a team. After our discussion, he picked up the phone and made an appeal for me to be given another chance. Luckily, I was given that chance.

I think about how different my life would be if I was not given that second chance.

Jay taught us not just how to kick a soccer ball better but about being a better person, being part of team, and building a culture. He created a bond between everyone who has ever played for him.

Last spring, I was back for my 35th reunion. The current student who checked us in at the dorm heard we were going to see Jay. She said, "He is my favorite thing about OWU!"

Eric Warn '89, Winslow, ME



I came to OWU after a close friend from New York, **Tom McNamara '87**, helped Jay recruit me to OWU. Upon arrival, I found myself with the opportunity to start as a freshman back, which, at that time, was my expectation as a young, naive kid from New York. Within 5-6 games, I was

not playing to the needed standard, lost my starting role, and watched from the bench for the first time in my life. There my development journey began, and Jay always knew how to let you figure it out.

I learned what hard work really was. Through Jay's leadership, I began to work harder with each passing year, always finding a new level to train at and find my way back into starting roles and eventually leading as a team captain. His ability to afford every player the chance to find and pursue their inner best is unmatched as a coach and as a person.

I had solid success in my role for OWU with some nice accolades in the end, but that seems small compared to the lessons I learned about life and the standards I hold myself to. I work every day to pass those traits on to my children and any teams I have helped to coach in the hopes that I can be as impactful to them in their journey as Jay was for me.

Matt Schrader '91, Titusville, NJ



I had the pleasure of playing for the shaggy red bearded, golf club carrying, red Subaru driving "Old School" Jay Martin. Back then, Jay was a bit more of a disciplinarian, focusing on fitness and hard work. His competitive nature showed up on and off the field. In fact, I played pickup basketball with

Jay many times, where he was downright nasty. He wanted to win at all costs, a pursuit we both shared.

To me, one of Jay's many gifts is his ability to understand and nurture each of his players, while always fostering the ideal that team and teammates always come first. I credit Jay with showing me that no one person is greater than a group of men focused on a common goal.

Obinna Moneme '96, Columbus, OH



Jay Martin impacted me when I was around age 10. I attended the Summer Super Soccer Camp for the first time. The motto for the camp was to look and act like a soccer player at all times. This meant carrying your soccer ball like a soccer player, wearing appropriate clothing like a soccer player,

etc. I grew up in north central Ohio, which is baseball country, and all I had were baseball shirts when I

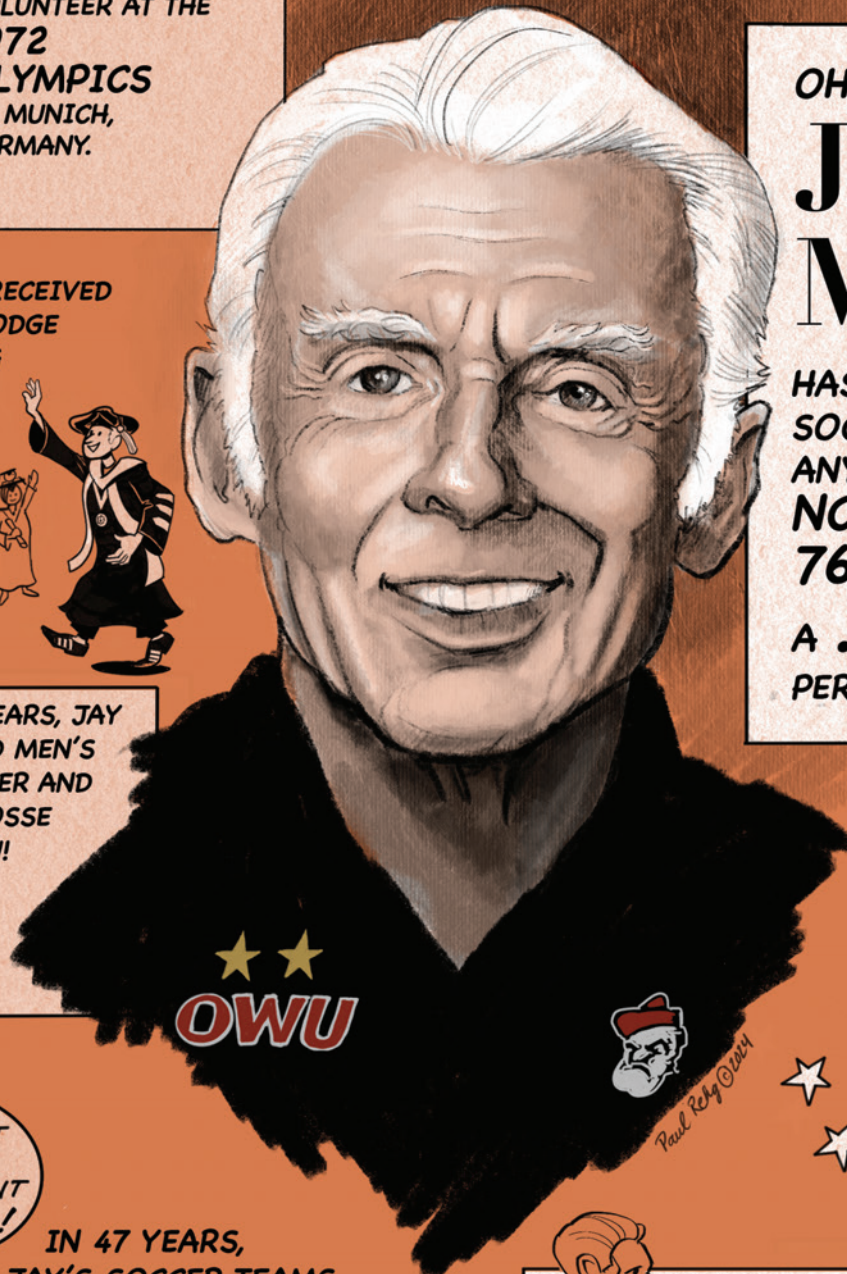


JAY WAS A VOLUNTEER AT THE 1972 OLYMPICS IN MUNICH, GERMANY.

PROFESSOR MARTIN RECEIVED OWU'S SHERWOOD DODGE SHANKLAND TEACHING AWARD IN 1987. AND HE'S ATTENDED 45 OWU GRADUATION CEREMONIES!



FOR 8 YEARS, JAY COACHED MEN'S SOCCER AND LACROSSE AT OWU!



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Jay Martin

HAS WON MORE MEN'S SOCCER GAMES THAN ANY COACH IN NCAA HISTORY! 762 and COUNTING! A .797 WINNING PERCENTAGE!

JAY'S TEAMS HAVE WON TWO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, AND HE'S BEEN NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR 3 TIMES!



PUT THAT ONE IN PERMANENT MARKER!

IN 47 YEARS, JAY'S SOCCER TEAMS HAVE PLAYED IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT A RECORD 44 TIMES! AND 29 TIMES THEY'VE MADE THE FINAL 16!



JAY WAS INDUCTED INTO THE OHIO SOCCER HALL OF FAME IN 2010.

attended camp. Despite the daily prompts to “look like a soccer player,” I kept showing up in Cleveland Indians baseball shirts.

On one of the last days of camp, Jay pulled me aside and pulled out a Boston Red Sox T-shirt. He gave it to me and said, “If you’re gonna wear a baseball shirt, at least make it a good one!”

Since that day, I knew I wanted to play for him and to learn from him. There was no place else I wanted to go to play soccer. This is what I love about Jay. He will always meet you where you are. He will push you to be the best version of yourself. He will do it without judgment. We’ve all been blessed to work with and be influenced by this extraordinarily caring human being.

Kate VanDerzee '96, Worthington, OH



I met Jay during my work-study stint in the athletic office. Despite not being a standout soccer player, track athlete, or even a student in any of his classes, Jay somehow knew who I was. It seems like Jay knows everyone.

Years later, after graduating, I returned to OWU to work in Alumni Relations. I discovered that Jay and a few others would run during their lunch breaks, so I decided to join them. For the next six years, we ran together nearly every weekday. In 2001, while training for the Boston Marathon, I kept up my midday runs with Jay and the group. Jay tracked my race online and, upon my return, surprised me with a LeRoy Neiman Boston Marathon framed print he found at an antique shop, complete with my race results taped to the back. It was a truly thoughtful gesture. Jay is a coach to his core and a gift to Ohio Wesleyan.

Keith Rozanski '99, Hermosa Beach, CA



Walking out of the locker room after the first day of preseason training my junior year, I observed Jay watching as the new freshmen players were cleaning up after practice, picking up cones, putting away the goals, etc. He stopped me as I walked by and said, “I can tell



you which freshmen will have the most impact on this program not by what they do on the field their first week, but by which ones pick up after practice, sweep the locker room, and do the laundry without being asked.”

After thinking about our team at that moment and consciously observing for my final two years in the program, I saw he was right. It was a lesson that has stuck with me and can be applied to most situations in life.

Tacuma Robinson '02, Germantown, MD



Maya Angelou once said, “People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” This is what I remember about Coach Jay Martin. He cared about his players and about the OWU program, and he knew how to get the best out

of both.

Coach Jay Martin was there for me in my biggest crisis at OWU, the death of my mother. At that moment, he was more than a coach; he was a mentor and a friend. He helped me through that time in ways that I never can forget or repay him, and I often think about why he cared about me. I was just one of many freshman players. He didn’t know me that well. But that is just Coach Jay. He cares about people, and he is a great man-manager. That’s why so many ex-players care about him.

Chris Vorenkamp '03, Portland, OR



I count being a Bishop—guided by the inimitable Jay—as among the greatest experiences of my life. We, as human beings, long to be connected to something greater than ourselves, and to find our own fullest contribution through our various, diverse, innate capacities. I was able to

experience this in a profound way as a Bishop through Jay’s influence.

Here are a few gems that have stayed with me that demonstrate some of the essence of Jay and that always bring a smile to my face:

Jay (knowing I came from a small town in northern Michigan called Brutus): "If you want to play at OWU, you have to change the way you play. I know Vorenkamp over there might be thinking, 'But Jay, I was first-team all universe for the Brutus Snowballs.' Sorry Chris, but you're not playing for the Brutus Snowballs anymore."

We spent some time training penalties before a tournament match, and I told Jay, "Jay, I specialized as a goalkeeper against penalties in high school. Can I try defending some?" Jay answered, "Chris, that's fantastic. I'll keep that in mind if we face any high school teams."

Ryan Martin '05, Salem, NC



Fall of 2005 was my senior year. We had a very good team and kicked it off in Germany, like so many do, and heading into the season we needed 22 wins to get him to 500 wins in his career, which was an objective for us but left no margin for error. We also thought 500

was getting close to the end of his career, which he obviously fooled us on, but after completing a perfect season and winning both the NCAC regular season and playoffs, we accomplished a tremendous feat and a monumental milestone in his career. The journey that season was one of the most fun and memorable I could have ever imagined.

In 2011, I was coaching at Wake Forest, and OWU was in the final four and having a great season. The final four was in San Antonio, and my boss at the time and former OWU player **Jay Vidovich '82** and I were in Sarasota recruiting, and we said if they make the final, we will go.

OWU ended up winning the semifinal, so we booked a trip, and upon arrival, the San Antonio Riverwalk was red and black with a huge contingent of former players and people close to the program. It was really a moment where I could see my dad's greatest

accomplishment and something much bigger than the national championships and wins.

He had built a program with consistent success and a sense of belonging into something bigger than each of us for everyone who wore the red and black. Stories would go around about my dad and former teams, and you could really see what he had built and the type of people he had molded. It will be a moment I will remember forever, and as a coach now, it's something I will strive to emulate and create. I will never do it like he did, but even if I fall short, I'll find excellence.

Josh Warren '07, Durham, NC



The first time I met Jay, he had no idea who I was. I had no intention of coming to OWU, but decided to visit. We met in his office. He told me, "You may not play for the first couple years, but you are going to play for a good team." And he was right.

What he didn't say was that I was going to play for a great coach (the GOAT), but that was also true. That conversation led me to OWU, and I am grateful to have been part of the pride and tradition that Jay has built over 47 years.

Kyle Martin '09, Durham, NC

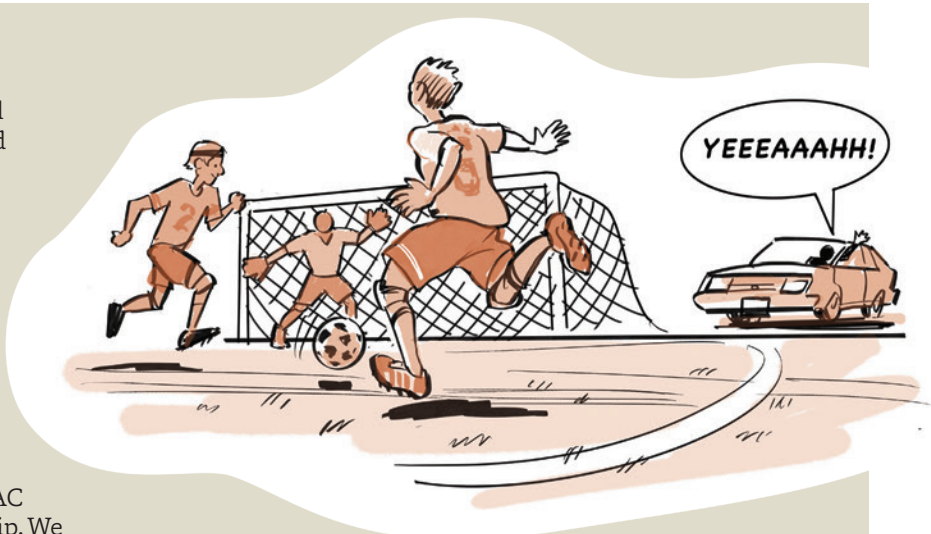


I wanted to share a story about the "Doc" as a father to demonstrate his dedication and love for his family.

During my time at OWU, I played on the golf team, and the Doc would consistently come watch me play. As you know, the Doc has horrible knees, and walking around a hilly golf course for four or five hours is certainly not ideal.



I vividly remember during the NCAA national championship, at one point in the round, I looked over to see Doc bartering with the beverage cart guy to buy two bags of ice so he could ice his knees mid-round. Seeing the Doc sitting in the beverage cart with two ice bags on his knees is just one example of his fierce love and dedication to his family and everyone in his orbit.



Drew Pang '15, Columbus, OH

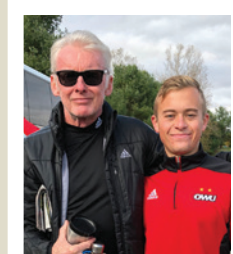


In 2014, we won the regular season title but lost to Kenyon in the NCAC tournament championship. We barely made it into the NCAA tournament, where we faced Kenyon again in the final 16.

During practice, I accidentally kicked our captain, **Colton Bloecher '15**, in the head, leaving him with a cut. Just before the game, Jay approached us. I was expecting tactical advice, but instead he grinned and said, "How the hell did you kick Colton in the head?"

We laughed, easing the tension. Jay always taught us to treat every game the same—no over-excitement, no underestimation. This was one of Jay's many lessons that went beyond soccer, shaping our lives. As he retires, his legacy is the success of the men he coached.

Trey Olsen '18, San Francisco, CA



My senior year of high school (while I was an uncommitted recruit), my Grandpa Ken, drove me to Delaware from Chicago to catch a Friday night game vs. Christopher Newport. When we arrived in the evening, my grandpa was planning to remain in his car in the parking

lot while I watched the game from the sideline of Roy Rike. My grandpa had been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis more than 30 years earlier and had limited mobility, making great lengths of walking and stair climbing very challenging.

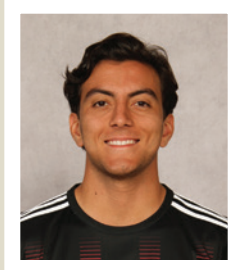
After meeting me and my grandpa and then hearing his plan to wait alone in the parking lot, Jay wouldn't have it. He grabbed his keys and personally opened the field gate and insisted Ken drive the length of Roy Rike to the far end line so he could watch the entire match (and overtime win) from his car.

Four years later, before the final home game of my senior year, my grandpa was back in Delaware, and even at 20 minutes before game time, with so much else to get ready for, Jay made it a priority to prepare a front row seat (again in the end zone from the comfort of the car) for my grandpa. Besides remembering my grandpa from four years earlier, Jay's simple act of kindness to ensure my grandpa could enjoy OWU games from his car speaks volumes to his character.

My Grandpa Ken has since passed on, and these memories remain some of my fondest as I think back on two of the most deeply influential people in my life sharing a moment of compassion and empathy.



**Franklin Rodriguez '25,
Santiago, Dominican Republic**



I never toured OWU and did not know much about what the school was like until I was being recruited for the soccer team, but my first encounter with Jay made my choice easy. I remember my first Zoom meeting with Jay and Matt (Weiss), where Jay explained how the program works and

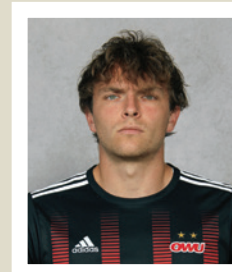
how this is a “player’s program.”

Jay’s way of speaking about how a player’s intrinsic motivation and doing the “little things” has made the program so successful struck me. I had read about all of his achievements and awards, but he didn’t even mention them during the meeting like all the other coaches do. He said how this program doesn’t aim to create great soccer players only, but prepares soccer players to be great men for the rest of their lives.

As I have had the honor to be coached by Jay for four years, I have witnessed first-hand how doing the little things that Jay emphasizes daily impact how we play and our everyday lives. Maybe we won’t have to pick up a single cone after we are done with soccer for the rest of our lives, but we will be men, brothers, coworkers,

husbands, and fathers who will be prepared to make our surroundings better than how we found them.

Brady West '25, Dublin, OH



The Germany trip opened my eyes to how much of an impact Jay has made on hundreds of other people across the globe.

The opening ceremony for our trip was held after our game at FC Oberkirchen. The club manager and Jay spoke to us and the opposing team while we ate. Our host families and

other community members came to watch us play and listen to Jay speak. It was evident that they were excited to see Jay as it had been six years since OWU’s last trip to Germany.

During and at the end of our stay in Baumholder, Germany, the host families gave various gifts to Jay including hand-drawn portraits and paintings.

Throughout the trip, wherever we went, Jay knew somebody. This resulted in a lot of really cool experiences in Germany that were only possible with the great relationships Jay and our program have! It seemed as though everyone we talked to knew the great Jay Martin.



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Achieving One America

By Gregory Moore '76



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Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Gregory Moore '76 considers the political and cultural divide between urban and rural America in this essay he wrote for *OWU Magazine*.

When I say I'm a city boy, that's exactly what I mean. I grew up on the East Side of Cleveland, and my public high school was bigger than the private college I graduated from—Ohio Wesleyan University in rural Delaware, Ohio.

About 45 minutes into the drive to get dropped off at college, I asked my dad: “What happened to all the tall buildings?” I had never seen so much corn and wheat, and ramshackle barns and cows. It was the first time I realized Ohio was a big agricultural state.

Fifty-two years later, I don't know much more than I did back then about rural America. It's a hole in my life experience that I regret. Those of us who have grown up in gritty urban cities really should know more about our fellow citizens who inhabit the rest of America.

What little I know about rural America is from trips with my parents during segregation, down to Georgia and Alabama to visit my grandparents and other relatives. The constrictions and mores back then frightened and disgusted me. It was like being in a foreign country, and I never got over it.

Years later, I was driving with a friend through the Pennsylvania countryside to Connecticut for his wedding. I remember feeling objectified and fearful when we stopped for a break. At a urinal, I was greeted with a racial epithet

scrawled on the stall telling Black people like me to go home. Not surprisingly, I rarely strayed from big cities during my many travels.

Now, I live in a suburb just west of Denver. On a recent trip to rural Colorado, I was determined to open myself up to the people and culture as best I could in the few days I would spend there. It was eye-opening.

Blowing through some of these small towns, only five blocks long before expansive fields resumed on both sides of the highway, I kept trying to get my head around what it would be like to live there.

I admit to having a little discomfort at seeing so many political signs for Donald Trump. There was this one farm with four large silos visible from the road, each had painted on it the name of one of the candidates from the last four Republican presidential tickets. On another was written: “Let's Go Brandon.” A very different vibe from the city I had come from. I prayed for no car trouble.

At another point, I had to go to the bathroom, so I parked at a large rest stop. I felt like a fly in clabber. I swallowed deep and went in. I thought I was going to encounter the scene from the Eddie Murphy movie where he walked into a redneck bar and everybody froze, staring at him. I got some of that, but it was



Scenes from Moore's visit to McCullough Family Potato Farm in Monte Vista, Colorado: left, thousands of potatoes being harvested; below, sunset on the farm.

the exception. A man exiting the store stood back and held the door open for me to enter. "After you, sir," he said.

I exchanged pleasantries with numerous patrons, bought a Coke and chatted up the cashier about the high cost of gas there. I was embarrassed by the judgments I had placed on these folks. The fear of the unknown can be corrosive. Still, I was anxious to keep moving just in case the mood might change.

Since I was down that way on business, I got to see quite a few things. My group visited a potato farm where a colleague had grown up with her family. She still lives in rural Colorado but has since migrated to a bigger community.

They proudly showed us around. I was stunned at how many potatoes they were harvesting—hundreds of thousands—and that almost everyone working there was Hispanic. Their value was clear, and they were treated with respect, not the fear that we've been fed so much of lately.

The level to which everything was

mechanized—including separating the best potatoes from the not so good ones for market—was impressive. The farm was also using artificial intelligence to maximize efficiency.

And the owners were the sweetest people. They fed us a sumptuous meal of potatoes. I didn't know you could put so much stuff on a potato and that it could taste so good. They sell to restaurants, fast food joints, and grocery stores and yet have only 1 percent of the potato market. It looked like they could supply the whole country. City boy!

It was an incredible glimpse into agricultural life. We all should see that. It would lead to a greater appreciation for the people who do the hard, grueling—and yes—risky work it takes to feed America. One bad crop, they told me, and a farm might go bankrupt.

Starbucks was everywhere, just in case you were wondering. I visited nonprofits that were fighting light pollution so more people could enjoy the stars at night. Others promoted bike riding while lamenting the rudeness of motorists, and still others were creating community gardens because everything seems more expensive beyond the city. The community-mindedness was laudable.

I went to a craft brewery in the middle of a farm. Fascinating story. The farm had been in the family for generations. It was growing an exhausted crop, and the matriarch was at her wits-end and wanted to sell.

The family convinced her to convert the crop to barley and sell to Coors. Just give it one year, they pleaded. She agreed and kept the farm. When her son suffered a brain injury, now a friendly bear of a man with a long white beard, his sons decided to give up life in the big city and come home to help.

One was a former art teacher who learned the beer business. He now runs the farm, and

[R]ural Americans come to the big city from time to time and work hard to expose themselves and their kids to life there. By and large, we don't do the reverse.



they still sell to Coors, but they also built a brewery right on their land selling incredible craft brews. It's a popular gathering place for many in the San Luis Valley.

What a story of perseverance. And that's the word that characterizes many of the people I met there. They are tough, love the life they have, are willing to work hard to keep it, and they don't care what anybody thinks about that.

I met many boomerangers who left the city to come back home and make a life in the country. A chef with her husband turned a decommissioned Episcopalian church into a restaurant and bar. They serve some of the best food and drinks I've had anywhere. Incredibly, the Friar's Fork & Sanctuary in Alamosa is a finalist for a James Beard award!

And sure, some people there have stereotypes about those who live in the city just like city dwellers have about those in the country. One big difference, though, is that rural Americans come to the big city from time to time and work hard to expose themselves and their kids to life there. By and large, we don't do the reverse.

Those of us who live in cities might take a page from their book. That would do a lot to close the urban-rural divide in our culture and our politics. It's the main reason I was encouraged that Tim Walz ended up on a presidential ticket. I hope we can all become more familiar with life in a small town and learn something about people who do things differently.

Three days certainly aren't enough to draw broad conclusions. But it is enough to have a more open mind.

Folks in rural America are living good lives. They might have a different pace or perspective, but we want most of the same things.

We would know this if we more freely crossed the divide

that we've allowed to exist. We all should seek that journey to better understanding, even if it's only for a couple of days. We'll discover that we're closer to one America if we give it a try.

Gregory Moore '76 is the CEO of Klowtify, a Denver-based thought leadership company, and the former editor of the Denver Post.

Campuswide initiative promotes civil discourse

Ohio Wesleyan is one of the nation's first colleges to prepare its entire campus to navigate difficult conversations. Through a partnership with the nonprofit Constructive Dialogue Institute, OWU is providing civil discourse training to every OWU student and employee.

"With a contentious election, wars around the globe, and division across our country," says OWU Provost Karlyn Crowley, "we must use this year as a unique teaching moment and work as a campus to learn how to listen, to understand, and to share in constructive dialogue. Ohio Wesleyan will be a national model for how we preserve democracy."

President Matt vandenBerg says OWU is CDI's most comprehensive liberal arts partner. "Our entire campus is all-in on this effort. The current state of our world required bold action, and we took it. We are working to spearhead meaningful change in civil discourse."

vandenBerg says the CDI collaboration enhances Ohio Wesleyan's legacy of preparing students to become engaged citizens working toward the common good.



Greg Moore speaks with OWU students.



LIVING A LIFE FOR THE BIRDS

By Rebecca Heisman '09



*Eastern bluebird
with mealworms.*



Business, medicine, law, finance, education, entertainment, the arts, journalism—OWU alumni have made remarkable achievements in virtually every field. Yet, as a percentage of its overall alumni, has any university in the country produced more ornithologists, bird experts, and bird lovers than Ohio Wesleyan?

Bird study has a long and rich history at Ohio Wesleyan. The university's natural history museum, which originated in the 1850s, houses more than 400 bird specimens, plus eggs and nests, for students and visiting scholars to examine. The Lucien Clark Memorial Endowment, established in honor of an alumnus from the class of 1862, continues to support the study of birds as well as trees and flowers at OWU.

And alumni have gone on to do significant research—like **Rod Suthers '60**, who, as a professor at Indiana University, did pioneering research on how birds produce sounds. Dustin Reichard, associate professor in Ohio Wesleyan's Department of Biological Sciences, says Suthers's work was "arguably the most influential research yet on the production of bird song." He adds, "As my undergrad advisor once put it, 'Rod Suthers is the whole reason we know how birds sing.'"

Today, new generations of OWU alumni working with birds operate in a field where climate change, habitat loss, and invasive species are decimating bird populations while technological innovations are creating amazing new tools for their vocation and avocation.

The latest era of ornithology at OWU began when Edward "Jed" Burt joined the Department of Zoology in 1977. An OWU professor for 37 years, he mentored generations of students, sparking interest in birds and leading many students to careers in ornithology and bird conservation.



Dustin Reichard shows **Evan Miller '24** (left) and **Alayna Huddleson '24** (right) how to delicately handle and examine a female cardinal.

Photo by Paul Vernon

Burt, who taught a long-running first-year seminar on avian microbiology (focused on the bacteria that live in birds' feathers) as well as ornithology classes, died in 2016. Yet, Burt's legacy continues through a vast network of former students, who continue to refer to themselves as "Jedites," says **Brady Porter '90**, now a biology professor at Duquesne University.

Reichard joined OWU in 2015 and is carrying on the tradition of ornithology at OWU. In addition to continuing to teach an ornithology course for zoology majors, Reichard involves students in his research on the behavior and hormones of nesting wrens.

"I'm excited to be at a school that lets me teach a class called 'ornithology' and prioritizes it," says Reichard. Today, he explains, researchers often start



Jed
Burt

PASSIONS KINDLED

Some alumni in ornithology arrived at OWU already set on following a passion for birds.

Sean Williams '11 grew up in urban Boston, where birds "were the only colorful, charismatic animals that you could actually see," he says. An avid birder from a young age, he happened to have a local mentor who knew Burt and suggested he consider Ohio Wesleyan.

Burt "was such an inspiring professor," says Williams. After growing up in what he describes as a "very poor, single parent home," where his interest in a career in ornithology was not taken seriously, the mentorship he received at OWU helped solidify his career aspirations, and he eventually received a Ph.D. from Michigan State University, where he studied the ecology of antbirds in Peru. Today, as a lecturer in biology at Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland, he strives to provide similar support and guidance to his own students.

Others, however, never expected their careers to ultimately revolve around birds. **Karan Odom '06** planned to be a pre-veterinary major when she enrolled at Ohio Wesleyan. "I knew I wanted to work with animals in some capacity, but I didn't really know that science or scientific research was a career option," she says. She signed up for Burt's first-year tutorial in avian biology because she was excited to start getting hands-

Ashley Peele has worked in avian conservation and management for two decades and now coordinates community science research and engagement at the Appalachian Mountain Joint Venture (a division of the American Bird Conservancy), based in Blacksburg, Virginia.



At Duquesne, Brady Porter researches how ecological and environmental factors influence birds' gut microbiomes and affect energy demands during migration.

with a broad question in evolution or ecology and then might choose a bird as the system in which to answer that question. "[But] the way I approach it," he says, "is I pick a bird and I let the bird kind of show me the way. What interesting things does it do, and what can I learn from that?"

Ohio Wesleyan alumni across the country are carrying that approach—and that enthusiasm—forward, contributing to bird science and conservation in a range of ways and finding hope in a world where nature constantly feels under threat.





on experience with animals right away, “and the rest was history.”

Burt and another zoology faculty member at the time, Denny Radabaugh, eventually helped Odom design her own research project on owl vocalizations—“and I’m still studying bird vocalizations today!” she says. As a faculty member at University of the Pacific in California, she introduces undergraduate students to scientific inquiry in general and ornithology in particular through her research on the sometimes-overlooked songs of female birds.

Ashley Peele ’07 intended to major in chemistry until a chance encounter with Burt at a banquet for incoming first-year students in the honors program. Seated together, they began chatting about the birds of Florida, Peele’s home state. “He said, ‘you really need to take my honors seminar,’” she says. “So I looked into it, and long story short, with that one class I just fell in love with the whole concept of field biology and ornithology.”

Burt “took her under his wing,” says Peele. His influence eventually led her to a Ph.D. from Tulane University, where she studied overwintering warblers in Jamaica, and now a career at the American Bird Conservancy. “It’s so wild to me when I think about it,” says Peele. “It all came down to that chance meeting at a dinner, and my life trajectory completely shifted.”

MANY PATHS

While some OWU alumni with a fervor for birds have gone on to become ornithology professors at other universities, others have followed different career paths.

Sarah Luttrell ’07 was first exposed to the behind-the-scenes work that goes on at natural history museums as a student curator for OWU’s natural history collection—and today she works at the largest natural history museum in the world, the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C.

Yet another former prodigy of Jed Burt, who hired her for the student curator position, she says he was “very good at recognizing interest and fostering that in students from the beginning.” After OWU, she worked at the University of New Mexico’s Museum of Southwestern Biology and Colorado’s Denver Museum before earning a Ph.D. from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

“After that, I landed the position that I’m in currently, which is in the Feather Identification Lab

at the Smithsonian,” she says. “What we do is identify the remains of birds that have been hit by aircraft. This information is used by a variety of stakeholders to try to increase aviation safety by preventing wildlife strikes in the first place and also mitigating the damage that they can do when they do happen.”



Through her work at the Smithsonian’s Feather Identification Lab, Sarah Luttrell hopes to help reduce the number of birds struck by airplanes.

Another popular option for bird enthusiasts is the nonprofit sector. **Khara Strum ’01**, like Odom, planned to become a veterinarian until she took ornithology. “It was transformative,” she says. After graduation, she worked briefly as a temp in an office, but “I was like, no, I can’t do this.”

So, she turned to hands-on conservation work. After earning a master’s degree in biology from Kansas State University, she moved to California and spent 13 years working first for the Point Reyes Bird Observatory (now Point Blue Conservation Science) and then for Audubon California.

The faculty at Ohio Wesleyan “opened me up to new horizons that I didn’t know were possibilities until I worked with them,” says Strum. In March 2024, she became the executive director of the Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association, pursuing an interest in environmentally friendly farming that she first developed while working with farmers on bird habitat conservation during her time at Point Reyes.





Samantha DeJarnett hosts the podcast *Always Be Birdin'*.

Samantha DeJarnett '12 is quick to specify that she is not an ornithologist, but she, too, is making her mark on the bird world. Shortly after she started at OWU, her academic advisor connected her with a wildlife rehabilitation internship at the Lake Erie Nature and Science Center in Cleveland.

“That was my first encounter with birds, and I loved it,” she says. Although DeJarnett ultimately changed her major from zoology to English, she remained interested in

wildlife rehabilitation after graduation, eventually working for the rehabilitation center at Oregon’s Portland Audubon (now the Bird Alliance of Oregon) for several years.

DeJarnett left that job after what she describes as a series of uncomfortable experiences as a Black woman at the organization. Then, in May 2020, Black birder Christian Cooper was threatened by a white woman in New York City’s Central Park and captured the incident in a video that went viral, sparking a national conversation on birding while Black. Soon, Black bird enthusiasts around the country launched a social media event called Black Birders Week—and DeJarnett found herself introduced to a broader community of Black birders for the first time.

Today, DeJarnett hosts a podcast called *Always Be Birdin'* about being a Black birder, leads outings for BIPOC birders for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and serves on the board of Amplify the Future, a grassroots nonprofit that provides grants and scholarships for Black and Latinx birders.

In her sophomore year at

OWU, DeJarnett was introduced to the House of Black Culture, eventually becoming the house’s moderator. “What that did for me was start to teach me about community, especially the Black community, and [what it means] to have struggle alongside joy.”

FINDING HOPE

Feeling a deep passion for the natural world can mean opening oneself up to grief and sorrow. Climate change and ecological disasters seem to make the news on a regular basis. And in 2019, a large group of scientists published a paper estimating that North America is home to 3 billion fewer birds today than in 1970—a staggering 29% decline.

So how do Ohio Wesleyan alumni whose careers and lives center on birds find hope?

“The thing that really gives me hope is just the birds themselves,” says **Aubrey Alamshah '13**, who this year completed her Ph.D. from Binghamton University, where she studied the behavior of crows in Thailand. She plans to work in conservation.

“I think that sometimes you have to step back from the computer, step back from the news and all the problems, and just go back out and connect with what made you want to conserve these incredible creatures to begin with,” she says.

Brady Porter agrees. “We think of a lot of these birds as ‘our’ birds, but they’re only here for part of the summer to breed, and then they migrate back down to Central and South America,” he says. “Those people appreciate these birds as well, and when both sides see them decline, it might bring us together to tackle the problems that they have throughout their entire annual cycle.”



Wildlife biologist Aubrey Alamshah received her Ph.D. this year, completing a thesis on the physical and behavioral adaptations of jungle crows to long- and short-term landscape changes.



Photo by Angelo Merendino

Sean Williams instructs his Cuyahoga Community College students during an aquatic ecosystems lab in Willoughby Hills, Ohio.

When Dustin Reichard was studying small songbirds called juncos for his Ph.D., he worried because “it felt like they were getting pushed further and further up the mountain as the temperatures rose, and so we were like, this is awful, the species could become locally extinct at some point in this place where we’ve studied them for decades.”

But he sees resilience in nature, too—for example, he points to juncos in southern California that used to migrate to the mountains to nest but have now started breeding in cities along the coast. “The fact that there’s this flexibility in how they behave gives me hope that some of these species are going to be resilient enough to manage the changes we’re throwing at them.”

He also finds reason for optimism in the undergraduates he works with at OWU. “The students that come through OWU are so passionate. Every year



Khara Strum became executive director of the Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association this year, after two decades of leadership and experience in conservation and agricultural land protection.

we get a new crop that want to grow up and be conservationists and do things differently and change the world. Being a part of that environment, we try and foster those feelings and help put those students on a path where they can be influential right out of the gate. They give me hope that maybe we’re eventually going to get people in power who care enough to want to make a change.”





EIGHT TIPS FOR NEW BIRDERS

Start small. Birdwatching doesn't have to mean all-day expeditions to wildlife refuges and parks. You can start by paying more attention to the birds in your backyard and neighborhood. How many different species can you count while out on a walk?

Observe closely. Are the birds you see different sizes and shapes? Are different kinds in different habitats? Are they doing different things? Do you see different kinds of birds, and different behaviors, at different times of year?

Use your ears as well as your eyes. Many bird species can be identified by their distinctive songs and calls. If you learn to recognize the sounds of the most common birds in your neighborhood, you'll have a much richer experience.

Embrace technology. Traditional guidebooks are great, but smartphone apps let you carry a wealth of bird identification resources in your pocket. Merlin Bird ID, a free app from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, can even use your phone's microphone to identify the birds singing around you in real time.



Rebecca Heisman '09 is a freelance science writer based in Walla Walla, Washington, who writes primarily about bird conservation and ornithology.

Make your yard more bird-friendly.

Bird baths and feeders can both attract more species to your yard, although they must be cleaned regularly. Also consider planting more native plants (check out audubon.org/native-plans for bird-friendly species native to your area), reducing your use of pesticides, and bird-proofing your windows (see abcbirds.org/solutions/prevent-home-collisions).

Look into local birding groups. Your city or town may be home to a local Audubon Society chapter or other bird club that hosts regular bird outings that anyone can join.

Try keeping lists. Many birders keep lists of all the bird species they've seen in their life, or smaller lists of the birds they've seen this year or in each state or county. Adding new species to your lists can keep birding fresh and fun over time.

Contribute to conservation. By uploading your sightings to eBird (ebird.org) or participating in a Christmas Bird Count or other organized bird census effort, you can contribute to datasets used by scientists to inform bird conservation efforts.

Assumptions, Inequalities & Congressional Committees

A 3-minute class with Franchesca Nestor, Associate Professor in Politics and Government

I'm going to tell you a story about how something that seems really small and narrow—congressional committees—is actually about something much bigger—representation.

The first thing you need to know is that Congress has committees, which split up the work of Congress. Most members of Congress are on about two committees each. So, for example, Congresswoman Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez is on the Committee for Oversight and Accountability and the Committee on Natural Resources.

The way this process works is that as a member of Congress, you're allowed to request what committees you'd like to be on. Then party leaders decide where you'll go, and they may or may not give you the committees that you ask for.

One of the things that political scientists want to know is which committees do members of Congress see as most prestigious? One way they do that is to look at patterns

for members of Congress switching committees. For example, if over the course of their careers, a lot of members of Congress switch from the Agriculture Committee to the Ways and Means Committee, that means they prefer the Ways and Means Committee—it's more prestigious.

If, over the course of time, a lot of members of Congress switch from the Armed Services Committee to the Appropriations Committee, that means they prefer the Appropriations Committee—it's more prestigious.

Political scientists keep track of this for all the committees, and they come up with a prestige ranking. Today, the top four most prestigious committees in the House are Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce, Appropriations, and Rules.

There's a problem with this process, though. It assumes that what most members of Congress would do and what they want is what all members of Congress would do and want. It assumes a *default* member of Congress. That's a problem if you're

outside of the default.

We have reason to worry about this. Congress is very white, and over history, Congress was even whiter. So, making these assumptions could lead us to miss patterns of inequality in committee assignments.

The committee with the highest maximum number of Black legislators in the House has been Small Business, but its overall prestige ranking is 23. And those top four "prestige" committees are not even on the list of the committees with the highest number of Black legislators.

The chart above shows that while Black male legislators, over time, have been slightly overrepresented on Ways and Means, they have been significantly underrepresented on Energy and Commerce and on Appropriations. For Black female legislators, it's worse. They've been underrepresented on all of the top four committees.

So it does seem that making assumptions about members of Congress has led us to miss certain inequalities in assignment patterns. You know what they say about assumptions: When you assume, you perpetuate legislative inequalities.

We have to do better.

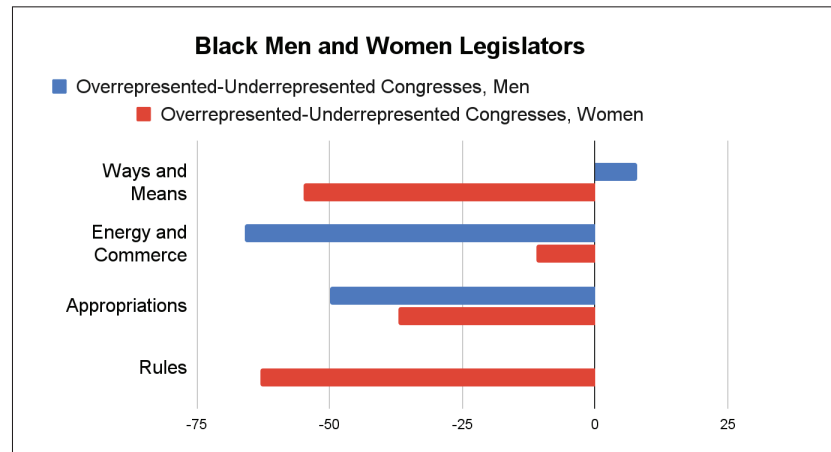


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Franchesca Nestor delivers a 3-minute lecture at OWU's 2024 iQubed event.

Andrea Colvin, associate professor in world languages and cultures, delivered a talk at the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency's monthly Americas Sync meeting in September. These virtual meetings are attended by members of the military and intelligence community who deal with issues in Latin America. Colvin's presentation, *Stories of Resilience: How Some Mapuche Communities in Chile Are Defying Repression and Embracing and Sharing Their Culture*, was based on research she completed during her sabbatical in Chile in 2022.

David Johnson, professor emeritus in biological sciences, and **Nancy Murray**, curator of the Jason Swallen Herbarium, published a monograph in the *Gardens' Bulletin Singapore* that describes 14 species of plants from New Guinea and the surrounding islands that are new to science. Several alumni and students contributed to this work, including botanical illustrations by **Kate Ball Stenger '10** and maps by **Katie Vonderembse '19**, **Meghan Edwards '22**, **Alena Arnold '23**, and **Keegan Floyd '26**. An additional illustration by Stenger is featured in the French journal *Adansonia* from the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle. Other OWU faculty and staff assisting included **Doug Thompson** (preparing photographs, drawings and maps for publication), **Nathan Rowley**, **Elaine Chun**, **Jeff Nilan**, and **Stacy Chaney-Blankenship**.

Sarah Kaka, associate professor and Ralph and Ella Schaaf Rodefer Endowed Chair in Education, published the article "I Have Never Wanted to Quit More as a Teacher: How 'Divisive Issues' Legislation Impacts Teachers" in the journal *Educational Research: Theory & Practice*, Spring 2024. She also published the article "'Divisive Issues' and Collateral Damage: The Evolving Needs of Teachers Entrenched in the Culture War" in the *Journal of Education*, March 2024. Also, Kaka was a guest editor for a special issue of *Social Studies Research and Practice* addressing the effective use of films in the social studies classroom, July 2024.

Veda Hyunjin Kim, assistant professor in sociology and anthropology, wrote "Consciousness Torn Asunder? Racial Elevation of 'South' Koreans, U.S. Camptown Prostitution, and K-Pop Girl Groups in the 1950s-60s," published in *Humanity and Society*, 2024. The article was inspired by a student's question about whether K-pop singers should voice concerns about racism in the U.S. Kim says, "From its inception, K-pop has always been parasitic to U.S. imperialism and the racialized-sexualized bodies of Korean women. Hence, the answer is no. This article explains why."

Amy McClure, professor emerita in education, was named to the Theodore Geisel book award committee. Sponsored by the American Library Association, the award is given to the most outstanding book for early readers published in the United States. The committee reviews hundreds of children's books designed to support children's first independent reading experiences. Geisel is known as Dr. Seuss.



John McGory, instructor in communication and advisor to *The Transcript*, authored *The Wuhan Games*, a novel dealing with the coronavirus outbreak. He lived in Wuhan, China, for six years before returning on a rescue plane. He served as a university instructor and journalist in the city. The book tells a riveting, historic-fictional tale using first-hand sources on how and why the virus was released on an unsuspecting city of 11 million people.

Stephanie Merkel, associate professor of English, was appointed to the Great Lakes Colleges Association Board of Directors. Merkel has represented Ohio Wesleyan to the Academic Council of the GLCA since 2021. The Board of Directors is the primary governing body of the Great Lakes Colleges Association.

Christopher Modica, associate professor in psychology, and student **Abigail Markley '24** published the article "Reciprocal Longitudinal Associations between Positive Body Image and Wellbeing among Early-Adult Women" in the journal *Body Image*, 51, 2024. In this longitudinal research project, they surveyed 18-35-year-old women in the U.S. in three separate waves over 4-5 months to determine if positive body image predicted changes in wellbeing. One noteworthy finding was that increases in body appreciation at earlier waves predicted decreases in depression at subsequent waves; however, increases in depression at earlier waves did not predict increases or decreases in body appreciation at subsequent waves. "Hence," Modica says, "body appreciation predicts 'downstream' changes in depression later on, not the other way around."

Eva Paris-Huesca, associate professor in world languages and cultures and program director of film studies, along with Dosinda Alvite, coauthored the book *La Mirada Horizontal. Cineastas del Siglo XXI: Autoría, Compromiso Social y Conciencia de Género*, published by Tirant Lo Blanc, Spain.

Lee Richards, university registrar, published the article "The Methodist Theological School in Ohio and the 'Easter Assault on Racial Barriers,'" in *Studying the History of Higher Education Journal*, 2024. The article traces the stories of four faculty members of the Methodist Theological School in Ohio who were jailed for their integration activism in Jackson, MS, in 1964. Their actions played a pivotal role in organizing for change across the Methodist Church and its subsequent desegregation.

Liz Starns, assistant professor in health and human kinetics, in collaboration with Gannon University student Paige Tucker, delivered a poster presentation and published an abstract, both titled *The Effect of Ankle Foot Orthotics on Collegiate Athletes' Sprint Biomechanics*. She presented at the Ohio Athletic Trainers Association Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium in May, and she published the abstract in *Journal of Sports Medicine and Allied Health Sciences*.

Chelsea Vadnie, assistant professor in psychology and neuroscience, was a

coauthor of the article "Cell-Type and Sex-Specific Rhythmic Gene Expression in the Nucleus Accumbens," published in *Molecular Psychiatry* in April.

Julide Yazar, associate professor in economics and business, presented her paper "Asset Pricing Model with Heterogeneous Beliefs: A Hybrid Simulation Approach with Large Language Model (LLM) Agents" at WEHIA 2024: Annual Workshop on Economic Science with Heterogeneous Interacting Agents in July in Bamberg, Germany. For this paper, she scraped

online sources for 57,600 news articles that appeared in the previous year that mention any of the 30 companies in the Dow Jones Industrial Average index. She then used an open source large language model to assess the sentiment in each article. The paper uses this data to create an agent-based model of partially informed investors. It shows that the trading activity of these investors leads to increased and clustered volatility in asset returns. At the workshop, she also served as the chair of the Expectations and Forecasting session.



Han Guo (left), assistant professor in mathematics and computer science, was awarded an American Mathematical Society Simons Research Enhancement Grant for Primarily Undergraduate Institute Faculty in July. The three-year grant will support his ongoing research of ciliary fluid dynamics and fund an undergraduate researcher at OWU. Guo is pictured with **Nicholas Mankowski '25** during a 2024 Summer Science Research Project, where they used traffic modeling to explore the impact of lane-changing.



Dean Anson '69 prepares for the parade of classes with his class chant.



From left, **Chris Johnson '74, Leslie MacFarland Sours '74, Paul Collins '74, Wendy McCall Johnson '74, and Scott Oldenburg '74** celebrate with their 50th reunion big check at the Bishop Rally during Alumni Weekend in May.



At Alumni Weekend, 1984 classmates **Wendy Beihl Hubbard, Debbie Rogers Truesdale, Laretta Kennedy Mullholland, Amy Biggart Curry, and Jenny Keefe Anderson** pose for a photo with Bob the Bishop.



Art McHaffie '68, Joy Garber McHaffie '68, Julie Karra '01, Kate Meierhans Spaulding '99, and Abigail Dockter '12 reunited at OWU Near You in Tucson.



Denny Ball '74 (left) and Ernie Fair '74 reconnect celebrating their 50th.

With the largest 10th reunion attendance in the past decade, the Class of 2014 celebrates with smiles and laughter at the Bishop Rally.



Alumni at OWU Near You in Cincinnati included **Kendall Kaiser '20**, **Tara Shepherd Kaiser '91**, and **Kim Shepherd Farrell '93**.



Those at the OWU Near You event in Chicago in September included, from left, **Ahmed Hamed '20**, **Emma Pierson**, **Cory Poulton '14**, **Ben Simpson '17**, **Conor Perkkio '15**, **Kera Bussey-Sims '18**, **Phoebe Bush '18**, and **Carissa Silet '23**.

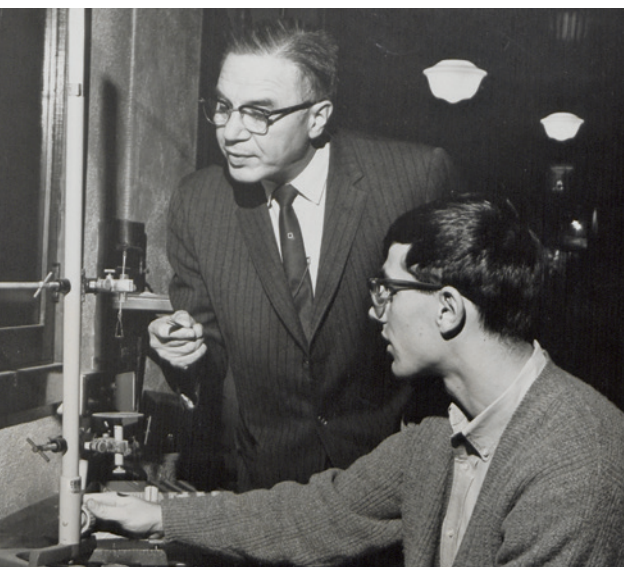
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From left (front row) **Denise Sabo Brenner '00** (vice president), **Diana Poos Roach '72**, **September Howat '00**, **Carrie Lippert Reinhardt '94**, **Laura Baker Campbell '87**; (row 2) **Anthony Peddle '14**, **Andrea Richards Moore '82**, **Alison Kennedy '10**; (row 3) **Ronnesha Addison '12**, **Wyatt Wells '23**, **Matt Bixler '78**, **Nisha Achieng '22**, **Victoria Joshua Gresh '88**, **Julie MacMillan '88**; (row 4) **Callia Barwick '24**, **Zibbi Palmer Wentz-Cunningham '99**, **Julie Clemo Tutkovics '92**, **Phoebe Bush '18**, **Shelli Reeves '16**; (top row) **Sean Harris '97**, **Paida Saburi '02**, **Andy Dunn '79**, **Drew Thawley '97**, **Keith Rozanski '99** (president); not pictured: **Ali Chaudhry '04**, **Michael Jordan '00**, **Vic Misiewicz '82**, **Memme Onwuide '15**, **Shondra Wygal '92**.

Ed Miller builds a bridge linking faculty across generations

Dr. Edward Miller '64 amassed a career full of professional achievements leading to his status as Dean/CEO Emeritus of Johns Hopkins Medicine. Still, success and time have only strengthened his cherished memories of Ohio Wesleyan professors such as Howard Maxwell and Libby Reed, who taught him valuable academic and life lessons.



Ed Miller remembers Physics Professor Howard Maxwell, here in a photo from the OWU Archives, as the person at OWU who influenced him the most.

“Dr. Maxwell was the most influential person for me at OWU,” Miller says. “His course was tough. There was a quiz every week and two bluebooks. When we got our tests back, we could go to his office, disagree with the score, and argue our case. We probably learned more in that time than in the classroom.”

Miller appreciates how Ohio Wesleyan professors pushed him to grow. He recalls Maxwell’s valuable mentorship regarding medical school. “When I asked Dr. Maxwell what courses I should take to prepare me for medical school, I told him more chemistry and physics,” Miller says. “Dr. Maxwell said no, ‘music appreciation, report writing, and Shakespeare with Dr. Spencer.’”

In the report writing course that Maxwell suggested, Miller flourished under the red pen of Libby Reed. “My first report came back with more red ink than blue ink,” he says. “I was rambling, and she taught me to be more precise and use fewer words.”

After graduation, Miller remained friends with Leona and Robert Maxwell and Libby and John Reed until their deaths.

Miller’s close connections with Ohio Wesleyan professors inspired him to make significant contributions to support current OWU faculty. He supports the Libuse L. Reed Endowed Professorship, which honors her demanding teaching style and the values she instilled in her students. Miller also created the Howard N. Maxwell Memorial Fund, which benefits the Department of Physics, and the Dr. Edward D. Miller '64 Endowment, which provides unrestricted funding to support OWU’s science faculty.

Chelsea Vadnie, assistant professor of psychology, was the first recipient of the Ed Miller Endowment, which supported Vadnie in combination with her sabbatical. “The scholarly leave allowed me to contribute to ongoing work in Dr. Colleen McClung’s lab at the University of Pittsburgh that is centered on developing therapeutics and interventions that target circadian rhythms to prevent or treat diseases and disorders,” she says.

Vadnie also worked on other projects in the McClung lab centered on understanding the role of biological rhythms in brain physiology and behavior relevant to psychiatric disorders. OWU student **Callie Kampe '25** carried out summer research with her in the lab.

“There is always a balancing act between academic advancement and time to teach and mentor,” Miller says. “A faculty member advances when they become an expert in a specific area. That only occurs through hard work and persistence. A student who sees that dedication to research is impressed. If the student can be part of that research, it may change the future path of that



*Chelsie Vadnie, assistant professor in psychology, is the first faculty member to receive support for their work from the Ed Miller Endowment. In the photo above, Vadnie (left) works with **Claire Hammond '26** during a Summer Science Research project to determine the effects of early adolescent stress on psychiatric-related behaviors in mice.*

student.”

After the Miller Endowment reached a principal balance of \$500,000, it became The Dr. Edward D. Miller '64 Endowment for Faculty Excellence to support OWU’s faculty who go above and beyond the educator role. As Ohio Wesleyan continues to seek to recruit and retain the very best faculty, these funds provide OWU with the opportunity to recognize and reward the very best of its teacher-scholars.

—Ericka Kurtz



Dr. Edward Miller

classnotes

Thank you to all who sent in submissions for Class Notes. Due to space limitations, we ask that entries be limited to 100 words. To submit Class Notes items, please use the form at www.owu.edu/classnotes. **The deadline for the Spring 2025 issue is February 1.**

1950s

Elva Pickwick Dunham '52 writes: “I chose a place like OWU where things could happen that I never imagined as an only child from Buffalo, NY, in 1948! I became a person I didn’t know I could become when I chose education for my major, married my soulmate, **Bill Dunham '51**, and taught school for 31 years. OWU is a college that changed my life when I graduated on my birthday, June 9, 1952. Thank you, OWU, for your love connection.”

Roger Fromm '55 won gold medals in the 90-94 age group at the North Carolina Senior Games Finals in the 50-meter, 100-meter, and 200-meter races in September 2023. He also set the record in all three events. A Phi Gamma Delta, Roger did not run track at OWU, but he was a member of the varsity swimming team.

Richard Fryman '57 was honored with the dedication of the Richard Fryman Pavilion next to the tennis courts at Upper Arlington (OH) High School, where he was a longtime coach and assistant athletic director. A group of his former tennis players came together to raise money for this honorary pavilion. Richard was named Ohio Athletic Director of the Year in 1983 and was inducted into the national Athletic Directors Hall of Fame, the Tennis Coaches Hall of Fame, the Upper Arlington High School Athletic Hall of Fame, and in 1977 was inducted into the OWU Athletic Hall of Fame.

1960s

John Thomas '61 was posthumously honored by the Japan Society of Northern California, where he was one of their longest-serving board members. JSNC instituted the Sunbridge/John Thomas Emerging Leader Award to be given at the annual US-Japan Innovation Awards Symposium, and they launched the annual John Thomas US-Japan Innovation Lecture.



Carole Lohr '62 was hiking on Ryan Mountain in Joshua Tree National Park in California when she was surprised to encounter a group of OWU students on a Spring Break Wilderness Trek, led by Associate Chaplain William Hayes. Pictured from left: **Jonathan Munroe '24**, **Hayden Kelner '27**, **Etta Pierce '26**, **Hallee Limes '24**, Lohr, **Logan McFarland '27**, Hayes, **Abbie Kline '24**, **Jennifer Allen '25**, **Mostafa Anwari '26**, and **Kristen Landenberger '24**.

Darrell Lauer '62 & '65 writes about what **Branch Rickey 1904** means to him: “In the spring of 1964, I was having a great deal of trouble with my voice. One of the voice faculty at OWU suggested that I go to St. Louis and consult Oren Brown, a cofounder of voice therapy in America. One of my Delta Tau Delta brothers was **Branch B. Rickey '67**. He called his grandfather who invited me to stay with him. When I arrived, he prepared a meal for me. He told me the story of Jackie Robinson and how he broke the color barrier in baseball. After spending that tremendous time working with Oren Brown and staying with Branch Rickey, I returned to OWU and finished my degree in music education.

“My wife and I moved to New York City and began our professional careers, Kristin teaching at Fordham University for 42 years before retiring and myself establishing my singing and teaching career. As a tenor soloist I have performed with symphonic and choral organizations throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe. In recital, I gave sold-out performances in Carnegie Hall and Merkin Concert Hall. In opera, I performed leading roles with Opera Theater of New York, Central City Opera, and St. Paul Opera.

“My teaching of singing and voice therapy career started in 1970 and has continued to the present. I have taught singing and voice therapy at Concordia College, Hofstra University, and, since 1998, at Yeshiva University. When I have a new vocal client struggling with the same type of problems that dogged me, I often think of Branch Rickey and all that he gave to others and his commitment to his ideals.”

Robert Michael '64 is celebrating 60 years of post-OWU life. He is retired from the University of Chicago and spends half of his year in Chicago and half in Vermont with his partner. His two children are doing well, one in Ann Arbor and the other in San Francisco, each married and with kids. Robert asks his classmates: “Do you remember Professor Loyd Easton, who taught philosophy?” Robert spent more than 30 years teaching social policy at the University of Chicago and recently reread Easton’s book, *Ethics, Policy, and Social Ends*, which reminded him how much he learned from the professor and how lucky they were at OWU for such a teacher.

Earl Runde '67 was appointed to a second 4-year term on the Maryland State Board of Long Term Care Administrators. This board licenses and supervises nursing home and assisted living managers, and manages an administrator training program leading to the LTCA license. Earl retired as an assistant warden for the Maryland Division of Correction and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity at OWU.

Arthur Keown '69 was awarded professor emeritus status at Virginia Tech University. In his 49 years at Virginia Tech, he designed and taught a variety of courses across the finance curriculum; received several teaching awards; published his research in top journals, including the *Journal of Finance*, *Journal of Financial Economics*, and *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*; and wrote six college textbooks.

1970s



Victoria King Heinsen '70 released her fifth book, *Murder at the Harding Memorial*. The third in a trilogy, the story returns to the lives of Jessica, a Columbus, OH, attorney and Delta Gamma, and her former sweetheart, a Phi Delt and Ohio Wesleyan graduate. Any number of suspects are involved as the body of a notorious judge is discovered impaled on a fence surrounding the prestigious memorial in Marion, OH. Victoria holds a doctorate in education and teaches writing and research at Bowling Green State University.



A group of Tau Kappa Epsilon Alpha-Mu Chapter alumni got together in August in Geauga County, OH. Pictured from left: **Jim Winsor '74**, **Joel Knepp '72**, **Gus Platas '72**, **Jim Knight '72**, **Wayne Leach '72**, and **Bill Gerl '74**.

Janet Dickey Seese '72 moved into Willow Brook at Delaware Run, a senior living community in Delaware, OH. Her husband, Gordon, passed away at the end of 2022. Janet taught 4th- and 5th-grade students for 30 years, retired, and returned to work as an educational assistant for special education students

for the past 20 years, completing her 50th year in education last year. She currently has no plans for retiring the second time, yet!

Wendie Malick '72 received the Saint Augustine Film Festival Lifetime Achievement Award in January for her illustrious career in film and television. She has received a number of awards and nominations for her roles in shows such as *Just Shoot Me!* and *Hot in Cleveland*. Wendie is on the board of the Environmental Media Association and serves on the advisory board of Return To Freedom, a wild horse sanctuary and advocacy group.

Richard Schwarz '72 received the Distinguished Service Award for his leadership as medical director of the Long Island Jewish Medical Center while it was at the epicenter of the COVID pandemic. Since then, Rick was promoted to his current role as Northwell Health's vice president of quality and medical affairs. He also is associate professor of clinical medicine at the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell, in Uniondale, NY.

Joseph Campbell '74 received the 2024 Sidney Kobre Award for Lifetime Achievement, the highest honor bestowed by the American Journalism Historians Association. The award recognizes individuals with an exemplary record of sustained achievement in journalism history through teaching, research, and professional activities. Joe is a professor emeritus of communication at American University in Washington, DC.

Nick Calio '75 was selected as the 2024 recipient of the Glen A. Gilbert Memorial Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Air Traffic Control Association. His name will be inscribed on the award trophy alongside some of aviation history's most influential pioneers, visionaries, and leaders from airspace organizations and agencies, government, and industry. Since 2011, Nick has served as president and CEO of Airlines for America, the trade association representing the country's leading passenger and cargo airlines.



Jerry Lasky '76 (left) and **Dick Kelley '75** reunited in Chicago at the famous steakhouse Maple & Ash. They discussed life after 50 years, as well as the Cubs finally winning the World Series.

Amy Marasco '76

Amy Marasco '76 moved to the state of Delaware after living in Virginia for 40 years, where she had served on the town council and as vice mayor. In May, after serving on the Lewes, DE, city planning commission and leading the environmental subcommittee, she was elected as a city councilperson.



1980s

Walter "Chip" Colvin '80 retired from North American Lawn and Landscape in Charlotte, NC, after 20 years as manager of the Tree Farm Division. He cultivated a rotating stock of 50,000 shade and ornamental trees on a 500-acre farm. Until he decides on his next career, he plans to travel with his wife, Sabrina, expand his vineyard, and not set an alarm clock.

Jeffrey Coursen '85 was appointed CEO of Evolve IP, a provider of remote solutions for distributed workforces. He joined Evolve IP in 2017 as CFO and strategic adviser, and he has more than 20 years of experience in operations and strategic planning in the technology industry.

Richard Somes '85 published his debut novel, *Lightning's Shadow*, a conspiracy thriller. He is currently working on the sequel.

Gnezda celebrates a decade of *Songs at the Center*

Imagine Ohio Wesleyan circa 1978. **Eric Gnezda '79**, a junior from Worthington, Ohio, is preparing to debut a song to the public—a song he wrote. Eric is so nervous about his gig that he hasn't had a bite to eat in two days.

Fast forward to 2024. Eric regularly performs on *Songs at the Center*—a television program that he created and hosts. Now in its 10th season, it's broadcast to more than 400 PBS stations from coast to coast.

Songs at the Center features singer-songwriters—from legends like Janis Ian and John Oates to up-and-coming artists. “The heart of the music business is the song,” Eric says. “Great songs give listeners something to remember the next day. *Songs at the Center* showcases people with the courage to take risks in the creative process.”

Eric is an award-winning songwriter and an Emmy-nominated producer. He may know a thing or two about taking risks. He wanted to major in music at Ohio Wesleyan. “But I took the entrance exam and scored like 11 out of 100,” Eric chuckles. “I am not a trained musician, and I don't read music.”

Eric moved on to journalism at Ohio Wesleyan, and though music did not work out for him, journalism did.

“The origin of today's work is that at an important point in my life, OWU gave me the opportunity to pursue my passions, both inside and outside the classroom—writing, music, interviewing, business, and people,” Eric says.

He still carries the lessons learned from Professor of Journalism Verne Edwards. “On the first day of class, he walked into the classroom, and I could almost hear the Tonight Show band play the theme song,” Eric jokes. “His classes were like Carson's monologue, with wit, but also with insight, purpose, and conviction. At the heart of it all, Professor Edwards taught us to search for and tell the truth. In journalism, songwriting, or prose, it all begins and ends with digging into the truth.”

He put those lessons to use during a college internship at WBNS, as, during one memorable assignment, he sat outside Woody Hayes's home the day the coach was fired from Ohio

State, hoping to catch an interview.

Eric is not averse to taking risks, and authenticity rules his work, whether it's writing a song, a memoir, a news article, or teaching a class, which he did at Ohio Wesleyan for 12 years. “Being authentic is everything,” he says. “Each type of writing has its process, but it all comes down to honesty.”

Eric's truth is that he enjoys bringing talented people together and showcasing their genius, which he is able to highlight on *Songs at the Center*.

He says his most significant life accomplishment is the daughters he and his wife have raised. “Anything else is a distant second,” he says. “But professionally, I am proud that over a career of nearly five decades, I've been able to create a career path that remained true to myself and my values. I hope that everything I've done has been in service to others.”

— Ericka Kurtz



Eric Gnezda on the set of *Songs at the Center* in Columbus. See the website songsatthecenter.tv for information about upcoming tapings.

Tuttle musical finds light and hope after 9/11

Until recently, no one had debuted a musical about 9/11. The topic may be too sacred. The creator must possess the musical talent and the grit to persevere emotionally. The creator must be someone who experienced Ground Zero.

Tim Tuttle '81 fits the bill. His personal journey to healing after 9/11 gave birth to *44 Lights*, which premiered Off-Broadway in workshop form in New York City for 10 performances in May. Tim was overwhelmed by the nightly standing ovations.

"I had a nice world in 2001. I had a wonderful wife and a good job. But everything changed that tragic Tuesday morning. There was no turning back or denying it. I decided to start doing something that fed my soul and put something good into the universe. I needed to honor the friends I lost. Music

became my messenger."

Tim had gone to work on that beautiful September 11, 2001, at his office across the street from the Twin Towers. "I saw the planes hit the Towers. I watched them collapse," he says. "I was at the base of the North when the South fell. It took me about nine hours to get home to Hoboken, one mile across the Hudson. There weren't any words to describe it."

That evening, Tim took out his guitar. "I began to strum and sing. It was so soft my wife thought I was praying. I don't know where it came from. Something poured out of my soul."

He had a difficult time processing what happened. "It didn't seem real," he says. "I kept hoping I'd wake up from a terrible dream."

But Tim found the creative process to be therapeutic. "After sitting in my apartment playing the song for a week, I called my friends and asked if they wanted to go into a studio. I hadn't sung with other people since I was a child in the choir, but I needed a way to express my pain."

In Tribeca, just blocks away from Ground Zero in 2001, several musicians joined Tim as he recorded his song "I Never Knew." That song turned into 67 songs, CDs, and 20 9/11 memorial concerts. It took more than two decades to decide to create the musical. After months of writing, readings, and working to secure backing, *44 Lights* debuted.

"The number 44 was always special to me. I don't know why. It was just mystical. It was my lacrosse number in high school and at Ohio Wesleyan," Tim says. "When I saw that each memorial beam at Ground Zero was lit by 44 halogen lamps, I felt I had been sent a signal. The friends I lost were reaching out to let me know they were all right. It inspired a song and, ultimately, the title of my musical."

"The play is about bringing light to the darkest day," he says. "At first, I didn't know how people would embrace it, but the feedback after the run has been amazing. It's been done with grace, dignity, and honor for everybody we lost. It's taken over 20 years. It comes from a place of compassion, remembrance, and love."

Learn more at 44Lights.com and musicfromgroundzero.org/. Email Tim at tim@44Lights.com.

— Ericka Kurtz



Tim Tuttle performs with other cast members in his musical 44 Lights at AMT Theater on 45th Street in New York.



Robert Vadas '85 received the 2022 Worthy Coelacanth Award from the Washington-British Columbia Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, as well as the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society's President's Award of Special Recognition. These awards recognize his work on Snake River issues, as well as his service as a member of the Resource Policy and Environmental Concerns Committee of the American Fisheries Society.

Phillip Morris '87 was named opinion editor and vice president at the *Minnesota Star Tribune*, the state's largest news organization. Phillip is an award-winning editorial writer and two-time Pulitzer Prize finalist, dedicating nearly 30 years at the *Plain Dealer* (Cleveland, OH), where he served as an editorial writer and metro columnist.

Victoria Joshua Gresh '88 was appointed executive director of the Ohio Assisted Living Association. She has more than 28 years of nonprofit leadership experience, previously serving as the executive director at the Ohio Physical Therapy Association for almost 12 years.

1990s

Doreen DeLaney Crawley '91 joined the board of trustees at the United Way of Central Ohio. Currently, she is a member of the Grange Senior Leadership Team and founder of the Grange Women's Leadership Group, serving on the boards of the African American Leadership Academy, Ohio Wesleyan University, and St. James Christian Center Foundation, as well.

Evelyn Jones Walter '91 won the 2024 Heart of Broomfield Heart & Soul Award, presented to an individual who consistently gives of themselves to their neighbors, local groups, and strangers. She is an active volunteer, often giving her time to nonprofits and organizations in Colorado like 100 Women Who Care, the Rocky Mountain Down Syndrome Association, Broomfield FISH, and more. "Evelyn is just one of the most selfless,

caring people that I've ever met," a friend said. "She not only identifies a need, but strives to do whatever is needed in order to make a change."

Matt Schrader '91 was appointed chief growth officer of XD Agency, a creative agency for brand experiences. With more than 20 years in the industry, Matt moved into this newly created role after serving as head of client experience at the agency.



Andy Crawford '92 (second from left) was cheered on by his 1992 classmates, from left, **Karen Crossman Crawford**, **Jodie Gordon Lucas**, and **Libby Hendershot** during his hilarious performance as George Hay in *Moon Over Buffalo* in August. The play was performed at the Little Theater Off Broadway in Grove City, OH, and was a laugh-out-loud treat. The friends confirm that Andy's stage drunken antics, fight scenes, and falls were a new side of their friend, as they recall that back in the days at Welch, euchre was more his speed.

Kimberly DiPaola LaPointe '92 was named senior managing director and head of wealth distribution of Macquarie Asset Management in New York City. Previously, she was head of wealth at Cohen & Steers. Her three decades of global industry experience include senior roles at PGIM, a private banking company, where she led PGIM Investments International in London.

Mark Swaim-Fox '92 was named president and CEO at the Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio. Previously, he served for 18 years as executive director of the Cleveland chapter of Facing History & Ourselves, a national nonprofit

that uses lessons of history to challenge teachers and students to stand up to bigotry and hate.

Chad Garland '94 was named director of the Iowa Memorial Union at the University of Iowa Division of Student Life. Chad previously served as senior director of University Center, student life and event services at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.

Tara Scarlett Peacock '95 was elected to the board of trustees of the Frist Art Museum in Nashville, TN. She currently serves as president and CEO of the Scarlett Family Foundation, a Middle Tennessee-based foundation working to ensure all students have access to a high-quality education.

Daniel White '95 was named superintendent of Revere (OH) Local School District. Dan had been superintendent of Keystone (OH) School District since 2018.

Angela Quatman Klett '97 was named president of Huntington Insurance, Inc., in Columbus, OH. She most recently served as senior vice president of corporate development at Nationwide Insurance, where she led mergers and acquisitions, ventures, and strategic partnerships.

Saurabh Gupta '98 joined the World Resources Institute in Washington, DC, as general counsel, leading the organization's legal function, managing institutional risks, and providing legal expertise and guidance.

Brian Danzis '99 was promoted to president North America of Seedtag, a global contextual advertising agency in New York City. He was originally the managing director, driving revenue growth and expanding Seedtag's market presence into the United States.

Andrew Lievens '99 was elected to a one-year term in June as president of the Federal Bar Association, Eastern District of Michigan Chapter. Andrew has worked for 14 years as a prosecutor with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Detroit.

Tomiquia Moss '99, of Oakland, CA, was appointed to the Governor's Military Council. Moss has been secretary of the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency since 2024. She was founder and CEO of All Home from 2019 to 2024. She also has served as chief of staff for the City of Oakland Mayor's Office from 2015 to 2017.

2000s

Alokik Advani '00 made the Global Corporate Venturing 2024 Powerlist, a list of 100 leading corporate venturing professionals. He currently serves in London, England, as managing partner of Fidelity International Strategic Ventures, the corporate venture capital firm of the global asset manager Fidelity International.



Katie Shaw Holeman '01 (left) and **Shelley Fisher Hellmuth '06** coincidentally met at a fundraising event for both of their children's school. They both recently relocated to Wilmington, NC, from the Connecticut (Katie) and D.C. (Shelley) areas.

Khara Strum '01 was named executive director of the Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association, a nonprofit organization promoting sustainable and organic agriculture. For most of her career, Strum has worked in conservation and agricultural land protection. She has worked at the Philander Chase Conservancy at Kenyon College, Audubon California, and Point Blue Conservation Science. (See feature story on page 20.)

Edward Canterbury '02 was elected managing lawyer of Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A. in Ft. Myers, FL. He has been with the firm since 2005, previously serving on their executive committee, leading both the associate and expansion committees, and contributing to the recruiting committee.

Timothy Hawthorne '03 was named chair of the Department of Geosciences at Auburn University. Previously, he served as the graduate program director at the University of Central Florida Department of Sociology and associate professor of geographic information systems.

Sana Hasan Moheet '05 was named relationship manager at First Citizens Bank, focused on building new business in Texas and the surrounding areas. She has nearly 20 years of financial services experience, most recently serving as senior vice president and commercial banking relationship manager at PNC Bank.

Kyle Drexler '06 joined Goldmark Advisers, a boutique investment banking firm, as director. He has experience in managing capital raising and strategic consulting engagements for businesses, previously serving as senior vice president and vice president of transaction advisory services at StratLink Advisory Group.

David Johnstone '07 was ordained for the Diocese of Columbus (OH). His journey to the priesthood began in 2017, joining the Catholic Church and entering seminary the same year.

Marie Rymut Schaefer '07 was named president of the Academy of Medicine of Cleveland and Northern Ohio, a physician-centered nonprofit professional organization for the region. Marie previously was a family medicine and sports medicine physician with Cleveland Clinic.



Elizabeth Davis '08 (left), the study abroad director at Berry College in Georgia, led a class of her students to Budapest, Hungary, in March. In Budapest, she learned that OWU student **Natalie Buravlov '25** (right) was studying there for the semester through the same organization. The two met up in the Central Market, and Elizabeth says, "It was fantastic to meet Natalie and learn about her study abroad experience. My own experience studying abroad (to Salamanca, Spain), inspired me to go into a career in international education, and I was happy to see that OWU students are continuing to have meaningful experiences abroad!" As a first-year student in 2021, Natalie was admitted to the **Thomas W. Palmer '69** and **Susan Palmer (Hon '23)** Global Scholars Program.

2010s

Robert Gardiner '10 was named assistant coach at Saint Louis University's men's basketball team. He previously worked at Indiana State as the special assistant to the head coach in 2023-24.

Hannah Winant '10 was named a 2024 Northern Virginia 40 Under 40 honoree by the Leadership Center for Excellence and Leadership Fairfax. She currently serves in public safety communications and emergency management.

Rachel Vinciguerra '14 published a chapbook of poetry, "A mass of feathers: love poems," with Bottlecap Press. This is a collection of love poems—to Rachel's grandparents whom she lost within six months of each other, to her body during a painful and hopeful journey with cancer in her 20s, and to her partners in life.

Nicholas brings history to life at Gettysburg

If you've toured Gettysburg National Park sometime in the past decade, the park ranger leading your tour may have been Ohio Wesleyan alum **Rachael Nicholas '16**.

And now, Rachael's Gettysburg expertise has earned her the job she has dreamed about since her years at OWU, park historian for the Gettysburg National Park in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

"I visited Gettysburg on a school trip when I was in the eighth grade. I was moved by the power of place, the fact that I was standing where something consequential happened," Rachael says. "I had been reading historical fiction since elementary school about young girls escaping to freedom along the Underground Railroad. It was the struggle between slavery and freedom, the quest for racial equality that caught my attention as a child."

"In her sophomore year, Rachael took my upper-level class on the Civil War and Reconstruction," says Barbara Terzian, the Cornelia Cole Fairbanks Associate Professor in the Department of History. "One day, she told me she wanted to be a park historian for Gettysburg. She was a hardworking student and understood the importance of taking opportunities when they're available to you."

Rachael began grabbing those opportunities at OWU's Civil War Lecture Series, where she met with a visiting lecturer from Gettysburg. That opened the door for her to secure an OWU Connection grant to join students from across the country at Gettysburg College's Department of Civil War Era Studies. She also completed an internship at the military farm.

"They call Gettysburg the best Civil War classroom," Rachael says. "It's because you are on the battlefield, and that's what really makes the program."

After graduation, Rachael enrolled at West Virginia University for graduate study in 19th-century U.S. history—and she kept her summer job at the national park.

"Being a seasonal ranger was rewarding," she says, "because I could see the 'Aha!' moments."

One of her most memorable encounters was an exchange with a young girl in the Soldiers' National Cemetery. "I had given a speech for Independence Day that had apparently impressed her. She walked up to me at the end of the program and told me that she wanted to be a park ranger like me one day. One of the photographers caught the conversation between us and took a picture. I can't help but look at that photo with pride, because the girl I was talking to was a miniature version of me, right down to the blonde hair."

Today, as a park historian, Rachael works "behind the



Photo by Erica Uszak

Rachael Nicholas at the Ohio Plot in Soldiers' National Cemetery.

scenes," assessing the preservation needs of more than 30 historical structures in the park and keeping track of park records.

"It is a dream job because it allows me to have a tangible impact on the cultural landscape and how it appears to the public," Rachael says. "More than just research that becomes a book, it is research that will contribute to park decisions and management for decades to come."

Rachael is working on her dissertation while fulfilling her responsibilities at Gettysburg. Her research focuses on borderlands, such as the Mason-Dixon Line, in the context of African-American lives during the Civil War. She enjoys historical fashion and hiking the hills near her 19-century home in Fairfield, Pennsylvania, where a small cavalry battle occurred on July 3, 1863, the same day Pickett's charge took place in Gettysburg.

"I got my dream job, and I'm living in my dream home."

—Savannah Brantley '25

Brianna Robinson '15 was selected as a resident artist with the Detroit Opera. She is one of the five resident artists chosen from more than 830 applicants for the 2024-25 season. A soprano, she covered and performed roles including Lucy in Gregory Spears's *Fellow Travelers*, Lena in Ana Solokovic's *Svabda*, and several roles in Paul Ruders's *The Handmaid's Tale*. She recently stepped in as Julie in *Omar*, Rhiannon Giddens and Michael Abels's 2023 Pulitzer Prize-winning opera, at Boston Lyric Opera.

Keaton Leppla '17 was hired as the head varsity football coach of West Holmes (OH) High School. For the past three seasons, he has coached at Wooster High School as the defensive coordinator and associate head coach.

Alanna Henderson '18 joined Quantum Health in Columbus, OH, as a social media and content specialist.

2010s



Mary Kate McElroy '21 hosted her MFA thesis exhibition titled "To Bear Witness" in April at Ohio University. In her work,

McElroy collaborated with sexual assault survivors from across the country to paint portraits of them and create a platform for them to share their stories on their own terms. The exhibit included the painting at left, "Empower OWU."

Anna Edmiston '23 joined the *Sidney (OH) Daily News* as a reporter.

Jada Respress '23 was a part of a journalist team awarded the People's Voice Webby Award as well as the College Journalism Award and Grand Prize at the Robert F. Kennedy Book and Journalism Awards. Their piece, "America After Roe," explored how the Supreme Court's reversal of *Roe v. Wade* has gone beyond abortion bans, affecting healthcare, culture, policy, and people. Jada's cohort traveled to 14 states to investigate and report this story.

Births



Michelle Nicholson Nielson '03 and Mike Nielson welcomed twins Rhett Orion and Freya Ellis on April 19, 2023. They join sister Tilda Wren.



Charles Young '11 and **Ellen Duran Young '11** welcomed their daughter Cecilia Lupe on September 26, 2023. (This photo was misidentified in the Spring issue.)



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Upcoming events

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February 5, 7:30 p.m.

WOW Speaker Series
National Women & Girls in Sports (virtual)

February 14

Annual Naples Red & Black Luncheon

February 19-20

We Are OWU Day of Giving

April 5

Phi Gamma Delta Pig Dinner
OWU campus

April 11-12

Celebrating Jay Martin Gathering & Events

May 16-18

Reunion Weekend
Celebrating classes ending in '0 & '5

May 16-18

Young Alumni Reunion

September 11-18

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Contact alumni@owu.edu to host an event.

September 19-20

Homecoming & Family Weekend

weddings



Johnston-Wright Wedding

Wesley Johnston '63 and Joanne Wright were married June 8 in Ada, MI. Pictured from left: John Bassett '63, Joyce Geiger (wife of deceased Bill Geiger '63), Darrell Lauer '62, Krista Lauer, Kay Bassett '63, groom, Lori Nelson '63, Dan Nelson '63, T.C. (Cotton) Havell '63, and Pam Havell.



Leary-Redmond Wedding

Kim Leary '09 and Dan Redmond were married March 16 in Columbus, OH. Pictured from left: (front row) Leanna Bucceri Daniels '10, bride, groom, Karen Griffiths Leary '78, Sarah Bruno '10; middle row: Joey Yost '08, Linda Miller O'Horo '78, Anthony Davis-Rosato '09, Amanda Zechiel Keiber '09, Meredith Brown Sinclair '09, Colleen Byers '07; (back row) Ericka Greene '04, Lee Schott '09, Grant Daniels '09, Yaser Helal '09, Zach Barbara '10, Nick Baker '09, John Betts '08, Emily Bigelow Ramsey '08, and Jason Ramsey '07. Not pictured: Gwen Griffiths McCuaig '85.



Hall-Hauptmann Wedding

Allison Hall '06 and David Hauptmann were married October 7, 2023, in Leesburg, VA. Pictured from left: Mike Spencer '73, Gabi Valerius '08, Cate Daily '08, bride, Dick Eakins '73, and Sam Valerius '08.

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Naughton-Penn Wedding

Mac Naughton '19 and Maddie Penn '20 were married June 1 in Nashville, TN. Pictured from left: (front row) Kaitlyn Gilson '21, Cirrus Robinson '20, Shelby Carlson '22, Claire Sterling '20, Iman Ashraf '20, Sabrina Amato '19, Carolyn Hardin Smith '56, bride, groom, Morgan Barnard '20, Liz Mayo '20, Tyler Mansfield '20, Brianna Graber Martin '20, Mollie Marshall Ashburn '19; (back row) Scooter Duren '20, Jess Sprague '20, Shannon Bermingham '19, Matt Musich '19, Austin Strayer '20, Andrew Farina '19, Dalton Henderson '19, Alec Martin '19, and Will Ashburn '19.



Rinaldi-Lapolla Wedding

John Rinaldi '15 and Maggie Lapolla '16 were married August 5, 2023, in Westport, CT. Pictured from left: (front row) Samantha Cacciatore '17, Kimberly Kuhns-Baione '17, Kara Dawson Conroy '15, bride, groom, Nate Goodhart '16; (back row) Clint Saunders '14, Michael Gonzalez '16, Zain Khan '15, Graham Lucas '15, and Tatiana Haddad '17.



Carrier-Vinciguerra Wedding

Patrick Carrier '21 and Rachel Vinciguerra '14 were married on June 8 in Pittsburgh, PA. Former OWU Chaplain Jon Powers officiated the ceremony. Pictured from left: Santo Sumo '23, Brenda Gable '15, Carrie Thompson '14, Emma Sparks '16, bride, groom, Kelsey Ullom '14, Love Ayinde '23, and Oshane Tackore '20.

For more detailed information about the alumni listed below, please see owu.edu/InMemoriam, which includes links to full obituaries. The webpage is updated frequently, and names remain on it for one year from the date of death. The list below includes alumni and others who passed away from February 1, 2024, through August 31, 2024.

1940s

Mary Hamman May '45, of Circleville, OH, July 18, age 101. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

George Hoffman '46, of Southern Pines, NC, May 7, age 99. He was predeceased by wife **Marilynn Jenkins Hoffman '46**, father **George Hoffman 1914**, sister **Elizabeth Hoffman Kuhn '45**, aunt **E. M. Hoffman Buxton 1911**, uncle **Leroy Hoffman Hoffman 1920**, and cousin **Leroy Hoffman '52**. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. George's family opened Bun's Restaurant in downtown Delaware.

Charlot Welshimer Wade '46, of Enon, OH, Feb. 22, age 99. Charlot was a member of OWU's Tower Society.

Barbara Hall Semans '47, of Sandusky, OH, Feb. 2, age 97. She was predeceased by mother **Helen Bechdel Hall 1925** and husband **William Semans '48**. Barbara was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Dorothy Lerch Berner '48, of Washington Township, OH, Apr. 24. She was predeceased by mother **Elsie Lerch 1924**, aunt **Dorothy Shieber '29**, and cousin **Hillis Shieber '43**. Dorothy is survived by sister **Helen Jo Lerch Rouhier '51**. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Dorothy Trayan Hayden '48, of Orange Park, FL, June 4, age 97. She is survived by son **Dana Hayden '77**. Dorothy was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

Robert Wilson '48, of Pasadena, CA, Mar. 7, age 99. He was predeceased by wife **Mary Lander Wilson '48**, siblings **Jeanette Wilson Pulliam '47** and **Dick Wilson '44**, nephew **Richard Wilson '69**, niece **Nancy Wilson Templar '70**, and cousin **Kimberly Hogan '02**. He was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and the Tower Society.

Joanne Jumper McGregor Ganus '49, of Columbus, OH, Feb. 24, age 96. She was predeceased by brother **Maurice Jumper '44**, sister-in-law **Janis Shipps Jumper '44**, and niece **Julie Shipps Jumper Werley '72**. Joanne is survived by daughter **Laurie McGregor Connor '77** and grandson **Andrew Callaghan Connor '99**. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

Flora Taylor Figge '49, of Highlands Ranch, CO, May 23, age 95. She was predeceased by cousin **Helen Browne Peters '48**.

1950s

Margaret Johnson Harruff '50, of Perrysburg, OH, Aug. 11, age 96. She was predeceased by mother **Genevieve Johnson 1925** and aunt **Mary Sylvester Dutton '32**.

Josephine Konicki Jablinski '50, of Dayton, OH, July 27, age 96.

David Williams '50, of Hudson, OH, Feb. 17, age 96. He was predeceased by wife **Virginia Lee Talley '50**.

Nancy Dorrance Woodman '51, of Westerville, OH, Feb. 17, age 94. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Bartlett Hagemeyer '51, of Zanesville, OH, Feb. 3, age 94.

Paul Kozsuch '51, of Brownsville, TX, Nov. 24, age 99. He was a member of OWU's Tower Society.

Milton Lazear '51, of Newark, DE, Feb. 18, age 94. He was predeceased by father **Milton "Lee" Lazear 1923**. Milton is survived by daughter **Diane Lazear Fleming '76** and son **Richard Lazear '79**. He was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

David Baldauf '52, of Rhinebeck, NY, Feb. 20, age 95. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Richard Hulse '53, of Montgomery, OH, Apr. 13, age 92. He was predeceased by father **Alfred Hulse 1919** and sister **Iris Hulse Spurrier '49**. Rick is survived by brother **Alfred Hulse '52**. Rick was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Ruth Neubauer Williams '52, of Rochester, NY, Feb. 16, age 93. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

Robert Ogden '52, of Springfield, OH, May 5, age 93. He was predeceased by brother **Thomas Ogden '51**. Bob is survived by nephew **Robert Ogden '75**. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Roslyn Seabury Collins '52, of Cleveland Heights, OH, Aug. 11, age 93. She was predeceased by husband **Jack Collins '52**. Ros is survived by daughter **Jean Collins Seabury-Kolod '78**. She was a member of OWU's Tower Society and Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Eugene Shreve '52, of Bay Shore, NY, Jan. 27, age 96. He was predeceased by mother **Rosaria Piscitelli Litt '28**. Gene is survived by sisters **Anita Shreve Foote '53** and **Madge Shreve Newell '56**, and nephew **Richard Newell '80**.

Joan Smith Kadlec '52, of Stamford, CT, Feb. 19, age 93. She was a member of OWU's Tower Society.

Thomas Bay '53, of Dublin, OH, June 12, age 92. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Gordon Conner '53, of Jamestown, NC, Dec. 11, age 92. He is survived by daughter **Kathleen Conner Meyer '74**. Gordon was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

Richard Davenport '53, of Cincinnati, OH, July 3, age 92. He was predeceased by parents **Harold Davenport 1921** and **Mary Campbell Davenport 1923** and wife **Mary Turnbull Davenport '56**. Richard was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Barbara Elder Vestal '53, of Charlotte, NC, July 31, age 93. She was predeceased by uncle **Burton Elder '33** and aunt **Beatrice Ricker Elder '34**. Barbara is survived by cousin **Bruce Elder '62**. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Sharlee Staten Guster '53, of Copley, OH, Feb. 16, age 92. She was predeceased by parents **George Staten 1924** and **Ruth Thomson Staten 1928**. She was a member of OWU's Athletics Hall of Fame and Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. Sharlee and her father were the first father-daughter members of the Hall of Fame.

Charles Dahl '54, of Jackson Hole, WY, Feb. 10, age 91. He is survived by wife **Ann Swinehart Dahl '55**. Chuck was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Inga "Ping" Hilleboe Schmidt '54, of Ann Arbor, MI, June 21, age 91. She was a member of the Phi Upsilon Omicron honor society and Delta Gamma sorority.

Brenda Olson Sutherland '54, of Worthington, OH, July 14. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Anthony Barton '55, of Pittsburgh, PA, Feb. 22, age 89.

Ronald Cattlett '55, of Huntsville, AL, Feb. 14, age 91. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

Douglas Caulkins '55, of Charlotte, NC, Jan. 29, age 91. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

E. Rolland Dickson '55, of Rochester, MN, July 21. He is survived by son **Mark Dickson '84**, granddaughter **Morgan Dickson '11**, and grandson **Jackson Dickson '24**. He was a member of OWU's Tower Society and Sigma Chi fraternity.

Frances Leet Reddaway '55, of Flowery Branch, GA, Feb. 16, age 91. She was predeceased by husband **John Reddaway '52**. Frances was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Taylor "Skip" Obold '55, of Fayetteville, NY, June 29, age 90. He is survived by wife **Barbara Burrows Obold '56** and daughter **Sharon Obold Pinone '84**. Skip was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Ruthe Rootes Battestin '55, of Charlottesville, VA, May 27, age 90. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Shirley Winget Buehler '55, of Wooster, OH, May 19, age 90. She is survived by brother **Keith Winget '58**. Shirley was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

Gretchen Conrad Holmes '56, of Raleigh, NC, Apr. 13, age 89. She was predeceased by mother **Ruth Baker Conrad 1923**, uncle **Charles Baker 1922**, and cousin **David Baker '51**. She is survived by daughter **Leslie Holmes Stuart '88**, sister **Judith Conrad De Vere '62**, cousins **John Baker '55**, **Laura Baker Campbell '87**, **Emily Moore '16**, and **Natalie Campbell '19**, nephew **David Antoine '99**, and granddaughter **Gabrielle Vizcaino '14**. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Audrey Blue Glaser '56, of Cleveland, OH, Apr. 30. She was predeceased by cousin **Marlene Schenk Sheppard '61**. Audrey is survived by sister **Martha Blue Fitzgibbons '61**. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Constance "Connie" Conklin Bell '56, of Minnetonka, MN, May 18, age 89. She was predeceased by parents **John Conklin '28** and **Josephine Conklin '28**. Constance is survived by sister **Jane Conklin Setterlin '59**. She was a member of OWU's Tower Society and Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Robert Istnick '56, of Frankfort, MI, Mar. 27, age 89. He is survived by wife **Mary Fuller Istnick '57**, daughter **Jennifer Istnick Richards '84**, and grandson **Maxwell Richards '14**. He was a member of OWU's Tower Society and Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

Jane Knecht MacEllven '56, of The Villages, FL, Mar. 15, age 89.

Jane Livermore Goodspeed '56, of Cedarville, IN, May 7, age 90. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

Clifford "Kip" Cloud '57, of Columbus, OH, Mar. 24, age 88.

Paul Cruser '57, of Princeton, NJ, July 29, age 91. He was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

William Frazer '57, of AZ, June. He was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

Lois Horrocks Fulton '57, of Marion, OH, Feb. 26, age 89. She was predeceased by brother **Lloyd Horrocks '53**. Lois is survived by sister **Alice Horrocks White '58**. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

Frank Long '57, of Shelby, OH, June 20, age 94.

Paul Smith '57, of Rochester, NY, Feb. 16. He is survived by wife **Susan Wilson Smith '57**, son **P. Brian Smith '84**, and granddaughter **Caroline Marini Stiefvater '14**. Paul was a member of OWU's Tower Society and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

G. J. "Jeanne" Webb Davis '57, of St. Peters, MO, Apr. 9, age 88. She is survived by sister **Mary Webb Edlund '64**. Jeanne was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

James McNew '58, of Missoula, MT, Feb. 1, age 87. He was predeceased by brother **Robert McNew '60**. Jim was a member of Chi Phi fraternity.

Beverly Pettet Ziegler '58, of Wellington, OH, May 6, age 87.

Suzanne Wylie McPherson '58, of Murrys ville, PA, Apr. 12, age 87. She was predeceased by husband **Richard McPherson '56**.

Sarah Covington Crooke '59, of Silver Spring, MD, Dec. 10, age 90.

Lowell Fleischer '59, of Lewes, DE, Aug. 8, age 87. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Michael Tippett '59, of Frederick, MD, July 14, age 86. He was predeceased by wife **Judith David Tippett '60**, daughter **Margaret Tippett '83**, father **W. B. Tippett '35**, and uncle **Leslie Burge '32**. Michael is survived by daughters **Kathryn Tippett '85** and **Brooke Tippett Thompson '88**. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Margaret “Peg” Tracy Tyler ’59, of Minneapolis, MN, June 18, age 86.

Ralph “Ted” Wharton ’59, of Lafayette, LA, July 22, 2023, age 85. He is survived by wife **Noelle Kahn Wharton ’60** and son **Andrew Wharton ’84**. Ted was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

1960s

John Broughton ’60, of Marietta, OH, July 2, age 85. He was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

Martha Hoadley ’60, of Lansing, MI, Apr. 19, age 86. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Earl Clime ’61, of Jenkintown, PA, Mar. 4, age 84. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Nancy Fernbach Sauer ’61, of Fayetteville, NY, Mar. 25, age 84. She was predeceased by husband **David Sauer ’52**.

Joseph Wanjui ’61, of Kenya, July 2. He is survived by children **Mary-Ann Wamalwa ’85** and **Elizabeth Mboche ’85** and grandchildren **Alexandra Wamalwa ’21** and **Elizabeth-Ann Mboche ’22**.

Charles Young ’61, of Anchorage, AK, Dec. 28, age 84. He was predeceased by wife **Gerry Sexten Young ’61**. Chuck was a member of Beta Sigma Tau (now Pi Lambda Phi) fraternity.

Glenn Collier ’62, of Hilton Head Island, SC, June 5, age 84. He was predeceased by father **Earl Collier ’29**, uncle **Maynard Collier ’31**, and brother **Donald Collier ’57**. Glenn is survived by wife **Ann Foster Collier ’64** and grandson **Philip Collier ’18**. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

John Ginaven ’62, of Sarasota, FL, Feb. 4, age 82. He was predeceased by parents **Howard Ginaven ’32** and **Marjorie Smith Ginaven ’32**, and brothers **David Ginaven ’57** and **Robert Ginaven ’61**. John was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Judy Hindes Cox Mace ’62, of Uniontown, OH, Feb. 11, age 82. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

Roxann Hockman Lambert ’62, of Columbus, OH, Apr. 5, 2023, age 83. She was predeceased by father **Ottie Hockman ’30**, aunt **Velda Hockman Chilcote ’30**, uncle **Clayton Hockman ’32**, and cousin **William Hockman ’38**. Roxann is survived by brother **Ottie Hockman Jr. ’67** and cousin **Thomas Hockman ’58**. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Christie Lichliter Alton ’62, of Lancaster, PA, July 2, age 83. She is survived by husband **Bruce Alton ’61**. Christie was a member of OWU’s Tower Society and Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Janice Ramey Andrews ’62, of Delaware, OH, June 10, age 84. She was predeceased by brother **Lynn Ramey ’50**. Jan is survived by sister **Marcia Ramey Augspurger ’59** and grandsons **Benjamin Andrews ’12** and **Timothy Andrews ’13**.

Carol Van Rheeden Ellinwood ’62, of West Brandywine, PA, July 31, age 84. She is survived by husband **Jeffrey Ellinwood ’62**. Carol was a member of OWU’s Tower Society and Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

Sarah McCommon Brown ’63, of Westerville, OH, May 15, age 82. She was predeceased by mother **Charlotte Carter Dunfee 1928**. Sarah is survived by sister **Jane McCommon Karaffa ’56**, nephew **Robert Karaffa ’82**, and niece **Emily Karaffa ’86**. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Michael Glasscock ’64, of Hickory, NC, June 3, age 81. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Robert Imes ’64, of Lawrenceburg, IN, Apr. 20, age 81.

Lee MacVaugh ’64, of Washington, DC, Jan. 17, age 82. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

John Teets ’64, of Rockport, ME, Mar. 4, age 82. He was predeceased by wife **Sherry Elliott Teets ’65**. John is survived by brother **William Teets ’66**. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Janet Derbyshire Fortus Riehl ’65, of St. Louis, MO, Mar. 10. She is survived by sisters **Susan Derbyshire Garrison ’67** and **Joan Derbyshire ’73**. Janet was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

Jill Flack Buelte ’65, of Hopkinton, NH, Apr. 6, age 80. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Charles Kieser ’65, of Parker TX, May. He is survived by wife **Suzanne Hale Kieser ’66**. Chuck was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

Elizabeth Doust ’66, of Bowling Green, OH, Nov. 19, age 79.

Sheila Meehan Spence ’66, of East Providence, RI, Mar. 2, age 79.

Martha “Martye” Armstrong ’67, of Houston, TX, Aug. 6, age 79. She was predeceased by mother **Martha McKinney Armstrong ’37**, aunt **Vivian Armstrong Wagner ’31**, uncle **George Armstrong ’32**, and grandmother **Opal Ketch McKinney 1909**. Martha was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

David Kapeluck ’67, of Delmont, PA, May 24, age 79. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Kirk Hornbeck ’68, of Bethesda, MD, Jan. 23, age 77. He was a member of Chi Phi fraternity.

William Jacobson ’68, of West Palm Beach, FL, Feb. 16, age 77. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Timothy Rardin ’68, of Conway, SC, July 10, age 78. He was predeceased by mother **Ruth Ferguson Horr ’36**, stepfather **Beverly Horr ’33**, and sister **Sara Rardin Johnson ’66**. Tim is survived by sister **Martha “Molly” Rardin Tee ’74** and former spouse

Payton Rardin '68. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Thomas Schmick '68, of Tallahassee, FL, May 23. He was predeceased by parents **Justin Allen Schmick '36** and **F. Kathryn Peebles Schmick '33.** Tom was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Diana Deck Webb '69, of Elgin, IL, Apr. 27, age 76. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

Stephen Deuble '69, of Canton, OH, Apr. 12, age 76. He was predeceased by father **Walter Deuble '44.** Stephen is survived by son **John Deuble '91.** He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Tamara Hughes Berry '69, of West Valley City, UT, Feb. 23, age 75. She was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.

Kenneth Nechitilo '69, of Naples, FL, Apr. 20, age 76.

1970s

David Levine '70, of West Hartford, CT, Feb. 8, age 75. He was a member of Chi Phi fraternity.

Diane Newman Plumb '71, of Milford, OH, May 14, 2023, age 73. She is survived by stepdaughter **Meghan Plumb Rogers '92.** She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Burton Gossoo '72, of Hampton Bays, NY, Feb. 20, age 73.

Clifford Wunderlich '72, of Arlington, MA, May 18, age 74.

Wesley Smith '74, of Lincoln, MA, Feb. 24, age 71. He is survived by brother **Douglas Smith '81.** Wes was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Peter Bleckwehl '75, of McCormick, SC, Feb. 15, age 70. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Paul Miller '78, of Delaware, OH, Mar. 7, age 68. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Terry Vaughan '79, of Indianapolis, IN, Mar. 3, age 65.

1980s

Bryan Beske '80, of Westerville, OH, June 16, age 66. He was predeceased by wife **Sally Wirick Beske '80.** Bryan was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Karolin Benford '82, of Elyria, OH, Sep. 23, age 63.

Wayne Pignolet '82, of Portland, OR, Apr. 13, age 64. He is survived by brother **Gerald Pignolet '78.** Wayne was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Nancy Petrie '85, of Richmond, VA, Feb. 8, age 60.

Patricia Coughlin '90, of New Canaan, CT, Feb. 4, age 56.

1990s

Michael "Myke" Scholl '91, of Long Beach, CA, July 8, age 54.

Leigh Rabby '92, of Delaware, OH, Feb. 26, age 54. She is survived by siblings **Christopher Rabby '89** and **Marcia Rabby Smith '95.** Leigh taught and worked at OWU as a part-time assistant professor of fine arts and artwork curator of fine arts.

John Wessel '10, of Middleburg Heights, OH, July 3, age 39. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Faculty & Staff

Bill Benz, of Rio Rancho, NM, May 8. He was the special assistant to the president, provost, and chief academic officer at OWU from 1986-1993.

Fay Reed, of Columbus, OH, Aug. 8. She was a former professor and the dean of nursing at OWU.

Kathleen Weibel, of Champaign, IL, July 29, age 79. She was formerly the director of libraries at OWU.

Sympathy to

Vincent Maola '56 for the loss of his wife, Marion Zbalishen Maola, of Wallingford, PA, Mar. 12, age 90.

Tom Grissom '92 and his niece **Kathrine Trine Grissom '92** for the loss of Tom's wife and Trine's aunt Janet Grissom, of Louisville, KY, Apr. 29, age 73.

Dave Hornbeck '62 for the loss of his wife, Joan Peters Hornbeck, of Columbus, OH, Mar. 11, age 84

David Gardner '72 for the loss of his wife, Gloria Gardner, of Columbus, OH, June 1, age 70.

Joanne Neugebauer '11 for the loss of her mother, Dorothy Neugebauer, of Euclid, OH, July 14.

Darrell Wood, retired assistant professor of music at OWU, for the loss of his wife, Gola Wood, of Delaware, OH, Aug. 7, age 91.

Correction

On page 44 of the In Memoriam section of the Spring issue, the name of Ann Hadley Felker '54 was misspelled. We apologize for the error.



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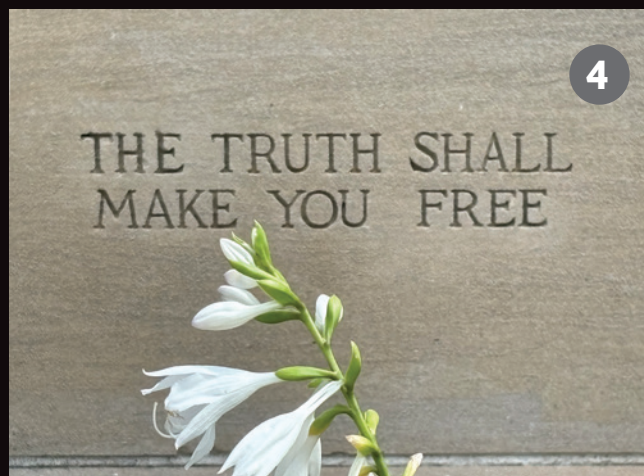
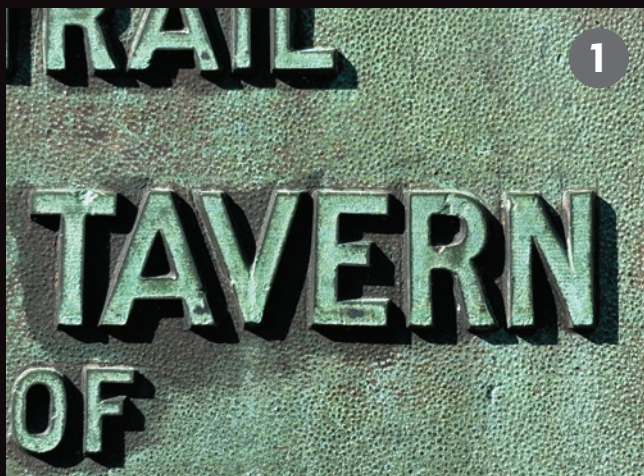
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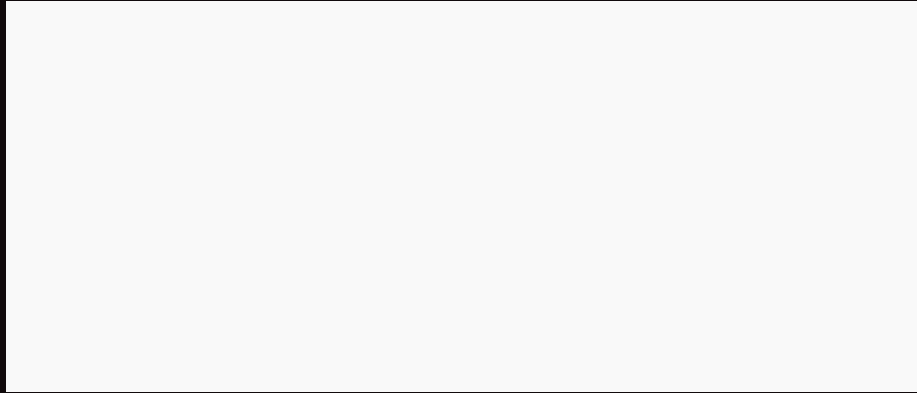
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