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From Your Alumni Office

Greetings,

I hope you are enjoying the summer days and some downtime. The summer has been busy here at your alma mater. On June 26-27, approximately 100 attendees joined us to celebrate the classes of 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, and 1995. Due to wonderful support from alumni and families for Reunion Class Gifts, a total of \$313,163 has been raised to-date. Congratulations again to our 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients: **Sister Margaret Ormond, OP '65, Hon '11, Kathie Kenny Rupp '65, Mary Ann Daniel Oprisch '50, and Margaret Wagner Olsen-Kohner '65.** We gathered for a special dinner in their honor.football



Sean Packo '08 and Patricia King '06 return to ODU June 27, 2015, for wedding photos.

A wonderful surprise during Reunion Weekend was having the wedding party for our newest Double Dominicans, **Patricia King '06** and **Sean Packo '08**, return to campus for their post-ceremony photos. They certainly livened things up as they had photos taken outside and inside of Sansbury Hall. Several wedding party members were also ODU alumni. It was great to have them return to campus where they first met and fell in love so that ODU could be a part of their celebration.

ODU alumni were members of Sean and Patricia's wedding party.



Please help us welcome **Katherine Mallory**, assistant director of the Annual Fund, to the ODU community. Katherine joined the Advancement Office on June 15. A 2015 graduate of Capital University, Katherine majored in Communications and Public Relations. She is well experienced in annual fund and

phonathon programming.

We are gearing up for the 2015 Black & Gold Club Kickoff, which will be on campus in Alumni Hall beginning at 6 p.m., on Thursday, Aug. 6. Our keynote speaker is **Gerry Faust**, Ohio High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame member, and former University of Notre Dame and University of Akron football head coach. All are welcome to attend! It's a great event that brings together 500 attendees for a dinner, and live and silent auctions to help support our student-athletes on and off the field of play. For more information and to register, please go to the [Black & Gold Club Kickoff website](#).

Are you interested in learning more about serving as a member on the ODU Alumni Association Council? The council is a group of alumni, representing diverse eras, who are ambassadors for Ohio Dominican. They meet several times a year to help assist the Alumni Relations Office with events, fund-raising efforts, campus-wide needs and various other ways as needed. If you're interested in being an alumni ambassador, I encourage you to email me your resume and a letter stating why you would be interested in serving on this Council.

Lastly, as an on-going reminder of how alumni can help impact and help their *alma mater*, **I hope you are inspired as alumni of Ohio Dominican!** You are an integral part of the ODU community. I hope you will continue to pray for your *alma mater* and help as you are able as an advocate, recruiting students, helping with internships and job opportunities for students, and providing financial support. As always, I welcome your thoughts, ideas, and feedback. Please feel free to contact me at any time at [614-253-3502](tel:614-253-3502) or orweiner@ohiodominican.edu.

God Bless,

Christie Flood Weiner '90
Director of Alumni Relations & Advocacy

Did You Know?

Approximately 96 percent of our undergraduate student body receives some form of tuition assistance through a named scholarship endowment or one of many University scholarships. Your charitable gift to ODU is a great way to support these students. Please go to our safe and secure electronic gift site and [make a contribution](#) today.

Upcoming Events

See where an advanced degree can take you **Graduate Admissions Open House**

If you're thinking about getting an advanced degree, consider your alma mater. The Office of Graduate Admissions invites you to attend its [open house](#).

When: 6 p.m., Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Where: ODU's main campus

The Bishop James A. Griffin Student Center

For more information and to register, visit our [graduate admissions website](#).

[Registration ends July 17, 2015](#)

Sixth Annual Black & Gold Club Kickoff

Don't get stalled at the starting blocks. [Register now](#) for Ohio Dominican's sixth annual Nationwide Children's Hospital Sports Medicine Black & Gold Club Kickoff dinner and auction.

When: 6 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 6, 2015

Where: ODU's main campus

Alumni Hall

Legendary football coach **Gerry Faust** will inspire you with his energy, faith and passion. You can bid on a variety of auction items, including hotel stays, family-friendly outings and themed gift baskets. Join us Aug. 6 as we help ODU student-athletes and teams achieve uncommon results on and off the field. For event details, visit the [Black & Gold Club Kickoff website](#).

Mark your calendar

Veterans Appreciation Day

Help Ohio Dominican honor veterans during our Veterans Appreciation Day, which is scheduled for the opening home football game against Grand Valley State. All are welcome to attend. The Honorary Co-Captain is Alan Perlman '94.

When: 12:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 12, 2015

Where: ODU's main campus
Panther Field

Join us before the game at the entrance of Panther Stadium for a free special brunch tailgate. The event will include the Color Guard, a Piper and more. Watch for more details. To register, please contact [Christie Flood Weiner '90](#), director of Alumni Relations & Advocacy.

Come on home!

Homecoming Weekend 2015

Ohio Dominican's Homecoming Weekend 2015 is scheduled for Oct. 2-3. We'll celebrate the classes of 2000, 2005 and 2010. Festivities will include the Athletic Hall of Fame Induction ceremony on Friday, Oct. 2. Then, at 12:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct 3, your ODU Panthers will suit up against the Lake Erie College Storm. Stay tuned for more information. Click [here](#) to view photos from Homecoming 2014.

2015 Athletic Hall of Fame

Deadline for Nominations is July 30

Ohio Dominican will induct our 2015 Athletic Hall of Fame Class during Homecoming Weekend Oct. 2-3. We need your feedback to make this happen. Help us celebrate the achievements of our Panther student-athletes, alumni, coaches and staff. The 2015 Athletic Hall of Fame Class will join dozens of members who show us every day what it means to be an Ohio Dominican Panther: leadership, integrity and achievement both on and off the field of play.

As a member of our ODU community, you're invited to nominate someone you believe is deserving of this honor for induction into the Athletic Hall of Fame. Send us your nominations by July 30, 2015. For more information on the selection criteria and to submit your nominations, please visit the [Panther sports website](#).

Panthers on the Move

Welcome to the community

Mallory Joins Advancement Team

Katherine Mallory's passion is fund-raising and her purpose is helping to make Ohio Dominican the best it can be for alumni, students, faculty and staff. Katherine is our new assistant director of the ODU Fund and annual giving. She's involved with the phonathon program, direct mail campaigns and partnering with other members of the Alumni and Advancement team for special events.

"The unique experiences I've had working in college advancement have given me a great insight into how crucial an annual fund is for a university," Katherine said. "I have only been working at ODU for a short time, but I am already very excited to be a part of such a wonderful university and can't wait for the school year to start."

A native of Toledo, Ohio – and a Cleveland Browns fan – Katherine attended Notre Dame Academy, an all-girl Catholic High School run by the Sisters of Notre Dame. She earned her bachelor's degree in Communication Studies and Public Relations from Capital University.

"I worked as a student caller throughout high school and college, and served as the manager for the Capital Phonathon for the past two years, accumulating eight years of experience working with annual funds," Katherine added.

You can email [Katherine](#) or call her at 614-251-4608.

Passion & Purpose

Distinguished Alumni Awards

Ohio Dominican presented four alumni who are leaders in their community with our Distinguished Alumni Award during Summer Reunion 2015 during a banquet held in their honor on June 27.

The Distinguished Alumni Awards were established in 1980 to recognize an alumna or alumnus who, in accordance of ODU's mission statement, demonstrates a commitment to serving others in a global society as an ethical and effective leader, and is grounded in the pursuit of truth, justice and peace.

We honored the following alumni with the 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award.

Sister Margaret Ormond, OP '65 earned her Bachelor of Arts in History and served on the University's Board of Trustees from 1991-1996. Sister Margaret is a member of the University's founding congregation, now the Dominican Sisters of Peace. She received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, from ODU in 2011.

Kathleen Kenny Rupp '65 earned her Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics. Kathy is active in the community, having served as president of the Parish Council at St. Peter Parish in Columbus in 2014, and president of the Christ Child Society of Columbus. She is a member of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre.

Mary Ann Daniel Oprisch '50 earned her Bachelor of Arts in Art with a minor in Home Economics. Mary Ann, an award-winning artist, established a scholarship in memory of her parents, *The Charles and Olga Daniel Endowment Fund*, for an ODU student with financial need and academic eligibility.

Margaret Wagner Olsen-Kohner, M.D. '65 earned her Bachelor of Arts in Biology with a minor in French. Maggie is a dermatologist and owns Margaret Olsen MD, Inc. and A Beautiful Skin, both in Los Angeles. She is an attending physician at Wadsworth VA Hospital, and chief of dermatology at St. John's Hospital and Health Center. She volunteers with the Venice Family Clinic, the National Charity League and the Good Shepherd Home. Maggie and her sister, Gretchen Wagner Gooding '57, established the *Edward F. Wagner Endowed Scholarship* in memory of their father. The scholarship helps ODU students from disadvantaged backgrounds. She also established the *Margaret List Wagner Scholarship* for students with financial need.

For more information on our Distinguished Alumni Award recipients – past and present – please visit our [website](#). You also can view photos from the Reunion [online](#).

Going, Going – Gone to the Majors!

Ryan Colegate is Selected in Draft

Panther fanatics can keep rooting for Ohio Dominican baseball's junior right hander Ryan Colegate – but this time, for the majors. The Cleveland Indians [selected Ryan](#) in the 36th round of the 2015 Major League Baseball draft.

Ryan becomes the 10th Panther selected in the draft. Other Panther picks include Ryan Robowski who was called up in the 16th round to the Arizona Diamondbacks, and Jonathan Kountis went in the 42nd round to the Cleveland Indians, both in 2009.

Biology major in the news

Shakita Kabicek interns with Dominican Sisters of Peace

Shakita Kabicek, Class of 2017, Biology and Environmental Sciences, appeared in a June 14 article in [The Columbus Dispatch](#) that highlights the Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center and its role as a habitat for birds. Shakita, a Biology major, has an internship with the Dominican Sisters of Peace's at the Congregation's 169-acre preserve near Blacklick.

In the Field with Faculty

[Carol Blaine](#), CPCU, PMP, Insurance & Risk Management, was quoted in a June 10 article in Columbus Business First that discusses hiring veterans to help close the gap in workforce for Ohio's growing insurance industry. Click [here](#) to read the article.

[Martin Brick](#), Ph.D., English, presented "Aggressive Acts of Intimacy: Virginia Woolf, Georgia O'Keeffe, and Control of the Gaze" at the 25th Annual Conference of the International Virginia Woolf Society, held June 4-7 at Bloomsburg University in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania.

[Janette Knowles](#), Ph.D., Art & Design, was an onsite juror for the Columbus Arts Festival June 13-14. The event, one of the nation's top art festivals, included exhibits by 350 artists.

[Ted Zigler](#), Ph.D., [Sister JoAnn Hohenbrink](#), OP, Ph.D. and [Tom Musgrave](#), Education, presented "Improving Your District by Building Capacity for Teacher Leadership" at the June 15-16, Battelle for Kids 2015 Conference, Connect for Success in Columbus.

ODU News

Thank you!

Gifts from Estates of Alumni Strengthen University

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for the generous estate gifts we recently received from alumni and friends. Although it's always difficult to say farewell to members of our community, we honor the legacy they've left behind.

Martha Sullivan '43, a former member of ODU's Board of Trustees, left an estate gift to ODU valued at \$63,000. Martha died on Jan. 24, 2015, at the age of 93. Her bequest will support the restoration and modernization of our historic performing arts venue, the Sr. Mary Andrew Matesich, OP Theatre. Click [here](#) to read more about Martha and her gift.

Frank J. Damian, a longtime supporter of ODU, left us a \$540,000 gift from his estate. Frank died on Feb. 20, 2014, at the age of 87. In Frank's memory, we will use the bequest to name the University's football field. Click [here](#) to read more about Frank and his gift.

University to Honor Floyd C. Dickman

Floyd C. Dickman, a former ODU adjunct faculty member and friend of the University, died June 14. He was 76.

In addition to the courses he taught at Ohio Dominican, Flood donated 1,762 items to the University Library Children's Collection. In recognition of his generosity, a permanent plaque will be mounted in the library in his honor.

Floyd is survived by his best friend and wife of 48 years, Stella '64; his children, Laura (Terri) of Pataskala, Todd of New Albany and Nathan (Joetta) of Mansfield; grandchildren Jacob, Liam, Alex, Kylee and Kinley Dickman, and RJ and Kiersten Denney; mother-in-law Margaret Todd; brothers include Roger, Gary (Lois), Gene (Terry), and numerous nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews and many wonderful supportive friends and extended family.

ODU Announces Move to G-MAC in 2017

Ohio Dominican University will join the Great Midwest Athletic Conference (G-MAC) effective July 1, 2017. ODU is a member of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC). In all, six GLIAC member schools will join the G-MAC in 2017. The other institutions are: Hillsdale College, Findlay

University, Walsh University, Lake Erie College and Malone University.

The G-MAC is an NCAA Division II athletic conference with member institutions in Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee. [Click here](#) to read the full announcement.

Reminder

New Alumni Survey

Ohio Dominican requests your participation for our [Outcomes Survey](#) for recent graduates. The survey collects career outcomes from new graduates upon graduation, then again at three months, six months and one year post graduation. The information collected is necessary for our accreditation, admissions recruiting, career advising and federal aid. All of this supports the value of an Ohio Dominican University degree. Thank you in advance for your help.

Read more ODU news [online](#).

Class Notes

Honors, Awards, Recognitions

Alumni, please send us your honors, awards and recognitions – with a detailed description – to [Christie Flood Weiner](#) '90. We look forward to sharing your good news.

News

Dennis Smith '69 was inducted into the ODU Athletic Hall of Fame and his Jersey No. 31 was retired. Dennis was also co-chair with **Al Sheridan '69** of the fund-raising campaign for the Sister Charles Marie Brantl, OP Cyber Café in the Bishop James A. Griffin Student Center.

Maria Simmonds, daughter of **Rick and Beth Bohley Simmonds '85/'85**, will attend ODU in fall 2015. She is a graduate of Bishop Watterson High School in Columbus.

Lisa Lusk Ford '88 and her ex-husband **Jeff Ford '89** are the proud grandparents of Hudson Donald Marchette. Their daughter, Rachel, and her husband, Rushing, live in Athens, Georgia, with Hudson.

Kelli Flood-Lanzot '00 received her social work license (LSW) on May 29, 2015.

Andrew Bracken '00 earned an associate of Applied Science degree in Supply Chain Management from Columbus State Community College.

Amy McWilliams Kanzigg '02 earned a Master of Science in Education Reading/Literacy in 2005.

Michelle Pittman Rond '04, '06 MBA is manager of CSR Support Systems at ThirtyOne Gifts in Columbus.

Brandee Norris '05 is executive director of Annual Giving and Alumni Relations at Mariette College in Marietta, Ohio.

Rachel Ann Roggelin '05 is a laboratory technician for Fenner Dunlop.

David St. Aubin '10 MBA is the new pastor at Dover First United Methodist Church in Dover, Ohio. Dave graduated from the Methodist Theological School with a master of Divinity. He has pastored the Brandon and Lock Federated United Methodist churches in Centerburg; the Trinity, Kline Memorial, Union and Pleasant Hill United Methodist churches in Logan; and served as an intern at the Peace United Methodist Church in Pickerington. He and his wife, Terri, have four children: Jacob, Dylan, Jena and Tanner.

Meaghan Willeke '12 teaches 10th grade English for the Ontario Local Schools in Ontario, Ohio. She is

also the cross country head coach and assistant track coach at Ontario. She earned her 7-12 Integrated Language Arts teaching licensure from Ashland University in 2013 and is pursuing her master's degree in English. Her favorite memory of ODU is being a peer advisor and working with Mandy Powell.

Jared Hufford '14 MBA is director of INCOM Distributor Supply at Do It Best Corp. in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Births

Lachlan Benson, March 18, 2015, son of **Elizabeth Benson '02** and husband, Eric Benson; Lachlan joins big sister Hayden.

In Memoriam – Alumni

Marjorie Dittoe '42, June 8, 2015

Sister Venard Kessler, OP '51, June 8, 2015

Sister Aniceta Pitstick, OP '51, July 4, 2015

Darrell McDade '13, June 1, 2015

Tammie Smoot '15, June 13, 2015

In Memoriam – Friends of ODU

Don C. Dangler, Nov. 26, 2013, husband of **Jane Van de Walle Dangler '59**

Floyd C. Dickman, June 14, 2015, husband of **Stella Todd Dickman '64**. Floyd was a former adjunct and generous donor of Ohio Dominican University.

Eugene Cullen Kennedy, June 3, 2015, husband of **Dr. Sara Charles Kennedy '56**

Charles Rhodes, brother of **Sharon Rhodes Curtin '01, '03 MA** and brother-in-law of **Mike Curtin Hon. '12**

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