



**Monday, May 11, 2015**

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### From Your Alumni Office

Greetings,

It is with great pride that I share that Ohio Dominican University just graduated 278 alumni. It was a special day with the **Honorable John Kasich**, Governor of Ohio, as commencement speaker and recipient of an honorary degree from ODU. It is a personal feeling of gratitude that 25 years ago I celebrated my own graduation from Ohio Dominican and I am blessed to serve as the Alumni Director for my alma mater.



Another celebration was held in Christ the King Chapel on May 2. It was the first Mass as a newly ordained transitional deacon in the Diocese of Columbus by **Mr. Rev. Jeremiah Guappone '10**. This summer, Deacon Guappone will serve at St. Joseph Cathedral in downtown Columbus. Jeremiah is also a member of the Alumni Association Council and is very involved in many capacities at Ohio Dominican. What a privilege to have his first Mass held on the campus of his alma mater!



In April, we held the second Alumni Relations/Career Development Brown Bag Lunch, featuring alumni and students from the areas of Psychology and Social Work. The event was held on campus. **Eric Fenner '79**, **Joe Shannon '77**, **Beryl Brown Piccolantonio '99** and **Nikki Smith Kennedy '94** shared their time and career advice with the students.

*From left in the photo: Beryl Brown Piccolantonio, Eric Fenner, Joe Shannon and Nikki Smith Kennedy*



The Third Annual ODU Alumni 5K also was held in April. Despite the chilly weather, it was a success and full of energy. The ODU Alumni Association Council oversees this event and it was well attended. It was great to have the Physician Assistant Program hold a health fair and have the American Red Cross Blood Mobile as part of the event. Many volunteers helped make the event run smoothly. The top three finishers were: First place: **Jessica Passwater**, a senior at Bishop Watterson High School and daughter of **Theresa Sweeney Passwater '92** and **Rick Passwater '92**; Second place: **Jeremiah**

**Guappone '10**; and Third place: **Coady DiRutigliano**, enrolled in the ODU Physician Assistant Program. A big thank you to all who participated and were a part of this event.

*From left in the photo: Jeremiah Guappone, Jessica Passwater, Coady DiRutigliano.*

Reunion 2015 is just around the corner on June 26 and 27. We're excited to honor the following classes: 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990 and 1995. This year's ODU Distinguished Alumni Award recipients are **Sr. Margaret Ormond, OP '65, '11** (honorary degree), **Dr. Margaret Wagner Olsen-Kohner '65**, **Kathleen Kenny Rupp '65**, **Mary Ann Daniel Oprisch '50**. A special awards dinner will be held at 6:30 pm., Saturday, June 27 in the Bishop Griffin Student Center. Prior to the dinner, there will be a Mass in Christ the King Chapel at 4:30 p.m. and then a President's Reception following the Mass. All alumni are welcome to attend. Please contact me with any questions you might have at [weinerc@ohiodominican.edu](mailto:weinerc@ohiodominican.edu) or 614-253-3502.



One last important item to note and I hope you will join me in this exciting opportunity. The Columbus Foundation is holding **The Big Give**, a 24-hour, credit-card only/online giving event from 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 12 through 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 13. The Columbus Foundation, its family of donors and community partners have provided a record \$1.3 million bonus pool to amplify your gifts to Ohio Dominican, as well as other nonprofits in Central Ohio.

By giving to ODU during this 24-hour giving event, the University will receive a pro-rated portion of

the \$1.3 million bonus pool. Learn more about The Big Give on [our website](#). The more money people give to ODU during The Big Give, the more funds we receive from the pool. To make a gift to The Big Give on May 12-13, go to [columbusfoundation.org](http://columbusfoundation.org). Click on The Big Give banner and search for Ohio Dominican University. As an added bonus, all gifts designated to our **Matesich Theatre Restoration** through The Big Give are being matched 1:1 thanks to an anonymous \$100,000 donor who loves ODU! Use the "special instruction" dialogue box on ODU's Columbus Foundation gift page and type in "Theater" to have your gift matched. It's that easy! Your support would be greatly appreciated!

*From left in the photo: Thunder, Kaitlin Perfect, Public Relations & Marketing Communications major*

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**

### ***Mark Your Calendars!***

#### **Graduate Admissions Open House**

ODU's Office of Graduate Admissions will host an open house at 6 p.m., Tuesday, May 19, in the Bishop James A. Griffin Student Center. For more information, contact the [Office of Graduate Admissions](#).

#### **Project Management Boot Camp**

The next Project Management Boot Camp program begins May 21. There's still time to apply. [Click here](#) to register. For more information, contact the [Office of Graduate Admissions](#).

#### **Musical Chairs for Charity**

Ohio Dominican will host the Columbus Young Professionals Club's Musical Chairs for Charity professional networking event from 5:30-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 27 in the Bishop James A. Griffin Student Center. The event gives young professionals an opportunity to connect with local nonprofit organizations to learn about ways they can get involved and give back. Registration is open on the [Columbus Young Professional's website](#). Questions? Contact the [Office of Graduate Admissions](#).

### ***Summer Reunion 2015***

#### **Have You Registered?**

We're excited to welcome back to campus on June 26 and 27 our Summer Reunion 2015 classes: 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990 and 1995. You'll soon find your reunion registration packets in the mail, if you haven't already received them. Please return your registration forms by June 12. We have a fun weekend planned for you with plenty of time to reminisce. Please contact Christie Flood Weiner '90 at [weinerc@ohiodominican.edu](mailto:weinerc@ohiodominican.edu) or 614-253-3502 if you have any questions.

### **Save the Date!**

#### **Black & Gold Club Kickoff**

Legendary high school and college football head coach **Gerry Faust** will inspire attendees to Ohio Dominican University's sixth annual Nationwide Children's Hospital Sports Medicine Black & Gold Club Kickoff dinner and auction on Aug. 6, 2015. In keeping with the event's tradition, a variety of auction items, including hotel stays, family-friendly outings and themed gift baskets, are waiting for your bid. Join us Aug. 6 as we help ODU student-athletes and teams achieve uncommon results on and off the field. Visit the [Panther Sports website](#) for event details.





*Thanks to Mara Somerson for the photo. ODU students pose with Carabinieri during their spring break trip to Rome. From left: Chloe Bowman, Mara Somerson, Hayley Knostman, Emily Pearson, Jordyn Hughes, Tamie Wilson and Emily Thomas*

### **Alumna Tours Rome with Students**

ODU Board of Trustee member **Nancy Recchie '73** and her husband, **Jeff Darbee**, led a group of students, staff and friends of ODU on a tour of Rome during spring break 2015. The excursion allowed the travelers to experience the culture and sights of the historic city.

“We were lucky to get into unique tours since we were from ODU,” explained ODU student Tamara Wilson. “Most importantly, we got to be in the Papal audience and there are no words to express how awesome that was.”

“One of my favorite experiences in Rome was just walking around at night and seeing the sights all lit up,” said ODU student Mara Somerson. “There is something special about traveling where you feel like you can do anything.”

### **Celebrating St. Catherine of Siena**

This year’s keynote speaker for Ohio Dominican’s annual St. Catherine of Siena presentation was former ODU faculty member **Dr. Perry Cahall**. Dr. Cahall is the professor of Historical Theology and academic dean of the School of Theology with the Pontifical College Josephinum. The event was free and open to the public. His topic was St. Catherine of Siena and the New Evangelization. The St. Catherine of Siena lecture is part of the special presentations for Dominican Feasts hosted by the Center for Dominican Studies. You can access a video of Dr. Cahall’s presentation on the [center’s website](#).



***2015 Spring Commencement***  
**Welcome, New Alumni!**

Ohio Dominican University celebrated its 103<sup>rd</sup> commencement ceremony on May 9, 2015, in Alumni Hall. Degrees were conferred on 278 alumni. The ceremony followed the Baccalaureate Mass, which the University held in Alumni Hall earlier that morning.

The commencement keynote speaker was Ohio Governor John R. Kasich. The University conferred on Gov. Kasich the Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, for his career in public service to the people of Ohio and the nation, and his commitment to the common good.



### **2015 Senior Exhibition**

Ohio Dominican hosted the opening of the 2015 Senior Exhibition of its Fine Art and Graphic Design students May 3, 2015, at the Wehrle Gallery. Students created individual bodies of work in print, branding, painting, and textiles, exploring the importance of detail – artistic and intellectual. There's still time to preview our next generation of creatives. The exhibition remains on display through June 28, 2015. Visit the [Wehrle Gallery's website](#) for exhibit hours.





### **Panther Players – On with the Show!**

Panther Players' April 17, 2015, opening night for Footloose: The Musical was a foot-tapping, hand-clapping, heart-stopping success. More than 100 alumni, students, faculty, staff, Sisters, parents and friends attended the performance and the after-show party. In fact, the entire Panther Players season was a triumph with attendance more than double last season's numbers. [Click here](#) to enjoy opening night photos. We look forward to seeing you in the audience next season!

## **Panthers on the Move**

### **Business First Honors Alumna**

Columbus Business First has named ODU alumna, **Nellie Krumlauf '13**, founder and president of Nellie's Catwalk for Kids, as one of its 2015 Forty Under 40. Krumlauf will be recognized during its May 28 event at the Hollywood Casino Columbus. For more information about Krumlauf and her nonprofit organization, [click here](#).

### **And the Award Goes To ...**

The ODU community has been buzzing with excitement during the academic award ceremony season. The Leadership Awards were presented April 27 in the Bishop James A. Griffin Student Center. The University hosted its Academic Awards Ceremony a day later, April 28, in Sansbury Hall's Colonial Room. The annual event recognized the outstanding accomplishments of students and faculty during the academic year. Review the [complete list of award recipients](#).

### **Faculty Presentations**

Assistant Professor of Public Relations & Marketing Communications **Natalie Kompa** and Business Professor **Dr. Roxanne Beard** will give a presentation during the Teaching Professor Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, on May 30, 2015. The Teaching Professor Conference is considered one of the foremost events that focuses on helping professors become better classroom instructors and improving their pedagogy. Kompa and Beard will lead participants through a 45-minute session on how professors can capitalize on opportunities in the classroom as a means to helping students become more mindful.

**Dr. Ann C. Hall** presented two works of creative non-fiction as part of “Hungarian Reflections” at the College English Association of Ohio on April 18, 2015, in Toledo, Ohio.

### **Get to Know Our 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**

### **Softball Swings to 800<sup>th</sup> Win**

With its 5-1 victory over the Wayne State University Warriors on April 24, ODU’s softball team won its [800<sup>th</sup> game](#) in the program’s 31-year history. The team [wrapped up its season](#) on Senior Day April 25.

### **Baseball Makes GLIAC Tournament**

Baseball blasted into the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament with a thrilling 12-11 victory in its [opening game](#) against the Northwood University Timberwolves. The Panthers season came to a close following its game against Grand Valley State on [May 8](#).

### **New Alumni Survey**

ODU has partnered with CSO Research Inc. to assist with our recent graduates [Outcomes Survey](#). The survey collects career outcomes from new graduates upon graduation, then again at three months, six months and one year post graduation. This survey helps us collect outcomes data that is needed for accreditation, admissions recruiting, career advising and federal aid. Thank you in advance for your help.

*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](#) '90. We look forward to sharing your good news.

### **News**

**Celia Emmelhainz '05** has received the August Alpers Award from Kent State University’s School of Library and Information Science. This award is given to a student who contributes the most to the school, while maintaining a good grade point average.

**Jonathan McKay '09** was elected to Wilmington, Ohio, City Council’s first ward during the May 5, 2015, election.

**Lauren Wertz '10** accepted her dream job doing development work with an art museum in San Francisco.

**Kayla Walton '11**, a sixth grade teacher at St. Mary School in Columbus (German Village), will serve as interim principal beginning July 1, 2015.

### **Engagements**

**Nellie Krumlauf '13** and Jared Corriveau are engaged and planning a September 2015 wedding.



**In Memoriam – Alumni**

**William P. Wood '69**, May 4, 2015

**Joseph Gallen Jr. '71**, May 3, 2015

**Bill Sprit '97**, March 21, 2015

**In Memoriam – Friends of ODU**

Dick Snide, April 30, 2015, father-in-law of **Lisa Ritchey Snide '86** and father of Tom Snide

Frederick H. Simmonds Jr., father of **Rick Simmonds '85** and father-in-law of **Beth Bohley Simmonds '85**

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