

Ohio Dominican University *Insider*



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FROM YOUR ALUMNI OFFICE

Happy New Year!

It is hard to believe that 2014 came and went. It was another great year for Ohio Dominican University with its students, parents, faculty, staff, alumni and friends.

Collectively, everyone helps make everything work smoothly. On behalf of the ODU Community, we extend our thanks to all of you who helped volunteer, attend an event or provided financial support in 2014.

As you already know, higher education is a wonderful opportunity, but it is a hardship for many students to make possible. So it is our goal to help make it possible for students who want to attend ODU to be able to do so and this happens because of internal and external support. We welcome your ideas for events, assistance in recruiting students, and staying engaged with your alma mater.

ODU offered a variety of events in 2014 and is well underway to continue to provide new opportunities to gather together in 2015. In December, over 200 students graduated from the 102nd Commencement at ODU and an Honorary Degree was bestowed on the Columbus Bishop Frederick F. Campbell.

Also, ODU's Commencement included 45 graduates of ODU's Inaugural class of the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies Program. It was a historic day for ODU. We encourage you to read the ODU Insider and check ODU's website for information regarding all events at ODU: Academics, Athletics, Fundraising, and more.

Upcoming Events

St. Thomas Aquinas Lecture-

January 22, 2015, 11 am, Matesich Theatre

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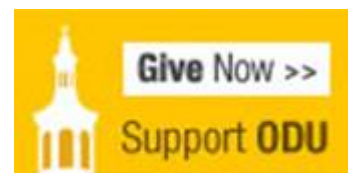
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We wish you a very blessed, healthy and happy 2015 and hope to hear from you, see you on campus or at an event this year.

For classes 1945 to 1995 ending in '0 and '5, Reunion 2015 is June 26 & 27. Please hold the dates and more information will be coming. All are welcome to attend!

Thank you!

Ann and Christie

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](#).



Wonderful news to share: ODU Alumni Jeremiah Guappone '10, was privileged and blessed to serve mass for Pope Francis on the Solemnity of our Blessed Mother last Thursday. He is pictured here behind Pope Francis during the procession.

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.

You're Invited

St. Thomas Aquinas Lecture

The Rev. Brian J. Shanley, OP, S.T.L., Ph.D., will be our guest speaker for our St. Thomas Aquinas Lecture at 11 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 22, 2015, in the Matesich Theatre.

Ordained a member of the Dominican Order of Preachers in 1987, Father Shanley is president of Providence College in Providence, R.I. He has served as associate editor and editor of *The Thomist*, a speculative quarterly review of theology and philosophy. Widely published in philosophy-focused academic journals, Father Shanley's research interests include Thomas Aquinas, philosophy of religion, metaphysics, medieval philosophy, and ethics.

A Note from Trustees Nancy Recchie '73 and Margie Sullivan

As a new year of possibilities begins, we invite you to consider an investment in the futures of Ohio Dominican students. The scholarship initiative we chair set a goal of raising \$1.3 million over 3 years, 2014-2017. We reached the half-way mark in December and turn now to our faithful alumni and friends to extend the reach of our undertaking.

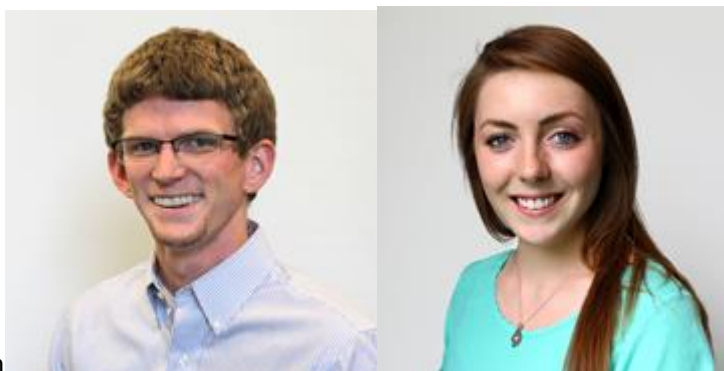
Options exist to fit the wishes of any donor. Contributions may provide funding for current awards, augment existing endowed scholarship funds, or create new endowed scholarships.

During the campaign period, we also encourage you to think about an additional investment by including Ohio Dominican scholarship needs in your estate plans and to inform the University of these intentions.

Now, with the open pages of 2015 unfurling, brings a right time for a steadfast promise of financial support to ensure that students who seek and identify with an Ohio Dominican education can afford the opportunity to attain their goal.

For additional information, contact Lynda Huey, (cell)614.579.0174, (office)614.251.4610, hueyl@ohiodominican.edu

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

Spangenberg was accepted to live in the SPO household. Despite her initial thought of focusing on work and family, Spangenberg was pulled toward ministry, where she has served for two years.

Together Welsh and Spangenberg are “breaking ground for a new outreach initiative at Ohio Dominican” according to the Saint Paul’s Outreach’s webpage.

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.

[My ODU Story](#)

Class Notes

January 2015

(Updated as of December 2014)

Please click above to access the January 2015 Class Notes.
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