



President Peter Cimbolich, Ph.D. and Forty Under 40 Award recipient Nellie Krumlauf '13 during the award reception at the Bishop James A. Griffin Student Center

The ODU Insider



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From Your Alumni Office

Greetings,

Thank you to our generous alumni and friends for an amazing The Big Give on May 12-13. You helped us raise **nearly \$207,000 during the 24-hour event**. These funds will support ODU students and the Sr. Mary Andrew Matesich, OP Theatre Restoration through a \$100,000 matched gift opportunity from a long-time friend of the University. Click [here](#) to read more about our success with The Big Give.

It takes all of us to help continue the great education and opportunities ODU provides to students. Your support is needed year-long. The current 2014-2015 fiscal year goes through June 30. If you have not made a gift yet this fiscal year, please go to our safe and secure electronic gift site and [make a contribution](#) today. **Every gift makes a difference**, and overall alumni participation is so important to the vitality of the University.

Spring Commencement began with a beautiful Baccalaureate Mass celebrated by **Fr. Thomas Blau, OP** and assisted by newly ordained **Reverend Mr. Jeremiah Guappone '10**. Commencement was full of energy with **Ohio Gov. John Kasich** as the Commencement speaker and honorary degree recipient. Degrees were bestowed on 278 graduates in a full gym in Alumni Hall with faculty, staff, friends, and family. Senior speaker, **Brandy Stapleton**, who earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and Psychology, shared an inspiring speech and Kasich motivated graduates, telling them "to persevere, fulfill their potential and lift the world."

Kasich went on to say, "I believe that the good Lord, our heavenly Father, created every single person in this room for something special. It's never too late to find out what the Lord wants you to do."

Reunion Weekend 2015, June 26-27, is approaching quickly. This year, the classes of 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, and 1995 will celebrate a special anniversary. All reunion classes are invited to attend the events on Saturday, June 27. For a full schedule and additional information, please visit [ODU's Alumni website](#).

Congratulations to our 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients: **Sister Margaret Ormond, OP '65, Hon '11, Kathie Kenny Rupp '65, Mary Ann Daniel Oprisch '50, and Maggie Wagner Olsen-Kohner '65.** Please join us in honoring our Distinguished Alumni during a special dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 27 in the Bishop James A. Griffin Student Center. Please [contact me](#) for details if you would like to attend.

As the summer kicks off and vacations get underway, please consider coming back for a visit to your *alma mater*. It's a great family destination where you can share your college memories and visit a beautiful campus. My ODU Advancement colleagues and I would be happy to accompany you around campus to revisit favorite locations and explore new ones. Just give me a call or send me an [email](#).

Lastly, but more importantly, **I hope you are inspired as alumni of Ohio Dominican!** You are an integral part of the ODU community and 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. We can truly make a difference one person at a time. As Mother Teresa shared and lived her life, "Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you."

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.

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

[Register Today](#)

Black & Gold Club Kickoff

Registration is open for Ohio Dominican University's sixth annual Nationwide Children's Hospital Sports Medicine Black & Gold Club Kickoff dinner and auction. Join us as we help ODU student-athletes and teams achieve uncommon results on and off the field.

When: Thursday, Aug. 6, 2015

Where: Alumni Hall on ODU's main campus

Experience the energy, faith and passion of Gerry Faust, Ohio High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame member, and former University of Notre Dame and University of Akron head coach.

A variety of auction items – hotel stays, family-friendly outings, themed gift baskets and more – are waiting for your bid. Visit the [Panther Sports website](#) for details.

Save the Date

Homecoming Weekend 2015

Ohio Dominican will celebrate Homecoming Weekend 2015 Oct. 2-3. Festivities will include Reunion celebrations for the classes of 2000, 2005 and 2010. The Athletic Hall of Fame Induction ceremony will take place Friday, Oct. 2. On Saturday, Oct 3, your ODU Panthers will suit up against the Lake Erie College Storm at 12:30 p.m. Watch for additional details. Click [here](#) to view photos from Homecoming 2014.

Panthers on the Move

The 5 Pillars

Alumnus Recruits for ODU

Jerry Lozier '94 is an Economics instructor at Duncanville High School in Duncanville, Texas, near Dallas. He also serves as the high school's assistant cross country and assistant tennis coach. Duncanville High School is the largest single campus high school in Texas with more than 4,100 students in grades 9-12.

When Jerry learned that one of his students, Alejandro Serna, was looking for a high-quality university, Jerry recommended the young man consider Ohio Dominican. Jerry shared with Alejandro his memories of ODU, and the positive influence his alma mater had in helping him connect his passion and purpose. Alejandro liked what he learned about Ohio Dominican and will begin classes this fall. He also will be a member of the University's cross country varsity program.



We are grateful to Jerry for practicing one of the five alumni pillars: being a student recruiter and sending us a promising student, Alejandro, to carry on the traditions we share. The Ohio Dominican community looks forward to welcoming Alejandro and his classmates from the Class of 2019 to campus.

ODU News

Calling All ARC Alumni Tutors

The Academic Resource Center (ARC) fosters peer-supported learning. Year after year, ODU students are helping other ODU students

succeed in the classroom, and semester after semester our academic tutoring model continues to exhibit strong positive outcomes. To help with our mission, we're thrilled that the Office of Advancement has created a designated gift account for donors who wish to direct a contribution to the ARC, perhaps in gratitude for a specific tutor. To make a donation, please click [here](#).

We also want to encourage students to join our peer-tutor staff. Toward that end, we'd love to hear from our alumni tutors. We've created a [survey](#) to help you tell us how being a tutor has impacted your life. We hope your responses will encourage current students to continue our successful model of peer-supported learning. To participate in this campaign, please click [here](#) to access our survey.

Thanks for both your past and future support of Ohio Dominican's students.

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.

Support ODU Students – Give to ASPIRE

Aspire is a co-curricular program at ODU that offers motivated students a unique opportunity to participate in distinctive experiences in service, vocation, leadership, culture and faith. Aspire engages and empowers current students, preparing them for your chosen career, and motivating them to have a lifelong passion to be a positive influence in the lives of others. Read more about Aspire [online](#). To support the program, click [here](#).

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

Sister Mary Josetta Mayer, OP '51 retired after 62 years as a teacher. Sister Mary Josetta spent many of those years at Holy Trinity School in Somerset, Ohio, where she taught three generations of students. She will retire to the Dominican Sisters of Peace Motherhouse in Columbus. In addition to teaching, Sister Josetta worked with the poor, gathered clothing donations to distribute, directed the Holy Trinity adult choir and worked on several committees.

Mary Lang '68 retired as principal at St. Brendan School in Hilliard, Ohio, at the end of the school year.

Virginia O'Connor '71 retired this month from Bishop Watterson High School after 47 years' teaching Mathematics and serving as assistant principal. She also was an adjunct instructor for ODU's Project JumpStart Dual Enrollment program.

Jaime Capestany '90 received a Distinguished Alumni Award from The Ohio State College of Pharmacy on May 15, 2015.

Rachelle Jacobs Van Winkle '95 graduated in 2015 with her Doctorate of Nursing Practice degree from Duke University School of Nursing. She graduated in 2011 with a Master's of Nursing Science in Health Care Systems Management from Loyola University of New Orleans. Rachelle is a member of Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society for Nursing, and a member of the North Carolina Chapter of AWHONN (Association of Women's Health and Neonatal Nursing). She is a field surveyor for The Joint Commission. Rachelle's favorite memory of her days at ODU is playing euchre with her friends in Sansbury Hall.

Andrew Wahlenmaier '02 was promoted to vice president, Digital Services, with PPA Graphics, Inc. He has been with the firm since January 2009.

Kelly Buzenski '04, '09; Amy Korpieski Kish '04, '09 and Kathy Pavlick McBride '04, '09 celebrated 10 years of teaching at St. Anthony School in Columbus. They have worked at St. Anthony since graduating from Ohio Dominican. Kelly teaches eighth grade, Amy teaches first grade and Kathy teaches third grade.

Amy Lister '06 received a master's in Social Work from The Ohio State University on May 10, 2015.

Monica Ramey '08 is a senior analyst in Inventory Management with Cardinal Health. She has been honored as the 2009, 2010, 2012 and 2013 East Central Region District Director of the Year, and the 2010 and 2013 Northeastern Province District Director of the Year. Her community activities include serving as regional vice president for Delta Sigma Pi and Relay for Life. Her favorite memories of ODU are traveling with close friends, winning awards, and doing community service and professional events with Delta Sigma Pi.

Sarah Miller McClellan '08 is the administrator of Digital & Social Media for the Dominican Sisters of Peace in Columbus. In the six years she has been with the Congregation, Sarah has held multiple titles and undergone many position changes due to the expansion of the office. She has served as communications manager and senior communications manager. She has led multiple trainings on social media for the Congregation's internal audiences. She has led two website redesigns, implemented an e-news process to reach other constituencies and most recently started an internship program within the Communications/Mission Advancement Office. Sarah also is a licensed insurance agent through the state of Ohio. Sarah's community activities include working with the Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio - Buddy Walk Community Event as a team captain coordinator, plaza/vendor manager, committee co-chair and Jack Attack team captain leader. She is a member of the St. Joseph Home Inc. Board & Executive Committee. She also is a NEXT youth program volunteer and Women's Retreat Chair at Grace Fellowship Church.

Katherine Snyder Zilmer '08 is senior assistant dean of Students/Behavioral Intervention Team Case Manager at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Katherine also serves on the board of the Higher Education Case Management Association for the 2014-2016 term. She earned her Master of Arts from Bowling Green State University in 2010.

Jenna Krumlauf Alvarez '09 earned a master's in Education in School Counseling and has been accepted into Ohio University's Counselor Education Program as a doctoral candidate.

Christina Castro '08,'09 is a bioinformatician for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Erin Pope Maggied '09 is an account supervisor at Fahlgren Mortine in Columbus. Her community activities include serving on the Board of Directors of the Central Ohio PRSA, PRSA Central Ohio Mentor and Big Brothers Big Sisters/Project Mentor.

Marissa Hoeffecker Smith '09 is deputy director of Accounting for the Ohio Attorney General's Office.

Shawn Steward '09, '10 is vice president of Mortgage Banking Risk with JPMorgan Chase & Co. in Columbus.

Briana Clark Harmon '11 earned a master's in Forensic Psychology in 2012 and a master's of Human Resources from The Ohio State University. She is a patient revenue cycle specialist with The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, James Cancer Center.

Kayla Serrano '13 is a customer relations specialist with BMW Financial Services.

In Memoriam – Alumni

Eleanor Marquette Kersch '47, May 18, 2015

Luella Schierberl McLaughlin '55, April 10, 2015

Judith Obringer '70, March 26, 2015

Aminah Robinson '02 (honorary degree), May 22, 2015

Douglas Davis '04, May 12, 2015

In Memoriam – Friends

Anthony “Tony” Tankovich, former student, husband of **Betty Schnipke Tankovich '63**, May 21, 2015

Mary Longstreth Malone, former student, wife of **Tom Mahone '71**, April 6, 2015

Births

Thomas Joseph O'Linn III, Oct. 16, 2014, son of Tom and **Colleen Winters O'Linn '01**; Colleen is the daughter of **Kevin Winters '73** and sister of **Sean Winters '02**.

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