

Alumni / Career Development  
Brown Bag Luncheon



## The ODU Insider



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### From Your Alumni Office

Greetings,

It is my hope that you and your families had a very blessed Easter and Holy Week. Another school year is wrapping up at your alma mater. With spring commencement around the corner on May 9, there is much energy on campus with academic rigor, activities and athletics. This is always an exciting time of the year as the seniors enter their final weeks of preparation for graduation and their futures. Commencement is certainly one of my favorite days of the year. It is the day students become alumni – and join 15,000 other alumni who represent all walks of life and vocations in the world.

Faculty and staff at Ohio Dominican are the backbone of the day-to-date operations and I am fortunate to work on a variety of projects and events with them. Our next event is the third annual Alumni 5K Walk/Run on Saturday, April 25. This event draws not only alumni, but faculty, staff and students. It is a great community event that's fun for your whole family. I strongly encourage you to consider walking, running or volunteering for this special and fun event on campus. If you have not been on campus recently, the walk/run is a great way to see the changes and relive memories of your time as a student at ODU.

On March 25, an Alumni/Career Development Center Office Brown Bag Luncheon took place on campus to bring back alumni who majored in Business to talk with students in the Business majors. Three alumni – Gail Kelley '98, Kevin McIntyre '12/'13 and Chris Conroy '04 – and 13 students attended this event, as well as faculty and staff members. Students asked great questions about their studies and preparations for their future dreams. It made me remember my own personal career journey as a student at ODU. I enjoyed all areas of study and it was hard to really know what I wanted to do with my life. These same questions are asked by many of our students as they “search for truth” and prepare for their futures.

The Alumni Association Council's spring meeting was held on March 28. I am fortunate to work with alumni from all eras who continue to partner closely with me in support of the Alumni Relations Office. They help determine and plan events, create goals and work with current students and alumni. If you would be interested in serving on the Alumni Association Council or assisting the Alumni Council with their endeavors, please let me know.

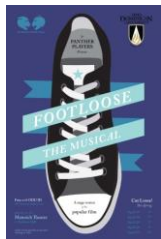
Current members are Cia Delewese McQuaide '70, Valerie Peters Cardwell '83, Mira Wright '79, Eric Watts '11, Ali Clark MacKeown '12, Reta Clemans Holden '65, Kathie Kenny Rupp '65, Amy Kuhlman '99, Jonathan McKay '09, Laura Zalenski Lewis '99, Polly Russ Wagenbrenner '68, Jennifer Paul Zarins '01, Jeremiah Guappone '10, Kayla Walton '11, Meaghan Torres '13, and Terra Purdy '11.

Again, I ask you to continue to think about ways you can join me in continuing our alma mater's success now and in the future. Ohio Dominican needs you to be its advocates, financial supporters, recruiters of future students, connectors for internships (and eventually jobs!) for current students, as well as prayer warriors.

As always, I welcome your thoughts, ideas and feedback. Please feel free to contact me at any time at 614-253-3502 or [weinerc@ohiodominican.edu](mailto:weinerc@ohiodominican.edu).

God Bless,

Christie Flood Weiner '90  
Director of Alumni Relations & Advocacy



### Did You Know?

More than 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

### Alumni Reception for "Footloose: The Musical"

Panther Players' spring performance is "Footloose: The Musical." Join us for our Opening Night Reception for Alumni on April 17 after the curtains close. The performance starts at 7 p.m. in the Matesich Theatre. The reception with the Panther Players will take place in Panther Plaza, which is on Erskine Hall's lower level. If you're interested in attending, please contact Christie Flood Weiner by Friday, April 10. Her direct phone number is 614-253-3502. [Click here](#) for additional performances.

### Alumni 5K – Registration Ends April 17

Registration for ODU's third annual Alumni 5K Fun Walk/Run ends April 17. Please [click here](#) to join us Saturday, April 25 for this community event; it's fun for your whole family. The event gets started at 9 a.m.

### Feast of St. Catherine of Siena

Plan to join us for the Dominican Feast of St. Catherine of Siena at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, April 30 in the Colonial Room, Sansbury Hall. The Center for Dominican Studies is sponsoring this free event. Our guest speaker will be Perry Cahall, Ph.D., associate professor and academic dean with the Pontifical College Josephinum.

### Save the Date: Reunion 2015

Reunion Weekend 2015 is June 26-27. We're excited to welcome back alumni from the classes of 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990 and 1995. Members of the reunion classes, save the date to get together with your classmates. [Click here](#) to view images from Reunion 2014.

## Conversations with Entrepreneurs

Join us as Jim Wasserstrom of Advance Sign Group LLC answers your questions on entrepreneurs' opportunities and challenges in today's business climate. The April Conversations with Entrepreneurs is scheduled for noon to 12:45 p.m., Wednesday, April 15 in the Bishop James A. Griffin Student Center, rooms 258-260. To register, contact [Tiffany Pirwitz](#) or call 614-251-4274.

## Encounter Columbus

The second quarterly Encounter Columbus will take place 6:30-10 p.m., May 2, 2015, at ODU's Matesich Theatre in Erskine Hall. The theme is New Jerusalem (Revelation 7:9-12-12) and the speaker is Brendan O'Rourke. The event is free. For more information, visit the [Encounter Columbus website](#).

## Program Wrap-ups

### Panthers Go Behind the Scenes of North Market

ODU's 2015 Spring Social brought alumni behind the scenes of Columbus' North Market on March 21. During the North Market's Amazing Tastes Tour, alumni met merchants, sampled local foods and wines, and received a \$5 North Market gift certificate. The accompanying group photo was taken outside the North Market.



Front row, from left:  
Gretchen Stranges '13,  
Jenna Krumlauf Alvarez '09,  
Joe Alvarez '08, '09,  
Theresa Herb Leite '82.  
Back row, from left: Mike  
Stranges '96, Mike Lewis  
'99, Laura Zalenski Lewis  
'99, Christie Flood Weiner  
'90, Carole Guy Marsh '70,  
Terry Marsh '97, '00, Randall  
Leite '81, Chris Riley '01,  
Nicole Riley. Stay tuned for  
details on our upcoming  
Alumni Fall Social.

### Alumni Join Students for Brown Bag Luncheon

Alumni Gail Kelley '98, Kevin McIntyre '12, '13 and Chris Conroy '04 participated in our inaugural Alumni/Career Development Center Office Brown Bag Luncheon with students on March 25. The trio shared their experiences and offered professional advice to students majoring in Business. Read more about the event and view the photos [here](#).

We'd love to involve more alumni in these brown bag luncheons. Help us connect you with current students in your major; update your [alumni information](#) today.

## Panthers on the Move

### Board Member Honored

Board of Trustees member Charles (Chuck) W. Gehring received the 2015 Human Service Chamber Jobs & Income Security Award during the Human Service Chamber of Franklin County annual event March 26.

Gehring is president and chief executive officer of LifeCare Alliance, one of Central Ohio's oldest and largest not-for-profit organizations. Prior to joining LifeCare, Gehring was executive vice president and chief operating officer for Catholic Social Services, which operates numerous programs that serve the most vulnerable residents in a 23-county area. Gehring also is a founding steering committee member for the Human Services Chamber.

### Alumna Earns Education Award

Colleen McGarvey Gomez '85 is the 2015 National Catholic Education Association Distinguished Teacher Award recipient. She is one of nine individuals from the United States who have the honor of receiving the award. In the fall of 2014, McGarvey Gomez also earned the Diocesan Catholic Woman of the Year Award. McGarvey Gomez has been a teacher at St. James the Less Catholic School in Columbus for 29 years.

### Get to Know Our Students of the Week

Emily Schofield '18, Public Relations; Seth Bowles '17, Business & Finance; Katie Bachman '16, Mathematics, Integrated Mathematics Education; and Citlalli Carlos Jimenez '15, International Business were our March 2015 Students of the Week. Students of the Week and Alumni Stories are featured on the University's homepage and social media channels. [Click here](#) to read our ODU stories.

## ODU News

### Making a Difference in Guatemala

Seven ODU students and three staff members spent their spring break on a service mission trip to Guatemala City from March 7-15. Read more about their volunteer efforts [here](#).

### Alumni Insurance Benefits

ODU Alumni Association has partnered with Liberty Mutual to offer alumni exclusive savings on auto and home insurance. For more information and a free quote, call 800-524-9400 or visit [libertymutual.com/odominican](http://libertymutual.com/odominican).



### **Baseball Players Tutor Students**

Panther athletes have a strong tradition of making their mark in the classroom, on the field and in the community. A recent article in The Columbus Dispatch highlights our baseball team's dedication to a local elementary school. [Read more online.](#)



### **Reflections of Our Fall Commencement**

New alumni Cody Culbertson, Business Administration major, and Katelyn Dawes, Education major, are pictured here after their fall 2014 commencement. From left: Bob Dawes, Cody, Katelyn, Bishop Frederick Campbell and Marie Dawes. The Dawes are Katelyn's and Cody's grandparents.

*Read more ODU news [online.](#)*

## **Class Notes**

### **Honors/Awards/Recognitions**

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

## News

**Carolyn Roach Givens '79** is the executive director at Neil Kennedy Recovery Clinic in Youngstown, Ohio. The clinic helps people recover from alcohol and drug addiction. Carolyn was featured in a news article in the Youngstown Vindicator, discussing her work and what she hopes to accomplish as the new executive director. Givens' work and her passion are to "help people with behavioral issues."

**Steve Polovick '94** was re-appointed for a three-year term to the Association of Social Work Board Bylaws and Regulations Committee. Polovick, an adolescent therapist with Pomegranate Health Systems, is finishing his final term as board chair with the State of Ohio, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapists Board.

**Roger Henry '04** completed his doctoral degree in Business Administration at the University of Phoenix on June 21, 2014. His dissertation topic was Bringing Grocery Stores Back to the Inner City.

## In Memoriam – Alumni

**Jane Burkhart Peters '55**, March 1, 2014

**Richard Golden '69**, March 8, 2015

**Mary Gaines Kestel '80**, March 14, 2015

## In Memoriam – ODU Family and Friends

Alida Mejia, Oct. 28, 2014, mother of **Alida Mattei '69**

Jim Lawler, Jan. 29, 2015, brother of **Pat Lawler Sullivan '44**

Gerald L. Robinson, Feb. 24, 2015, husband of Anna Marie Robinson

Kathryn Squeo, March 13, 2015, mother of **Jane Squeo Beale '69**

Louise Matesich, March 14, 2015, mother of John Matesich and Jim Matesich

Jeanine Emrich, March 20, 2015, mother of **Scott Pharion '74**

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