



January 24

Dominican Feast Day:
St. Thomas Aquinas

Lecture on St. Thomas Aquinas
Father Thomas O'Meara, O.P.
11 am, Matesich Theatre



January 27

Wehrle Gallery Exhibit

Conversations with the
Past by Char Norman
Exhibition on display
through March 10, 2013



February 7

Think Local, Eat Local

An evening with Alumni
and Whole Foods
6-8 pm, Sawmill store



February 27

Multicultural Alumni
Reception

6 pm, Bishop Griffin
Student Center

Calendar of Events

March 13

Colors and Bottles
Alumni Event

7-10 pm,
Wyandotte Winery,
Gahanna



March 17

Wehrle Gallery Exhibit

Of Time and Place:
Julie Abijanac, Guest Curator
Exhibition on display
through April 12, 2013



April 20

Alumni 5K Run

9 am, Ohio Dominican's
campus



April 25

Dominican Feast Day:
St. Catherine of Siena

Lecture on St. Catherine of Siena
Sister Diana Culbertson, O.P.
3 pm, Colonial Room,
Sansbury Hall



April 26

ODU Day &
Research
Symposium

May 4

Baccalaureate Mass

9 am, Christ the King Chapel,
Sansbury Hall
Commencement Exercises
11 am, Alumni Hall



June 28-29

St. Mary of the Springs
Reunion Weekend

Call Ann Snider at
614-251-4608 or RSVP to
alumni.ohiodominican.edu/events

President's Report

Ohio Dominican University



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President's Letter

Do you remember campus in the winter? The dusting of snow on the bare tree branches. The Erskine chimes echoing over the stillness of the Oval. Reuniting with friends on campus after the Christmas break. You never forget the excitement – and trepidation – of a new semester.

As we welcome 2013, we can't help but pause to reflect with gratitude on our many successes so far this year: our first class of Physician Assistant Studies students, the rededication of St. Albert Hall, national competitions for students majoring in Accounting, recognition as a military-friendly university and, for the first time, our ranking by *U.S. News & World Report* as a top-tier regional university.

But even as we recall with pride those accomplishments, we have many more successes to anticipate: a new strategic plan addressing our vision for tomorrow, the launch of anti-bullying initiatives and new teaching models by faculty, students and alumni who embrace service in projects that serve our community.

You can see why these are such special times at Ohio Dominican University. We continue to build on the legacy of our forebears, our graduates who use the knowledge and moral compass they have learned on campus to change the world, and the students who come here to explore, to learn and to test their wings.

I am proud to lead your University and trust you will enjoy reading more details about the accomplishments and initiatives that filled our autumn and those that we will embrace in this New Year.

Sincerely,

Peter Cimbolic, Ph.D.
President



Roadmap to the Future: ODU's Strategic Plan

Ohio Dominican University's five-year strategic plan, *Roadmap to the Future*, will chart a fresh course to prominence in the years ahead. ODU launched the plan this fiscal year, 2012-2013. The University's Administrative Cabinet will monitor the progress annually through its culmination in fiscal year 2016-2017.

The plan identifies four goals:

1 Academic excellence

Ohio Dominican will implement a comprehensive plan to attract and retain highly qualified students, support and develop an even stronger faculty, and provide strong academic programs that are diverse and market sensitive.

2 Resource stability

The University will strengthen its fiscal resiliency by diversifying its revenue streams and improving the efficiency of its business practices.

3 Community positioning

ODU will increase public awareness of its academic quality and identity among internal and external audiences.

4 Campus life

The University will establish a spirit-filled, tradition-rich campus life where students encounter a vibrant, stimulating, faith-based community. We will provide an environment that engages and empowers students so they become contributors to and beneficiaries of the University community.

The *Roadmap to the Future* is the result of the efforts of a 35-member task force comprised of administrators, faculty, and staff from across the University. The task force gathered data from more than 1,000 key stakeholders – alumni, faculty, staff, students, trustees, Congregational members, and community leaders – who shared their input on the challenges and opportunities facing the University.



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U.S. News & World Report Ranks ODU as a Top-Tier Midwest University

In its 2013 Best Colleges list, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked Ohio Dominican University in the top tier of colleges and universities in the Midwest. The publication analyzes a number of factors in determining its annual list, including average freshman retention rate, average graduation rate, alumni participation in giving and student-to-faculty ratio.

"This ranking reinforces what we've known for years – that Ohio Dominican University has become a premier place for higher education in Central Ohio and the Midwest," said ODU President Peter Cimbo. "We are pleased that a publication as reputable as *U.S. News & World Report* recognizes the quality of our students, faculty, and overall education offered. We look forward to taking additional steps that fulfill ODU's mission of 'educating all individuals committed to intellectual, spiritual, and professional growth to become lifelong learners committed to serving others in a global society.'"



ODU Student Receives Presidential Award for Excellence, is Ohio Teacher of the Year

Ohio Dominican University student and Hamilton Township High School mathematics teacher Carole Morbitzer has received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). She also is the 2013 Ohio Teacher of the Year.

Morbitzer is enrolled in ODU's Master of Education in Educational Leadership with Principal Licensure program. She's one of 97 mathematics and science teachers who received the PAEMST award during June ceremonies in Washington, D.C. Winners of this Presidential honor receive a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation to use at their discretion. The award is presented annually to outstanding K-12 science and mathematics teachers from across the country. A panel of distinguished scientists, mathematicians and educators identify the winners following an initial selection process done at the state level.

Of the award recipients, President Barack Obama said, "America's success in the 21st century depends on our ability to educate our children, give our workers the skills they need, and embrace technological change. That starts with the men and women in front of our classrooms. These teachers are the best of the best, and they stand as excellent examples of the kind of leadership we need in order to train the next generation of innovators and help this country get ahead."

Morbitzer also has received recognition for her teaching skills in the past. In 2005, she earned the Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics Outstanding Mathematics Teacher award.



ODU Students Make History, Advance in National Competition

Ohio Dominican made history again by advancing one of its student teams to the semifinal round of the 2012 American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Accounting Competition.

This is the third year of the AICPA's competition and the third year an ODU team has advanced to the semifinal round. No other college or university in the state of Ohio has achieved this distinction. The University of Texas, Dallas, is the only other college or university in the country to share this accomplishment.

Only 20 of the 138 teams – representing 101 schools – that submitted proposals to this year's national academic accounting competition moved on to the semifinal round. These teams now will compete for the top three spots.

"I think having a team in the semifinals for the third year in a row speaks to the quality education our students get in all their classes here at ODU."

Assistant Professor Bob Osborne

"We are proud of the students for participating in this competition. It's a great way for them to use the lessons we've taught them in the real world," stated Assistant Professor Bob Osborne, ODU's AICPA faculty advisor.

ODU's team, The New Dealers, represented various disciplines. Members were Accounting majors Yorsalam Kidane, Paula Rogers, and Team Captain Elizabeth Sparks, and History major Kelly Litt. Their assignment was to advise a presidential candidate – hypothetically – on one of three topics: the deficit, income tax, or Social Security.

In 2010, two ODU teams competed in the AICPA competition. Ohio Dominican was the only college or university in Ohio to make it to the finals, and the only college or university in the United States with two teams in the top 10 that year. One of the two teams finished third in the competition. In 2011, ODU was the only college or university in Ohio to advance a team to the competition's top 10.

Pictured, above from left, Yorsalam Kidane, Kelly Litt, Bob Osborne, Elizabeth Sparks and Paula Rogers.

ODU Builds for the Future in Science

When it comes to changing the academic landscape, size doesn't matter. Ohio Dominican University has proven that.

With an enrollment of approximately 2,700 students, ODU is quickly becoming the premier university in Central Ohio for students who are interested in a career in a variety of science-related fields.

As part of the University's commitment to science education, ODU spent the past year renovating St. Albert Hall. The University hosted an official rededication and blessing ceremony for its historic building Sept. 21, 2012. The 22,000-square-foot building has been refitted with state-of-the-art equipment and technology. It now has classrooms that can accommodate as many as 50 students, as well as collaboration rooms, a functional cadaver lab, and clinical, environmental science, and psychology labs.

All of this work was done to ensure ODU students have the resources they need to prepare for 21st century careers in the sciences.

"Surveys and studies consistently show that there's a growing need for professionals trained in the sciences," said President Peter Cimolic. "Ohio Dominican University is dedicated to filling that void in Central Ohio and beyond."

ODU's commitment to providing a quality education to its students in the fields of health and science extends beyond St. Albert Hall. In August 2010, the

University completed construction of Battelle Hall. The 25,000-square-foot science facility houses seven instructional labs, three research labs, and six core labs for instruments. It also has an autoclave and cadaver lab.

ODU's investment in the sciences is paying off. Since Battelle Hall opened two years ago, the percentage of undergraduate science majors has doubled, from 8.5 percent in 2009 to 17.1 percent in 2011. The top science major in 2011 was Biology with 91 undergraduate students, followed by Exercise Science with 53 students, and Pre-Nursing with 43 students.

This summer, ODU launched its Master of Science in Physician Assistant (PA) Studies program, the only such program in Central Ohio. The PA program, which is housed in St. Albert Hall, will have the support of a new partnership with one of the top health care facilities in the nation. As part of a two-year agreement, Nationwide Children's Hospital will provide a lecturer and will facilitate internship opportunities at Nationwide Children's Hospital for PA students.

ODU's PA program is another example of the University's commitment to preparing students for careers that serve the needs of the community. And these needs are critical. The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) predicts that unless action is taken at the federal level to expand the number of residency training positions, the United States could experience a shortage of 62,900 physicians by 2015 and more than 130,000 by 2025.

"The demand for primary care practitioners has always been high," said PA Program Director David Paulk, Ed.D., PA-C. "The physician assistant profession was created in 1965 at Duke University in part to help increase access to quality primary care practitioners. The recent health care act underscores that almost 50 years later, we still face many of the same difficulties. This is one of the reasons that physician assistants are in such demand and so important to alleviate this problem."

“The health and science programs are in keeping with Ohio Dominican's mission of service to the community and we are continually looking for additional opportunities to increase our presence and impact in health and sciences,”
President Peter Cimolic

The United States Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts an estimated 39-percent increase in job opportunities for physician assistants in the United States between 2008 and 2018, and a 35-percent increase in the state of Ohio.



From left: Rev. Richard K. Gross, S.J., director of Campus Ministry; Sister Matthias "Mattie" Sterner, O.P., director of the Center for Dominican Studies; Tom Mueller, Board of Trustees chairman; President Peter Cimolic, Ph.D.; Chad Rizer, PA Studies student; Dr. Michael Weinstock, PA Studies program medical director; David Paulk, Ed.D., PA-C, PA Studies program director; Bishop Frederick F. Campbell, D.D., Ph.D.

New Faculty on Campus

Ohio Dominican University welcomes the following new faculty members.

Dr. Michael L. Fagge

Assistant Professor of Theology, earned his Ph.D. at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Penn. His classes include several courses in Systematic Theology.

Erin Fenzel

MSPAS, PA-C, Assistant Clinical Professor and Clinical Coordinator with the Physician Assistant (PA) Studies program, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology from the University of Mississippi in University, Miss. and a Master of Science degree in Biomedical Science – Physician Assistant Studies from the former Medical College of Ohio in Toledo. Fenzel teaches clinical medicine and physical diagnosis courses. She is also the coordinator for the clinical phase of the PA program.

Dr. Finley Freibert

Assistant Professor of Mathematics, earned his Ph.D. in Applied and Industrial Mathematics from the University of Louisville and his Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind. Dr. Freibert teaches Abstract Algebra, Linear Algebra, Discrete Mathematics, Statistics, and general education mathematics courses. His areas of scholarship include coding theory, discrete and applied mathematics.

Dr. Chenelle A. Jones

Assistant Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, earned her Ph.D. in Administration of Justice from Texas Southern University in Houston. Jones teaches Juvenile Delinquency; Women, Crime, and Criminal Justice; Punishment, Sentencing, and the Death Penalty; Race and Ethnicity in Criminal Justice; and Police and Modern Society.

Dr. Blake Mathys

Assistant Professor of Environmental Science, Division of Mathematics, Computer and Natural Sciences, earned his Ph.D. from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J. Dr. Mathys will teach General Biology: Botany, Zoology and Environmental Science; Ecology; Introduction to Environmental Science; and other Environmental courses.

Dr. W. Brad Nelson

Assistant Professor of Anatomy & Physiology, earned his Ph.D. at the University of Florida in Gainesville. He completed both his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Physical Education and Exercise Physiology at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. He has 14 publications in peer-reviewed journals and 20 published abstracts. Dr. Nelson teaches General Biology – Anatomy and Physiology; Human Anatomy; Human Physiology; Exercise Physiology; Exercise Testing and Prescription; Pathophysiology; Pharmacology; Motor Development; and Biomechanics.

Dr. Nicole Damico Powell

Assistant Clinical Professor with the PA Studies program, earned her Ph.D. in Molecular Virology, Immunology and Medical Genetics, from The Ohio State University. She holds a master's degree in Biology from Youngstown State and a bachelor's degree in Biology from John Carroll University in University Heights, Ohio. Dr. Powell collects data and analysis for the PA program, acts as a liaison to the undergraduate pre-PA students, and teaches Pathophysiology, Microbiology and Immunology, Medical Genetics, sections of Pharmacology, and coordinates other basic science courses. She also assists students interested in research.

Shonna Riedlinger

M.S. P.A.S., is the Assistant Clinical Professor and the Academic Coordinator with the PA program. She holds a bachelor's degree in dietetics from Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio, and a Master of Science in PA Studies from Midwestern University in Glendale, Ariz. Riedlinger teaches clinical medicine, physical diagnosis and nutrition courses. She also is the academic coordinator for the didactic phase of the program, including didactic clinical curriculum development and supervision of all the practitioners/specialists who will teach in the program.

Dr. Kelsey Squire

Assistant Professor of English, earned her Ph.D. from Marquette University in Milwaukee. She teaches several sections of Composition, Introduction to Literature and Survey of American Literature.

Three Alumni Join Board of Trustees

Ohio Dominican University's three new Board of Trustees members are engaged alumni and active community members. John F. Kelley, III; Patrick McCurdy, Jr.; and Jonathan E. Michael were appointed during the Board of Trustees' May 2012, meeting and officially began their term in September 2012.

In addition, the University has appointed new faculty and student non-voting members. Dr. Anna Parkman and junior Bethany Molnar will serve one-year terms.

“We're grateful for their continued dedication to Ohio Dominican University. All of our Board of Trustees members contribute a wealth of knowledge and experience that help advance the University's mission.”
President Peter Cimboric

John F. Kelley, III '05

Is a graduate of Ohio Dominican's LEAD MBA program and president of the ODU Alumni Council. Kelley also is executive vice president of White Castle, the nation's first fast-food hamburger chain, founded in 1921, and a family run-company headquartered in Columbus. He has served on committees at LifeCare Alliance and the Heart Association, and is active with Adventures for Wish Kids. In addition, Kelley is president of the Council of Hotel and Restaurant Trainers.

Patrick McCurdy, Jr. '75

Received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Ohio Dominican. His wife, Cheryl, is an alumna with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication. McCurdy is president and chief executive officer of Kimball Midwest Company, a family-owned firm based in Columbus. He serves on the Board of The Mount Carmel Foundation, participates in programs at The Conway Family Business Center, and is active in the diocesan community.

Bethany Molnar '14

Is a junior Chemistry major with a 3.89 GPA. Molnar has assisted Dr. Lewis Hogarth with a research project and has worked as a science tutor. She served as secretary of ODU's Student Senate. She also has been involved in women's cross country, women's track and field, EPIC, More than Monopoly, Student Athlete Advisory Committee and the St. Albert's Society. Molnar volunteers her time for coaching and at local hospitals.

Jonathan E. Michael '77

Is the chairman and chief executive officer of RLI Corporation and its subsidiaries, headquartered in Peoria, Ill., where Michael resides. Michael graduated from Ohio Dominican in 1977 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration, Accounting and Economics. He is active on the Board of the Easter Seals Foundation, Illinois Neurological Institute, OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, and Peoria's CEO Roundtable.

Anna W. Parkman, Ph.D.

Is the director of the Graduate Business Programs and a tenured associate professor of Management & Organizational Behavior. She received a bachelor's degree in Psychology and Social Work from Cedar Crest College, an MBA from the University of Charleston, and a Ph.D. in Organization and Management from Capella University. Dr. Parkman's research interests include leadership, generational conflict, the imposter phenomenon and social responsibility in the business unit.



Students, Faculty Launch Anti-Bullying Campaign

Students and faculty in Ohio Dominican University's Education Division are working to raise awareness of the emotional and physical dangers of bullying. Dr. Kevin Cordi, Assistant Professor, and Kimberly Masturzo, Adjunct Professor, are leading the project.

"This project began after I read the young adult nonfiction book, 'Dear Bully,' and met *The New York Times* best-selling author Carrie Jones," Cordi explained. "Despite her successes, she was bullied by a teacher. I could not let this go. We sought out ways we could use this book in our courses. What started as an assignment grew to immense impact with not only our students, but us. The classes soon began to seriously discuss the deep implication of bullying in our own lives. We intended to raise awareness of the subject, but instead realized the need to create action with awareness."

Last year, more than 60 students produced approximately two dozen videos that shed light on the negative consequences of bullying. The 50 Education majors participating in this year's project are in ODU's Teaching Reading through Literature for Children and Young Adults course. They are producing videos, writing stories and creating posters to spread the anti-bullying message. In many instances, students are sharing personal accounts of their victimization. To further share these stories, ODU students and faculty are designing a website on which to post anti-bullying materials, ourstoriescount.com.

Ohio Dominican University Named Military-Friendly School

For the third consecutive year, Ohio Dominican University has been named a Military-Friendly School by Victory Media. The 2013 Military-Friendly Schools list honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America's military members, veterans, and spouses as students, and to ensure their success on campus.

"Inclusion on the 2013 list of Military-Friendly Schools shows Ohio Dominican University's commitment to providing a supportive environment for military students," said Sean Collins, Director for G.I. Jobs and Vice President at Victory Media. "As interest in education grows, we're thrilled to provide the military community with transparent, world-class resources to assist in their search for schools."

The Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act enables those veterans who qualify for the educational benefit to earn a college degree. Depending on the number of active-duty months they have served, Post-9/11 veterans in Ohio may qualify for as much as 100 percent of their university expenses, with allowances for monthly living expenses, books, and student activity fees. Veterans may receive up to 36 months of assistance (or four academic years).

For more information on ODU's Patriots Program, visit odupatriots.com.



Panthers Retire Sanchez's No. 24 Jersey

Former Ohio Dominican University baseball standout Jonathan Sanchez returned to campus Oct. 6, 2012, for a ceremony to retire his jersey, No. 24. The event occurred in front of an overflow crowd of nearly 2,000 fans during halftime of the Panther football game against the Ashland University Eagles.

Sanchez pitched at ODU from 2001 to 2004 and is now a member of the Colorado Rockies Major League Baseball team. As a pitcher with the 2010 San Francisco Giants, Sanchez helped lead his team to the World Series Championship. In 2009, he pitched a no-hitter against the San Diego Padres.

Sanchez participated in the day-long event, which started with ODU's baseball alumni game. To view photos and watch a video of the festivities, please visit ohiodominicanpanthers.com and select Sports, then Baseball.

Pictured above, from left, Jonathan Sanchez, former ODU baseball player; Elia Diaz, Athletic Department Administrative Assistant; Jeff Blair, Athletic Director; and Paul Page, Baseball Head Coach.

Scholar Athletes

Ohio Dominican University's student-athletes continue to achieve success in the classroom as well as on the field. To date this academic year, the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) has recognized nine ODU student-athletes as Players of the Week, a school record since Ohio Dominican joined the conference.

Additionally, ODU's 2011 fall and winter, and 2012 spring student-athletes combined for a total of 115 academic recognitions among the GLIAC Academic Awards. All-Academic Excellence is presented to students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or above. All-Academic Winner is awarded to student-athletes with a 3.0 to 3.49 cumulative GPA.

