

Ohio Dominican University

Insider



Where our University Family Stays Connected

FROM YOUR ALUMNI OFFICE

It's December! Let the sledding, snowball fights, and caroling begin. The students have completed the fall semester and will soon be enjoying winter break!

What better way to start the holidays than to join us on December 3rd for the traditional lighting of the ODU Christmas tree. The evening of events will begin at 5 p.m. in front of Erskine Hall with the tree lighting and the blessing of the Crèche. Then enjoy hot chocolate, cookies and crafts in the Bishop Griffin Student Center. Children can share their Christmas plans with Santa Claus. Wrap up the evening with Carols and Lessons at 7 p.m. in Christ the King Chapel, Sansbury Hall.

We would love see alumni come out to support our graduates on December 13th at 11 a.m. Ohio Dominican graduation will have two parts. First, baccalaureate, a Mass held to give thanks and pray for the continued success of our graduates, will be held. Following will be commencement where the official ceremony will take place and **Bishop Fredrick Campbell**, will speak.

We hope you have had the opportunity to talk with some of our great students during our annual Fall Phonathon. They are a proud reflection of ODU and the tradition YOU helped to establish. We are especially grateful to all of you who have responded kindly toward their requests. If you did not get a chance to give during Phonathon, don't forget to add Ohio Dominican to your Christmas list! No gift is too large or too small; every contribution makes a difference in the lives of the students and this University.

[Upcoming Events](#)

Christmas Lessons and Carol and visit with Santa:
December 3, 2014, 6pm, Main Campus

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We also want to thank all of you for coming out to support campus events last month. We had great guest speakers and other activities including the Parents' Tailgate and the Patriots' Tailgate which honored our military veterans. If you were unable to stop by campus, not to worry! Come support ODU women's and men's basketball teams this season, walk through and marvel at the Christmas lights on campus, or to enjoy an evening Mass.

Yes, it's a busy season but as you spend time with family or doing good deeds for others, we hope that you keep Ohio Dominican in mind and in your prayers. As you reflect on your times at ODU, remember that we love to hear from our alumni! Keep us updated with your moves, honors, awards, recognitions, promotions, civic and non-profit work, and family news by completing the [online form](#). Of course, you can stay updated with all alumni news on our Facebook page, Ohio Dominican University Alumni Association. All you have to do is ["Like"](#) us!

We hope that your holidays are filled with the happiness of being with those you love, peace-filled moments of reflection and the satisfaction of doing something good for others.

Wishing you a Happy and Blessed Holidays to you and yours,

Ann and Christie

2014 Christmas Lessons and Carols

As the holiday season approaches, mark your calendars and join the Ohio Dominican University community as we gather for the annual Christmas Lessons and Carols.

This year the event will be held on December 3rd at 5 pm. Festivities will begin on the front steps of Erskine Hall with a tree lighting ceremony and the blessing of the Creche. Hot chocolate, crafts and cookies will be available in the Griffin Student Center, where children have an opportunity to visit with Santa Claus. Then, Carols and Lessons will take place at 7p.m , in Christ the King Chapel in Sansbury Hall.

This event is free and open to the public. Click [here](#) to RSVP

2015 Italy Trip



Please join ODU in Italy on June 8-16, 2015. You will get the opportunity to visit some of Italy's most beautiful cities such as Rome, Florence, Tuscany and Venice. Your trip includes tours of Old Rome, Vatican City, St. Mark's Square and the Basilica and The David. Space is limited to 25 and registration deposits are due asap. All registration and trip information can be found on the Italy page on the [ODU website](#).

Dr. Adolph and Anne Lombardi Establish ODU Students Retention Fund

Dr. Adolph V. Lombardi Jr. and Anne Lombardi have pledged \$250,000 to establish a fund dedicated to supporting Ohio Dominican University (ODU). The Ohio Dominican Academic Retention Fund will be awarded to qualified students who are facing financial challenges and are committed to remaining enrolled at ODU.

Together, the Lombardi's are inviting other alumni and benefactors to make a contribution to ensure ODU's students in financial distress can receive the needed support when they need it the most.

To contribute to the fund, please visit www.ohiodominican.edu/Support_ODU. A very special "ODU Thank You" to the Lombardi family for their generous contribution and we are looking forward to the support of our alumni!

New Major: Insurance Risk Management

Beginning this academic year, Ohio Dominican University has introduced several new majors in both the undergraduate and graduate programs. Most recently, ODU was proud to present Insurance Risk Management (IRM) to its students as a major, minor, and as part of the Adult & Continuing Education program.

ODU's IRM program, just the fourth in the state of Ohio, aims to prepare students for the 26,000 jobs are expected in Central Ohio between now and 2020. **Carol Blaine**, Instructor and Program Director for Insurance & Risk Management, implemented Ohio's first Bachelor's of Insurance at Kent State University in 2012 and accepted an appointment in July 2014 to "lead the

program and ensure [her] home – Central Ohio – had an IRM degree available locally”.

Beginning this fall, four students have already declared IRM as their major, seven more are in the application process, and three are considering the IRM minor. Blaine’s goals, however, surpass just numbers as she works to ensure “young people find the amazing careers awaiting them in insurance”, an industry that aligns well with this year’s core curriculum of the Common Good.

“My goal is to prepare traditional students, career-changing adults and veterans to join the insurance and risk management industry upon graduation,” explains Blaine. “In addition to the financial rewards, these jobs offer the ability to help others when they are perhaps in the greatest need – such as after a hurricane or tornado, or the premature loss of the family breadwinner. That feeling of knowing you are making a difference every day just by going to work is priceless.”

Upon graduation, students will be guaranteed interviews with several Central Ohio insurance companies, such as Nationwide, Motorists, Grange and State Auto among others, through ODU’s productive working relationship with Ohio’s Insurance Industry Resource Council (IIRC). Also, students have the opportunity to earn designations that, in conjunction with the internship program and networking events available to all ODU IRM students, will help further their career in this growing industry.

Please visit <http://www.ohiodominican.edu/insurance/> for more information on course descriptions, an on-line career survey, interactive career guides, sample four-year plans, and information on applying for this timely and exciting new degree!

ASPIRE Program

“Aspire not to have more, but to be more”

– Archbishop Oscar Romero



Sharon Reed
Dean of Student Life
Director of ASPIRE
Program

As alumni, you can probably all remember an experience (or maybe many experiences) at St. Mary of the Springs, Ohio Dominican College or Ohio Dominican University where you were transformed into “being more.” That’s why I am so excited about our new ASPIRE program – an opportunity for our students to engage in creative, structured, transformational experiences over their four years at ODU.

ASPIRE highlights and embodies our mission to “serve others in a global society, as ethical and effective leaders grounded in the pursuit of truth, justice, and peace.” ASPIRE is a hallmark experience emphasizing community service and servant-leadership, as well as faith, intercultural and vocational development.

Key components that will set our students apart include:

- 80 or more hours of community service
- A required internship in one’s major and career choice
- Three major programs or initiatives in each of the following: faith, intercultural awareness, and leadership development.

ASPIRE will create an intentional community of students who are actively and visibly connecting their passion with a purpose – aspiring to inspire others to do the same! I ask you to consider how you might support this important initiative financially and ask for your prayers as we begin this exciting new venture in January 2015.

Thank you, Sharon Reed

Please visit to learn more about the ASPIRE program and encourage undergraduate students to apply [here](#).

ODU Stories



As you know, over the past few months we have featured prominent alumni who are taking their education and connecting their passion with a purpose. However, with so many graduates doing incredible things, it is hard to pick just one person. So this month, get to know the many faces of Ohio Dominican University!

Visit [ODU Stories](#) to learn about featured alumni and current students who are achieving great things, including presidents of non-profit organizations, aspiring doctors, and leaders of historical education programs- just to name a few.

ODU Goes Electronic

Need a transcript? Misplace your diploma? No problem. Ohio Dominican has your back.

The Ohio Dominican University Registrar's Office announces Electronic Transcripts and Online Transcript and Replacement Diploma Ordering.

When you need an ODU transcript for yourself, an employer, or graduate school or a replacement copy of your ODU diploma, you will be able to complete the entire process online at any time.

Also, when you place your transcript or replacement diploma order, you will get email confirmation of when we received your order and when we send your document out. You will also be able to securely pay for your order online.

To order your transcript or replacement diploma go to www.ohiodominican.edu/transcripts and in a few steps you will be able to submit your request and payment and receive tracking information.

We are excited about this new process and are confident that ODU alumni will appreciate the security, convenience, and real-time tracking that this new system offers.

Capt. Shannon Bibbee and all other Military Veterans Honored at Final Home Football Game



Military Veterans gathered for the annual Patriots Tailgate on November 8th before the last home ODU football game against Saginaw Valley. The Veterans enjoyed beverages, food and were entertained by a Scottish bagpiper. Head coach Bill Conley gave a pregame update. ODU Alumnus **Captain Shannon Bibbee**, MBA 2013, ODU Adult and Continuing Education MBA graduate of 2013, was honorary co-captain and preformed the coin toss before kickoff. Captain Bibbee served two combat tours in Iraq in 2006 and 2011 and just recently named as one of the “Top 40 Military Leaders in America under the Age of 40” by *Military Transition News*.

Special thanks to MAPFRE Insurance for sponsoring the tailgate food and beverages. Approximately 30 military Veterans and their families attended this event.

More Than 740 Pounds of Food Collected by ODU for Central Ohio Families

Sr. Margie Davis, ODU’s coordinator of Campus Ministry, led the effort for ODU students, faculty, and alumni who donated 371 pounds of packaged and canned non-perishable food during October. Ohio Dominican’s dining service partner, Sodexo, matched that amount sending the total amount of food collected over 740 pounds! The donated food was delivered to The Bishop Griffin Student Center and is now being distributed to families in need through The Choice Food Pantry. Thank you to everyone who supported this cause and we are looking forward to our next food drive!

Saint Paul's Outreach Reaches Out to ODU



Patrick Welsh



Sarah Spangehberg

Saint Paul's Outreach's (SPO) missionary leaders, **Patrick Welsh** and **Sarah Spangehberg**, have been assigned to Ohio Dominican University! SPO, a Catholic campus ministry group, serves students and other young adults across the country.

Patrick Welsh stated, "Sarah and I spent a lot of time at the welcome week events at ODU, and we both have been able to establish solid relationships with many of the students here."

Welsh, and Ohio Dominican alumnus, began serving SPO after his junior year in college when he took a year off to facilitate retreats for junior high and high school students. He concurrently attended ODU, Ohio State University and the Pontifical College Josephinum, where he became involved in SPO.

Feeling a strong call to serve Ohio Dominican students, he signed to serve as a missionary with the organization. Patrick Welsh is now a mission leader for SPO.

Sarah Spangehberg, also a SPO mission leader, became involved with the organization her first year in college. The following year Spangehberg was accepted to live in the SPO household. Despite her initial thought of focusing on work and family, Spangehberg was pulled toward ministry, where she has served for two years.

Together Welsh and Spangehberg are "breaking ground for a new outreach initiative at Ohio Dominican" according to the Saint Paul's Outreach's webpage.

Physician Assistant Students Attend OAPA



The OAPA's Legislator Reception was attended by the Physician Assistant (P.A.) Classes of 2015 and 2016, on Wednesday November 19. **Shonna Reidlinger**, P.A. Program Director and Assistant Clinical Professor, and **Barry Brownstein**, ODU faculty member, attended the event with 103 of Ohio Dominican's P.A. students. The students met with legislators and their aides to promote the PA profession and describe the P.A. education process and the Physician Assistant team. Many Ohio Dominican students spoke with representatives and senators at the reception, including State Representative **Kevin Boyce**. State Representative Wachtmann indicated how impressed he was with the students being present and that this was unprecedented. It was a great opportunity for ODU students to represent their University, build their connections, and promote their future profession as a P.A.

In Remembrance of Sister Mary Spangler

Spangler Sister Mary Michael Spangler, O.P. died Saturday, November 22, 2014 at Mohun Health Care Center. Sister was born in Woodsfield, Ohio in 1924 and in 1944 entered the former Congregation of St. Mary of the Springs, now the [Dominican Sisters of Peace](#). Sister ministered in the field of Catholic Education and taught in the primary grades in Marietta, Columbus, Steubenville and Zanesville, Ohio. After receiving her Doctorate from the University of Notre Dame she taught in the Education Department at Ohio Dominican University for 44 years. She was preceded in death by her parents Otto and Agnes Hoeffler Spangler and her sisters Mary and Sister Stella Spangler, O.P.

Social Media

We've got everything from Carols and Lessons to philanthropy events and anything in between just for you. Keep up with all of the happenings, get real time updates, and learn how you can get more involved as an ODU alumni by following the "ODU Alumni Association" on social media.

Click the four icons below to connect!





Job Openings at ODU

Want to work for your alma mater? Know of someone who is looking for a job in higher education? Visit <http://www.ohiodominican.edu/Jobs/> for a complete list of open positions and directions on how to apply.

Join The ODU Alumni Association Council

Calling all alumni! There are many ways to get involved with your alma mater. The ODU Alumni Association Council is working hard to represent you and get more alumni involved. If you are interested in getting involved, let us know!

The work done by the Alumni Council centers on Student Outreach & Retention, Development, Programming, and the Distinguished Alumni Award Program. Also, you can help with events by becoming a volunteer, a possible mentor for new students, a speaker at an event or just by supporting your alma mater by attending events and encouraging others to attend. The best way for you to advocate for your alma mater is through helping to recruit students and by giving your time, talents and treasures.

2014-2015 Alumni Association Council members: Cia Delewese McQuaide '70, Valerie Peters Cardwell '83, Laura Zalenski Lewis '99, Sharon Curtin '01/'03, Mira Wright '78, Eric Watts '11, Ali Clark MacKeown '12, Reta Clemans Holden '65, Kathie Kenny Rupp '65, Amy Kuhlman '99, Jonathan McKay '09, Polly Russ Wagenbrenner '68, Jennifer Paul Zarins '01, Jeremiah Guappone '10, and Kayla Walton '11. Recent past members assisting in committee work are John Kelley '05 and Nancy Rickey Recchie '73.

If you are interested in more information or volunteering, please contact Ann Snider at snidera@ohiodominican.edu or by calling 614-251-4608. Thank you for your consideration!

Honors, Awards and Recognitions

We want to hear from you! Update all of us here at ODU about your accomplishments in service, awards you have received, or just your life as an Ohio Dominican graduate by clicking the link below and sharing your story.

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