



Multicultural Affairs Reception

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From Your Alumni Office

Greetings,

During this Lenten Season, I hope you will join me in continued prayers for the world and especially the Ohio Dominican University community. Daily Mass, community service, time with the Dominican Sisters, prayer, and helping others in need are at the heart of Ohio Dominican's mission and identity.

The day before Ash Wednesday, I enjoyed time in our Center for Dominican Studies in Erskine Hall with members of the ODU community to kick off the Lenten Season with a Mardi Gras celebration. It was a time to take a few minutes to relax and break bread with other faculty and staff. I would enjoy hearing from you during this time of reflection about your experiences at Ohio Dominican as a student, and who or what made your experience extra special. I am always amazed when I hear how lives were changed and impacted during our college years. I see the same thing happening with our current students. It is so important to never forget our past and how it has shaped us into the people we are today.

As your alumni director, I want to share with you several key areas our Alumni Office will be focusing on in its outreach and engagement efforts with all of you. For your alma mater to continue to be successful now and in the future, we need you to be our advocates; financial supporters; recruiters of future students; connectors of internships (and eventually jobs!) for current students; and to be our prayer warriors.

Again, I encourage you to attend an alumni event or visit campus. This campus will always be a second home to you. You need to see and feel all that is happening on campus to truly appreciate that we are all united as one family, whether as a graduate, current student, staff member, faculty, current parent, former parent or friend of ODU. 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

Conversations with Entrepreneurs

March's Conversation with Entrepreneurs will take place from 5-6:30 p.m., March 24 in the Bishop James A. Griffin Student Center, rooms 258-260. John M. Reymann, CFP, APMA, of Ameriprise Financial will discuss, "Investing in Today's Market." Enjoy light refreshments. To register, contact Tiffany Pirwitz at pirwitzt@ohiodominican.edu or 614-251-4274.

Double Dominican & Alumni Spring Social

Make a date to go behind the scenes of Columbus' North Market with Ohio Dominican University. You don't have to be a Double Dominican to join in the fun — come on your own or bring a guest to this special event.

When: 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, March 21, 2015

Where: North Market, 59 Spruce St., Columbus, 43215

During the North Market's Amazing Tastes Tour, you'll:

- Meet North Market merchants.
- Taste fabulous local foods and wines.
- Get a \$5 North Market gift certificate.

Registration is \$15 per person, \$25 per couple; limited to the first 25 people. [Click here](#) for details and to register.

Alumni 5K – Early Registration Ends Soon

Lace up for the third annual Alumni 5K Fun Walk/Run Saturday, April 25. The event starts at 9 a.m. Early registration discounts end March 12. [Click here](#) to save time and money by registering now.

Feast of St. Catherine of Siena

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

Reunite with Classmates

Save the date for Reunion Weekend 2015. On June 26-27, we're welcoming back alumni from the classes of 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990 and 1995. If you're a member of a reunion class, don't miss this opportunity to get together with your classmates; mark the date on your calendar. [Click here](#) to view images from Reunion 2014.

Program Wrap-ups

Children's Rights Activist Shares Mission

Ohio Dominican welcomed children's rights activist and New York Times bestselling author Conor Grennan to campus on Feb. 12 for a free presentation. Hundreds of people from the campus and local communities attended the event in Alumni Hall. [Click here](#) to view the photos.

Multicultural Affairs Event Connects Students, Alumni

ODU's Feb. 19 Multicultural Affairs Reception was a great success in terms of attendance and money raised in support of the Multicultural Gift Fund. [Click here](#) to view photos from the reception.

Bishop Campbell Tapes Radio Show at ODU

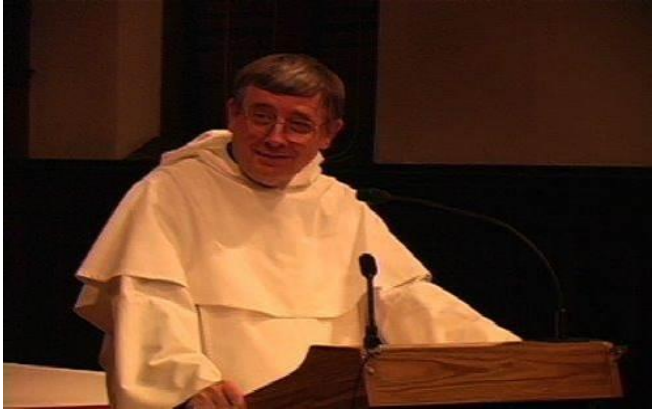
ODU welcomed the Most Reverend Frederick F. Campbell, D.D., Ph.D., Bishop of Columbus, on Feb. 27. The Bishop hosted his monthly radio program from Sansbury Hall's Colonial Room. The program airs on St. Gabriel Radio, AM 820. He invited ODU faculty, staff and students to ask questions during the open forum.



Paying it Forward

Alumni Offer Students Career Advice

On Feb. 25, 11 alumni returned to ODU for our Academic Majors & Programs Fair. The student-focused event took place in Erskine Hall's lobby, and brought together alumni, faculty and staff to offer current students advice and guidance for careers in their shared fields of interest. From left, Carole Guy Marsh '70, Andie Brown '01, Jen Paul Zarins '01, Juan Torres '06/'11, Michael J. Robinson '07, Nikki Perkins Draher '00, Cathy Baughman '04, Jaime Capestany '90, Christie Flood Weiner '90, Mark Weiner '94 and Barbara Fant '10. [Click here](#) to read more about the event and to view the photo of our alumni with our current students.



Father Corbett Presents at ODU Retreat

On Feb. 27, ODU's Center for Dominican Studies invited faculty and staff to the Martin de Porres Center for a time of reflection following the noon Mass. The Reverend John D. Corbett, a 1969 graduate of Bishop Hartley High School in Columbus, was the celebrant and homilist of the noon Mass. Father Corbett, OP, Ph.D., STB, STL, is the professor of Moral Theology at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C., and a

faculty member of the Thomistic Institute in New York. He also is the brother of ODU Board of Trustees member Margie Corbett Sullivan. Father Corbett's presentation topic was "Catholic Identity in a Cross Stressed World," reflection on Charles Taylor's A Secular Age.

Panthers on the Move

Get to Know Our Students of the Week

Eileen Asher '15, Graphic Design; Ethan Miller '15, Chemistry and Biology; Jes Moore '15, Graphic Design; and Kristyn Kajganich '15, Biopsychology were February 2015 ODU 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

PA Alumni Achieve 98-Percent Pass Rate on National Exam

ODU's inaugural class of Physician Assistant Studies graduates achieved a 98-percent pass rate on the Physician Assistant National Certification Exam (PANCE). The PANCE is comprised of questions that assess general medical and surgical knowledge. Passing the PANCE is required to become a certified physician assistant. For more information on ODU's PA program, [click here](#).

Accounting Students, Faculty Serve the Community

Once again, our Accounting students and faculty are reaching out to help members of our community by providing free income tax preparation services. These services are offered to qualified individuals through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. [Click here](#) for more information on the program, and how it helps our students and community.

Golf Swings for New Heights

Thanks to generous donations from University alumni and friends, we are more than halfway toward our goal of upgrading facilities for our golf program. We're thrilled to announce that the new indoor practice facility is 100-percent donor funded. We're going to repurpose space located inside the

Adult & Continuing Education building on ODU's east campus. A dedicated indoor practice area will save expenses associated with rental facilities. It also will reduce travel, which will give our students even more time to focus on maintaining their high academic accomplishments. Finally, the building will permit our golfers to train year-round without concern for outdoor weather conditions. Additional funding needs include: simulation software; dedicated putting surface; netted hitting enclosure turf; and HMT club/swing monitor.

National Library Week – Share Your Ideas

Help us celebrate National Library Week 2015 from April 6-13. This year's theme is Unlimited Possibilities @ Your Library, and we want to hear from you.

What do you predict for the future of libraries? What would you like to see in your library? Share your ideas with us at library@ohiodominican.edu and put "ODU National Library Week Celebration" in the subject heading. Include your email address, mailing address and contact phone number, and we'll enter your name into a drawing for an ODU coffee tumbler. The winner will be announced in the May 2015 ODU Insider.

Remember, as an ODU alumnae/alumnus, you have access to the Spangler Learning Center's resources long after you graduate. [Visit us online](#) to learn about the services available to you.

National Read Across America with ODU

The National Education Association's Read Across America is an annual awareness program designed to encourage children to read. This year, National Read Across America was on March 2, the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss. Let's keep the momentum going; if you have little future Panthers at home, we welcome you to browse our juvenile literature collection of fiction and nonfiction books. [Click here](#) for more information about the collection.

Panther Players Present Footloose

ODU's Panther Players will present five performances of "Footloose, the Musical!"

- 7 p.m., Friday, April 17; Thursday, April 23; Friday, April 24; and Saturday, April 25
- 5 p.m., Saturday, April 18

"Footloose" is the story of a rebellious teenager who moves into a small middle-American town and encourages his classmates to defy the local pastor and call for a rock 'n' roll prom. For more information, [click here](#).

Great Women in ODU History

In celebration of March as Women's History Month, we invite you to share your memories of a great woman – or women – at Ohio Dominican who helped transform you. Post your memories to our [Facebook page](#), then read about all the great women at ODU and the positive impact they've had at your alma mater.

Dispatch Reviews Wehrle Exhibit

The Columbus Dispatch reviewed Natural Abundance: New Work by Terri Maloney-Houston & Jes Moore, the latest exhibition in ODU's Wehrle Gallery. You can [read the review here](#). If you haven't seen the exhibit yet, there's still time. The artwork will be on display through March 8. For more information on Wehrle's exhibits and hours, [click here](#). Art by Sister Thoma Swanson, OP will be on display starting March 22.

Read more ODU news [online](#).

Class Notes

Honors/Awards/Recognitions

Alumni, please submit your honors, awards and/or recognitions. [Click here](#) to complete the form.

News

Martha Johnson Miller '71 has been elected to serve as the 2015-2017 Thurber House board president. Miller is most inspired by the Thurber House mission: where laughing, learning and literature meet. She will continue to promote Thurber House through support of its programs, collaborations and volunteer opportunities.

Lt. Col. William Clayton Bennett Jr. '82 was promoted to chief deputy of Operations at the Chesapeake Sheriff's Office in Chesapeake, Va. This promotion makes him the highest-ranking African American of all time in that office. Bennett started his career at the sheriff's office as a K-9 officer. He received his training through the Portsmouth Police K-9 corps, was attached to the Chesapeake Police SWAT Team and became the first African American K-9 officer in the city. Prior to his promotion, Bennett spent five years as chief of corrections. For the past 19 years, he has been involved with Special Olympics, helping children and adults with intellectual disabilities overcome barriers through sports. Bennett enjoys fishing, watching football, and spending time with his wife of 31 years, Maria. The couple has one daughter, Lisette, 24.

Kayla Walton '11 wrote a column for the Catholic Times, "Childlike Faith." Walton is a sixth grade teacher at St. Mary School in Columbus. Her column is especially inspiring this Lenten Season. It appears on page 11 of the Feb. 22 edition of the Catholic Times. You can access the [newspaper here](#).

Engagements

Evan Chaloupka and **Kayla Grise '12** are engaged; they will be married on June 27, 2015.

In Memoriam – Alumni

Catherine Fox Londergan '49, Feb. 9, 2015, mother of **Erin Londergan Morris '79**

Steve V. Hall '98, Feb. 17, 2015

Martha Lang Carter '64, Feb. 19, 2015, sister of **MaryAnn Lang McCarrick '51**

Marcella Nolze '73, Jan. 27, 2015

In Memoriam – Friends of ODU

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

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