

Ohio Dominican Insider



Where our University Family Stays Connected

FROM YOUR ALUMNI OFFICE

It's hard to believe summer is over and a new semester has begun. ODU welcomed 240 incoming freshman with an average 3.3 high school GPA and average 22 ACT score. 91% of the freshmen are from Ohio. We are most proud that we had a 71.1% retention rate for the upperclassman.

The ODU Alumni Association once again answered the call and participated in the third year of the Backpack Project. Thanks to all who brought supplies or sent checks and a very special thank you to Bill Rauch '71 who sent 100 brand-new backpacks. Students at Holy Spirit will be so happy to start the school year with new backpacks and supplies.

Along with the new academic year came some reorganization of the Advancement Office as well. Ann Snider has been appointed Director of the ODU Fund and Annual Giving and Christie Flood Weiner '90 has been appointed Director of Alumni Relations and Advocacy. We will be working together to provide the best possible service for the Alumni Association. Please feel free to contact either one of us with your questions, comments and ideas.

We were saddened by passing of Sister Charles Marie Brantl on August 21, 2014. Sr. Charles (or "Sister Chuck" as many alumni endearingly referred to her) directed business and economics programs at ODU from 1965 to 1976 and was present for some of the most crucial parts of ODU history, including the enrollment of ODU's first class of male students and the introduction of men's intercollegiate athletics at ODU. Sr. Charles was inducted into the ODU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1997 to recognize her career-long contributions to ODU Athletics, and is the namesake of an annual award given to a faculty member. She also served on the Board of Trustees for a number of years. We are incredibly grateful for all she did for this university and we ask you to please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Last week, the groundbreaking ceremony took place for the final phase of the Alum Creek Trail. The 1.5 mile section borders ODU'S East Campus and will complete 22 miles of trail that will allow the community access to our beautiful campus as well as numerous parks around Central Ohio. We extend a special thanks to City of Columbus Mayor Michael B. Coleman, City of Columbus Parks & Recreation leadership, Columbus City Council Leadership,

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Ohio to Erie Trail, the Dominican Sisters of Peace, ODU Board of Trustees members Tom Winters and Margie Corbett Sullivan, and many other community leaders who were present for the ceremony.

Finally, Please mark the date to be on campus to celebrate Homecoming on October 18. Class reunions for 1999, 2004 and 2009 will be celebrating their respective reunions, too. Back by popular demand, John Schwab Band will be performing at the Homecoming Brunch!

Best Regards,

Ann and Christie

In Memoriam



As mentioned in the letter from Ann and Christie, Sister Charles Marie Brantl passed away recently. Below is Dr. Cimbalic's letter to the ODU Community as well as details regarding services and memorials held in her honor, including the Evening Prayer on August 25th and the Mass of Resurrection that was held on campus at the Motherhouse Chapel on August 26th.

"Dear Campus Community,

It is with a heavy heart that I share the passing of one of Ohio Dominican's most iconic figures in Panther Athletics and University history, Dominican Sister of Peace Charles Marie Brantl. Sr. Charles Marie went on to her eternal reward on Thursday, August 21.

During her tenure at Ohio Dominican from 1965 to 1976, Sr. Charles Marie directed programs in Business and Economics. It was during this time in the University's history that the first classes of men were admitted. With the enrollment of men, Sr. Charles Marie played a foundational role in establishing men's intercollegiate athletics, including basketball in 1966 and baseball in 1970. Sr. Charles Marie would continue to play a role in shaping Ohio Dominican as a longtime member of the

Board of Trustees and as an advocate for the University, assisting in several campaigns to build and renovate many of the major athletic facilities on campus, including Alumni Hall.

Sister Charles Marie's dedication to Panther Athletics was recognized in 1997 when she was inducted into the Ohio Dominican Athletic Hall of Fame as a member of the inaugural class of 1997. The University also recognized her contributions with an honorary degree in 2005.

Today, her athletic legacy lives on through the Sister Charles Marie Brantl Most Influential Panther Award. The award, presented to a faculty or staff member nominated by senior student-athletes, is given at ODU's Annual Faculty and Staff Excellence Night.

We say goodbye to a friend, a mentor, a leader and an athlete. Sr. Charles Marie Brantl is and will always be the model of excellence for Ohio Dominican University and Panther Athletics.

Later today, at 4:45 p.m., there will be an Evening Prayer and sharing of memories of Sr. Charles Marie that will take place in the Motherhouse Chapel, lasting approximately 45 minutes. This event will be open to the University Community and the public.

The Mass of Resurrection for Sr. Charles Marie will take place tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. in the Motherhouse Chapel. The University community is welcome to attend, however seating may be limited. The funeral will be followed by burial at St. Joseph Cemetery, 6440 S. High Street, Lockbourne, Ohio.

Please remember Sister Charles Marie in your prayers.

Peter Cimboric, Ph.D.

President"

Homecoming and Reunions



Homecoming as well as the reunions for the classes of 1999, 2004, and 2009 will be held this year on October 18, 2014. The brunch will be held on campus from 10:30 am to 12:45 pm with a performance from the John Schwab Band. ODU Panthers will host Ferris State, kickoff at 1:00 pm. More details to come. We hope you will come and celebrate with us!

Go Panthers!

RECAP: Black & Gold Club Kickoff



From Left to Right: James "Buster" Douglas, President Dr. Peter Cimboric, Joe Theismann, and Butch Reynolds

Hundreds of community members, distinguished guests, and ODU faculty & staff gathered for the fifth annual Black & Gold Club Kickoff at Alumni Hall on August 6th to support the university's Black & Gold Club. Guests enjoyed a phenomenal dinner provided by Sodexo as well as thrilling live and silent auctions. Special thank you to all of our donors for their participation and contribution!

Super Bowl winning NFL QB Joe Theismann, this year's guest speaker, delivered an inspirational speech and even threw signed footballs to 10 lucky bidders! Other distinguished guests included former Heavyweight Boxing champion, James "Buster" Douglas, ODU President Peter Cimboric, and Butch Reynolds, who is ODU Assistant Track Coach, Olympic gold medalist, and former World Record holder in the 400 meter dash (all pictured above).

If you're interested or want to learn more, please take a moment to watch our official Black & Gold Club Kickoff [highlight video](#) and check out the [photos from the event](#) to see a few of the fun moments! You can also listen to [NBC4's news segment](#) about the night. This event was an incredible success, but would not have been possible without our generous donors, and all of the ODU staff and students, who worked tirelessly to put it together. A very special thank you to our ODU Advancement colleagues: Ann Dysart; Lauren Eckles; Darlene Guilbert; Lynda Huey; Gillian Kennedy; Eileen Kirsch; and Nick Wood; as well as our ODU student-athlete volunteers, and all of the alumni and friends who came to support our fifth annual fundraising event.

Thank you again. We hope to see you next year.

Go Panthers!

ODU Alumni Backpack Project Collects School Supplies for 120 Students

Many thanks to the ODU alumni, friends, faculty and staff who contributed to this year's Backpack Project. Thanks to you, more than 120 students at Holy Spirit Catholic School in Columbus received essential school supplies for this academic year. In addition to supplies that were dropped off, supporters donated more than \$500 to purchase items such as pencils, crayons and glue sticks. Bill Rauch '71, ODU graduate and alumnus of Holy Spirit Catholic School, donated 100 brand new high quality book bags. The supplies were transported to Holy Spirit on August 29.



Thanks again to all who donated to help the children of Holy Spirit Catholic School.

Wehrle Exhibition: Landscape and the Art of the Extended ODU Community



*Have a passion for the arts? Did you or someone you know submit work to the newest exhibition at the Wehrle Gallery?
Interested in supporting fellow members of the Ohio Dominican University family?*

The Wehrle Gallery will be hosting its Landscape and the Art of the Extended ODU Community exhibition until Sept. 21, 2014. This exhibition features the work of ODU faculty and staff, students, alumni, family and friends who participated in the Wehrle Wednesday Painting series, which focused on landscape interpretations. Other featured artwork in the exhibit has been submitted independently and showcases landscapes through a variety of mediums. The exhibit also correlates with the Sophomore Core Seminar Classes at ODU, which are designed to explore the concept of community.

The title of the Wehrle Gallery 2014-15 programming is *Landscape Revisited: "Wilder Image Bright"*. The second part of the title, "*Wilder Image Bright*", refers to the last line of an 1829 poem by American poet William Cullen Bryant titled "Sonnet to an American Painter Departing for Europe." The piece is about the imprint one's native landscape has on one's inner life.

This special year of landscape programming has been made possible through the generous funding of the R.W. Carstens Endowment for the Humanities.

For more information, please visit: https://www.ohiodominican.edu/Wehrle_Gallery/



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Bishop Griffin Student Center, Rooms 258-260
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