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a Message from the President



Dr. Mark A. Smith, President

Where is God calling Ohio Christian University for the next 5 years?

DR. MARK A. SMITH, PRESIDENT

Recently the Board of Trustees allowed me a time for recreation, rest, and rejuvenation. During that month, I was greatly impacted by the book of Joshua and began to think about the vision of OCU for the next five years. As I studied, God gave me this verse as a promise:

“The land on which your feet have walked will be your inheritance and that of your children forever, because you have followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly” (Joshua 14:9, NIV).

While on the trip I also read *The Circle Maker* and was challenged to pray for a larger circle of influence. At the conclusion of that planning process, I met with the OCU Administrative team to develop vision.

As we planned, our prayer was for God to guide us in vision and planning. We sense that we are called to educate men and women of integrity to live, share, preach, and teach biblical truth in a generation that needs to see the love of Christ. In essence, we desire to create an Ohio Christian University education that prepares this generation for societal impact through biblical truth and service.

Over the next few months we will seek to answer these questions from our constituents and community:

1. What are the ministry opportunities for OCU?
2. What new academic programs should be proposed?
3. In what ways can OCU gain cost efficiencies?
4. What are new ideas to accomplish enrollment growth?
5. What are three ways that OCU can be promoted to the broader community?
6. With whom should OCU connect and why?
7. Who would you recommend to work at OCU? Why?

We know there are more questions, and we have many ideas about new programs and direction, but we want your ideas. What are your answers to the questions? What are your questions?

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Guiding Principles for Ohio Christian University

As we enter this time, we understand that there are principles which must guide our vision. We agree that these five principles will guide a consensus goal of 20 or 25% annual growth if we are effectively serving the church and our community.

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We look forward to a creative time with you. We are interested in your thoughts, but remember that we all think about 60,000 thoughts a day and for most people 40,000 are negative. It is only the people and organizations who switch to more positive thought processes who impact the world. Are you ready to think? Share your ideas and answers by email to vision@ohiochristian.edu.

President Smith

Dr. Mark A. Smith, President



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Our commitment to a founding principle of preparing students to effectively enrich community is evidenced by an overall growth from 370 to 3,800 students over the last seven years. This tremendous growth has led to a current estimated \$75 million in annual economic impact to our local community and continues to rise with Ohio Christian University's expansion.

With increasing enrollment, a changing educational landscape

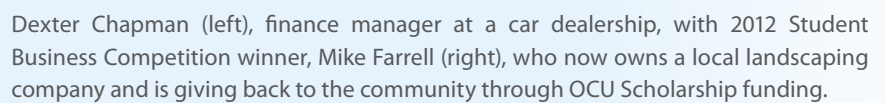
demands that the OCU team diligently seek wisdom and guidance as we embrace the challenges and opportunities associated with pursuing the OCU mission.

OCU seeks to continue a growth trajectory while training thousands more difference-makers to serve our community effectively. The ***Campaign for Community*** will provide the facilities needed to support the programs being demanded to advance our community.

The opportunity for OCU to increase its positive impact in the community, through *3 vital initiatives*, has never been more clear:

\$6.1 MILLION

In addition, a new performing arts center will enable Ohio Christian University to reinforce local traditions, such as the annual *Festival of Carols*, while adding jobs to the community by hosting diverse cultural, musical, theatrical and educational experiences.



COMMUNITY

Business Innovation Center

\$4.9 MILLION

The Business Innovation Center will accelerate the growth and success of entrepreneurs in our community through an array of small business support resources and services that will include physical space, coaching, common services, and networking connections. It will create new jobs and train a productive workforce while attracting and retaining graduates to the region.

From community service projects to creating internship opportunities, the center will create jobs and foster economic development by supporting students with an entrepreneurial climate and producing a skilled workforce in our community.

Community Scholarship Fund

\$5 MILLION

A scholarship fund will provide vital financial assistance to students of our community in the face of increasing traditional funding cuts, inflationary pressures, and personal financial need. It will also secure organizational viability during difficult times.

We will pursue the vision to enhance our services, create opportunities, and grow our community.

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recent news

70%

The number of traditional OCU students who responded in an annual survey that the proclamation of the Gospel in chapel has brought them closer to God while at OCU.



OCU Opens New Welcome Center

The Traditional Admissions Office has found a new home in the Conley Ministry Center addition which previously housed the cafeteria and Blaze Café.

The former cafeteria has been carpeted and remodeled to serve as office space, while the former café has been redesigned as a reception and waiting area with meeting space. The central location and inviting, friendly atmosphere make the new Admissions Office an ideal space for hosting prospective students and their guests during campus visits.



Professor Sean Lovell presents OCU's new disaster response vehicle.





Dr. Joe Brown

OCU Professor Leads Prestigious Accrediting Committee

Dr. Joe Brown has been appointed to lead a review committee for the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE). The ABHE is an association that accredits ministry preparation programs in North America. Brown was the

OCU Vice President for Academic Affairs for 12 years before stepping into a part-time teaching position last fall. In addition to teaching undergraduate and graduate classes, Brown leads OCU's Master of Arts in Ministry program.

Brown said of the appointment, "I am excited about the challenge and humbled by the responsibility." OCU Provost Hank Kelly commented, "Dr. Brown has contributed so much to Ohio Christian University and served as a successful academic administrator and accreditation peer evaluator for many years. He was a logical choice to lead this committee." Kelly added, "We are very proud of Dr. Brown representing Ohio Christian University so well."

As the mom of a high school senior, I have 'liked' several college Facebook pages to get to know the schools. This is the FIRST time I've seen a school post a request for prayers for the students' first day! LOVE it! Thank you!

MELISSA WESTCOTT, via Facebook

Sean Lovell, OCU's new Director of Disaster Relief and Management, presents OCU's new disaster response vehicle sponsored by Dr. Lyle and Nellie Reed. This sixteen-foot vehicle allows OCU students and community members to respond and serve during times of emergency. The vehicle is equipped to augment a standing response team or act in a relatively autonomous fashion.



Shannon Smith, Three Bridges Lead Singer, OCU Alumnus

Nothing spells success like never quitting. Three Bridges lead singer, Shannon Smith, has done what many adults dream of — he went back to school, and he finished! Smith earned OCU's Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies with concentrations in Music and Leadership.

Three Bridges' baritone and manager, Elliot McCoy said "We are very proud of what Shannon has achieved. I know it wasn't easy for him, because we watched him put in long hours studying on the bus, and still be prepared to hit the stage running night after night."

Smith, who attended college before starting his family said, "I never found the time or opportunity to finish my degree. A couple of years ago, I saw an opportunity to finish my degree at OCU through their online program, and I knew it was God's time. It only took me 29 years to get my degree but at least I'm finished before my kids!"

Congratulations, Shannon!



OCU Receives Music Grant

The Miriam Ruggles Adkins Foundation of Pickaway County has awarded OCU a grant in order to support the concert activities of the university. Over the past six years, the OCU Music Department has actively endeavored to contribute to the musical culture of Pickaway County by hosting free concerts with musical artists from around the state and the nation. “We are so excited and grateful that the

Miriam Ruggles Adkins Foundation is supporting the effort to bring great music and musicians to our campus and community,” said OCU Music Department Chair, Dr. John Anthony. Concerts sponsored jointly by the Miriam Ruggles Adkins Foundation and OCU Music Department are open to the public and free of charge. For information visit www.ohiochristian.edu/music, or call 740-420-5905.

The choir from Ohio Christian University was OUTSTANDING! What a blessing we received from having their ministry and music at our church on Easter. So many hearts were touched. Shepherd of the Valley United Brethren Church was certainly blessed. Thank you!

RANDY E GREENE, via Facebook

“This conference not only boosted my self-confidence, but allowed me to truly embrace my future career field in ways that the classroom cannot allow.”

SARAH RYKWALDER



Sarah Rykwalter, OCU Senior



Lennon Mueller, OCU Senior

Two OCU students presented their original research at the 25th Annual Undergraduate Research Conference at Butler University. The event was attended by hundreds of young researchers from dozens of Colleges and Universities from the Mid-West. The conference was an opportunity for students to share their research with researchers and peers from a wide variety of institutions. Researcher Lennon Mueller, a Senior at OCU found the experience rewarding. He stated, “As an application of my education and training I enjoyed presenting my work beside that of other universities and I was proud of how well OCU was represented.” The students conducted their research under the mentorship of Dr. Matthew Decker, Assistant Professor of Psychology.



FAITH & LIBERTY

Talk show goes national!

DR. DAVE GARRISON, Chair of the Business & Government Department

Dr. Dave Garrison began the *Faith & Liberty Talk Show* in January 2013. To Garrison's surprise, the show received such popularity that it has now become a national talk show attracting some of the nation's foremost experts. The overwhelming response to the show prompted OCU to build a retro-looking soundproof radio broadcast studio, complete with an "On the Air" light, viewing window, and up-to-date equipment donated by an OCU supporter.

The show has featured renowned authorities including astrophysicist Dr. Jason Lisle, U.S. Congressmen Jim Jordon and Steve Stivers (R-OH), Fox News political contributors Kate Obenshain and Star Parker, Christian apologist Josh McDowell, and well-known ministers Max Lucado and Dr. Stan Toler.

The purpose of the *Faith & Liberty Talk Show* is to educate, discuss, and debate issues related to Christians engaging in the areas of faith and politics, economics, business, apologetics, history, education, medicine, and more. Many listeners have said, "The *Faith & Liberty Talk Show* picks up where Fox News leaves off!"

Jenna Wood, OCU graduate and producer of the show, commented, "We have no trouble obtaining just about any national guest we want for the show. Those who have appeared on the show tell us how pleased they are with the format and the opportunity to speak to thousands of listeners each week."

All the podcasts are archived and available to listeners free of charge; however, continuation of the show depends on the generosity of listeners and OCU supporters. Please donate by going to the *Faith & Liberty Talk Show* website and clicking on the "Give Online" button.

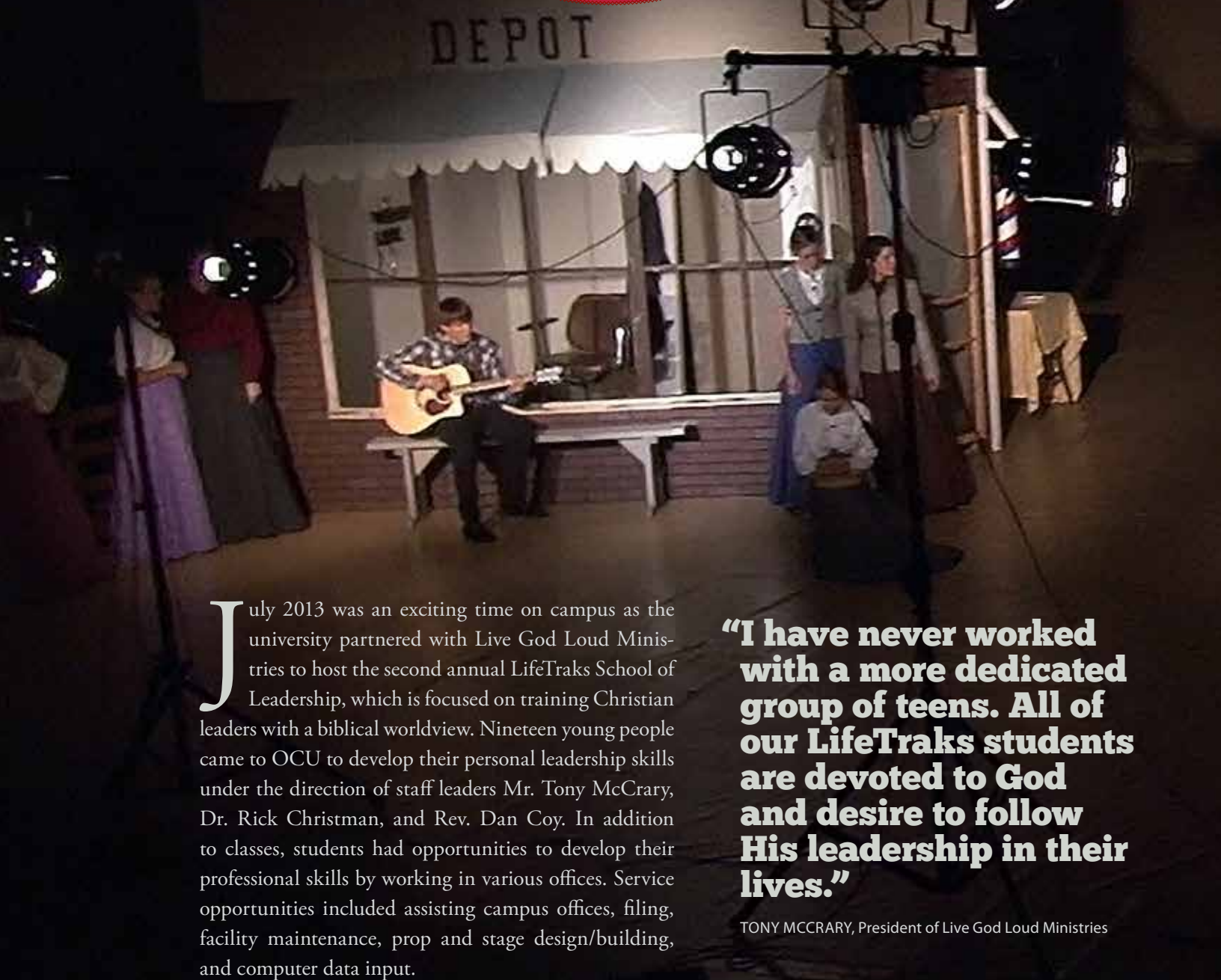
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U.S. Senator Rob Portman (R-Ohio), met with students from Ohio Christian University at his weekly constituent coffee in Washington, D.C. Portman discussed internship opportunities in his Washington, D.C. and Ohio offices.





OCU & LIFE TRAKS STUDENT LEADERSHIP



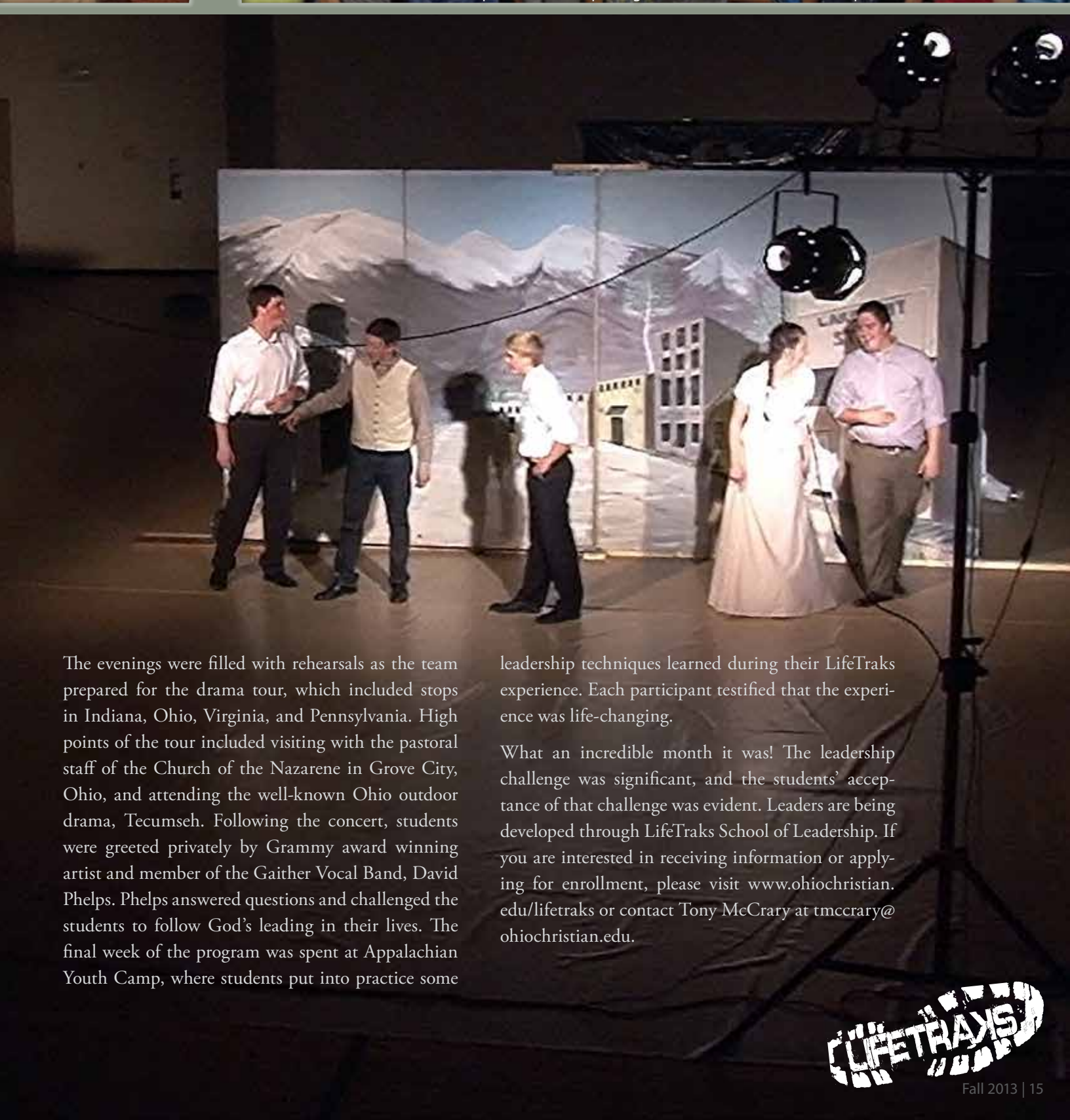
July 2013 was an exciting time on campus as the university partnered with Live God Loud Ministries to host the second annual LifeTraks School of Leadership, which is focused on training Christian leaders with a biblical worldview. Nineteen young people came to OCU to develop their personal leadership skills under the direction of staff leaders Mr. Tony McCrary, Dr. Rick Christman, and Rev. Dan Coy. In addition to classes, students had opportunities to develop their professional skills by working in various offices. Service opportunities included assisting campus offices, filing, facility maintenance, prop and stage design/building, and computer data input.

"I have never worked with a more dedicated group of teens. All of our LifeTraks students are devoted to God and desire to follow His leadership in their lives."

TONY MCCRARY, President of Live God Loud Ministries



Leadership students were privileged to be trained with David Phelps!



The evenings were filled with rehearsals as the team prepared for the drama tour, which included stops in Indiana, Ohio, Virginia, and Pennsylvania. High points of the tour included visiting with the pastoral staff of the Church of the Nazarene in Grove City, Ohio, and attending the well-known Ohio outdoor drama, Tecumseh. Following the concert, students were greeted privately by Grammy award winning artist and member of the Gaither Vocal Band, David Phelps. Phelps answered questions and challenged the students to follow God's leading in their lives. The final week of the program was spent at Appalachian Youth Camp, where students put into practice some

leadership techniques learned during their LifeTraks experience. Each participant testified that the experience was life-changing.

What an incredible month it was! The leadership challenge was significant, and the students' acceptance of that challenge was evident. Leaders are being developed through LifeTraks School of Leadership. If you are interested in receiving information or applying for enrollment, please visit www.ohiochristian.edu/lifetraks or contact Tony McCrary at tmccrary@ohiochristian.edu.



Serving the community through gardening.

Hands on!

Ohio Christian University continued its Community Garden project this summer. The university received a grant of \$60,000 last year from the Arington Foundation. Dr. Rick Christman has provided oversight for the project this year and pushed through some big obstacles. The rain has been great, but has also made upkeep more difficult. Four employees maintained the garden by weeding, watering, harvesting, and marketing and selling the produce. This year's garden included a wide range of crops including tomatoes, corn, a variety of peppers, squash, zucchini, and melons. More than 5,000 pounds of produce were donated to local food banks to help the community. The project serves a vital role on campus and is a great teaching tool for all involved. The overall goal of the project is to teach the students the value of gardening. In a fast-food world, it is nice to bring students back to the basics and teach them what real vegetables and hard work look like. It is essential to the growth of Ohio Christian University. We are giving back to the community and training students to be servant leaders.







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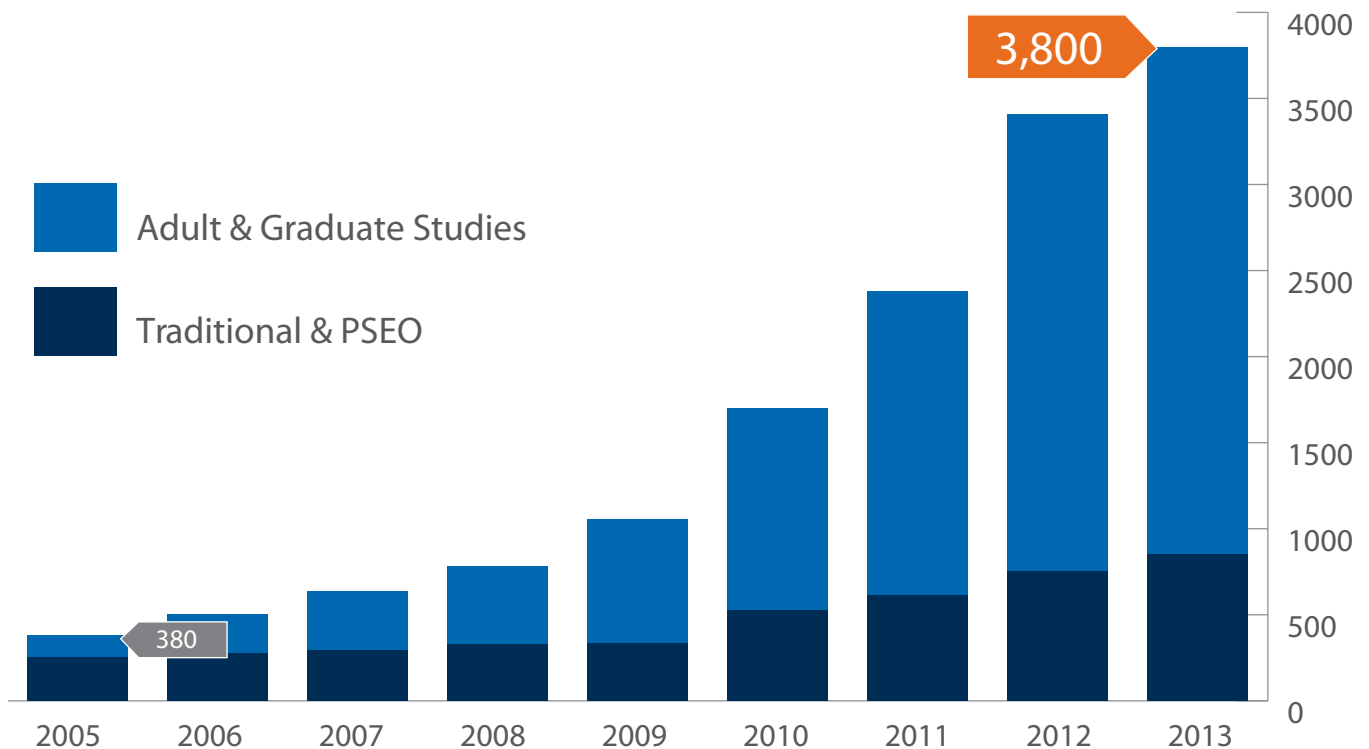
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Record Enrollment!

380 to 3,800 since 2005



Ohio Christian University has once again broken its previous enrollment record, topping more than 3,800 students. Enrollment has grown by about 19 percent, according to Dr. Hank Kelly, OCU Provost. That number includes more than 850 students on campus and more than 2,900 in the College of Adult & Graduate Studies.

Kelly credits the increase in residential enrollment to campus enhancements. “Our student center just opened last November, and the campus now has a ‘wow factor’ that it didn’t have before,” Kelly said. The university’s Welcome Center was converted to a residence hall to provide housing for additional students. The continued growth has prompted OCU to plan campus additions such as a Performing Arts Center, to alleviate the need for multiple chapel services.

The College of Adult and Graduate Studies continues to attract adult students seeking to complete their education. New programs, such as the Bachelor of Arts in Disaster Management and Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN) have been added to prepare students for in-demand careers. In addition to new programs, the College of Adult and Graduate Studies continues to offer its degree completion program in new geographic regions and online.

OCU

Georgia

Ohio Christian University Opens Atlanta-Morrow Location!

★
DR. SHAWN THOMAS
Director of Enrollment &
Operations, OCU Georgia



Providing more opportunities for Christian education in the greater Atlanta area is the reason Dr. Malon Mimms gifted the building at 1550 Southlake Parkway in Morrow, GA, pictured below, to Ohio Christian University. This fall that vision becomes reality as the university begins offering undergraduate and graduate degree programs in Morrow.

OCU is also pleased to announce the hire of Dr. Shawn Thomas as Director of Enrollment and Operations and Ms. Latonya Holmes as Corporate Developer and Recruiter.

Ms. Holmes has an extensive background in recruitment and will work to build strong relationships with organizations and students. Dr. Thomas served most recently as a Vice President for SunTrust Bank and will manage all matters of enrollment and operations for OCU throughout Georgia.

During the past year, the Southlake Parkway building has been remodeled to include large classrooms, a spacious lobby, and offices. The Community Bible Church of Stockbridge currently partners with OCU and has planted a satellite church in the facility. Additionally, plans are underway for partnerships at the facility with EQUIP ministries and The Computer Workshop.

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OCU Starts Classes in Hillsboro and Washington Court House, Ohio

This fall, Ohio Christian University started two new cohorts of students at the Southern State Community College locations in Washington Court House and Hillsboro, Ohio. OCU signed a partnership and articulation agreement with SSCC in 2009, and classes began that next year. Students completing an associate degree at Southern State can continue on in a bachelor's degree program with Ohio Christian University. This marks the first time ever for OCU to hold classes at the SSCC main campus in Hillsboro and continues the partnership with classes meeting at the Washington Court House location of SSCC.

Dr. Karen Davis, Dean of Instructional Operations for Southern State Community College stated, "I am excited about Ohio Christian University's new bachelor degrees in business and psychology at our Central Campus in Hillsboro. SSCC looks forward to expanding offerings with OCU and providing more opportunities for residents of our five-county service area."

"OCU deeply appreciates the partnership of SSCC and its leadership," said Dr. Tim Eades, OCU Assistant Provost and Vice President.

"Our passion is to provide working adults, regardless of age, a convenient and affordable pathway to finish their degrees and improve their lives and careers."



DR. TIM EADES
Assistant Provost and Vice
President for Non-Traditional
Education and Development

learn more

For more information about attending an OCU program at SSCC, call Angel Souther at 740-497-6705 or send email to asouther@ohiochristian.edu.



GREAT BEGINNINGS

The fall semester for students in the traditional program is off to a great start. Campus was filled with excitement and anticipation as parents and students were welcomed into the OCU community. In addition to orientation and move-in days, a great move of the Spirit was experienced as students were called to focus their hearts and minds on Christ and his plan for their lives.



A candlelight vigil was organized by the Student Government Association to set the tone for the new school year. Students were challenged to pursue God and focus on activities having an eternal impact.



OCU hosted the African Children's Choir during the first week of classes. The group, made up of children who have lost one or both parents, travels internationally to share the Gospel. www.africanchildrenschoir.com



God led our son to Ohio Christian this year. The staff has offered him many opportunities that no other college can match. This prayer request [for the students' first day of class] is yet another confirmation that it was the right decision.

JACKIE CURTIS, via Facebook

Ohio Christian is pleased to welcome its largest international student body ever. Countries represented include Peru, Colombia, Honduras, Bulgaria, Nigeria, The Bahamas, Barbados, and Bermuda.





Biblical Marriage *is* Beautiful

BY DR. MARK A. SMITH, OCU PRESIDENT

I stand for traditional marriage (one man-one woman for life). I love marriage with my beautiful wife of 27 years and my two adopted sons who come from diverse settings. What a privilege to enjoy this God-designed institution. The traditional family unit has made America great and brings so much peace to life. As the Supreme Court debated the merits of same sex marriage, many of our elected officials on both sides of the aisle rendered comments in support of or opposition to same sex marriage, sending news-breaking statements across the nation as both political pundits and peasant commoners discussed the implications. While I use caution when remarking about the actions of others, I have and always will support biblical foundational principles. This article is not about a person. It is about family-centered biblical principles.


Current society finds many citizens deciding critical issues based on polls or humanistic thinking which views humans as the decision makers or as “gods” of their own lives. I, in turn, take a biblical view of worshipping the Lord God, and this shapes my particular beliefs or value system. For many years, the biblical view has been the foundational tenet of America and is connected to why I believe we have been so blessed as a nation. Psalms 33:12 reminds us, “Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance” (NIV). America’s embrace of a monotheistic

view of God has been essential in structuring the moral fabric of society for over two hundred years. Today, not only has this view of God been attacked and discredited, but self has been elevated to “god” as the great moral authority. Because of this self-centered reasoning about God, now viewpoints on truth and especially biblical truth are changing with regard to issues like marriage. After all, humanity knows better—humanity is “god.” But the question before us is “should we build a culture around polls and our own humanistic thinking?”


America has been great because of its reliance on a Supreme God, its honoring of biblical principles that support right living, and because of God’s blessing. We may choose to deny biblical truth but must acknowledge certain principles for daily living have been established for our own protection, and marriage is created for this purpose. Here are some truths from scripture:

- ❑ Male and female are God’s creation for purposes of his glory.
- ❑ Marriage is ordained of God to protect our lives, give peace, and multiply the earth.
- ❑ God forbids sexual sins of all types.
- ❑ The family is the societal fabric upon which cultures are built.

From a biblical perspective, it is evident God ordained a beautiful life for all to enjoy. Through sin, that perfect life was destroyed and replaced by chaos.



I believe in God's original design for marriage, and I call for America to embrace the beauty of the family.



The only way to have a restored life is to experience the forgiving grace of our loving Savior and allow the Holy Spirit to cleanse the heart of sin.

Additionally, the American culture of success has been built around a traditional family society. The destruction of many civilizations has followed the corruption of the family unit through sexual sins and inappropriate relationships. From a sociological point of view, Pitirim Sorokin, Harvard founding sociologist, suggests that civilization is only possible when marriage is normative and mother and father accept responsibility for their offspring. Humankind, left to its own devices, is quite adept at destroying culture. Do we Americans understand that our society is doomed for disaster by embracing a culture that destroys the traditional family unit?

From another angle, the pure economics of a societal breakdown are staggering. As the meaning of the traditional family unit (one man, one woman, with children) disintegrates, so will social services need to be increased, costing millions to society. Multiple studies show how children need the established family unit, and that when it breaks down, there are negative consequences. Children become confused, requiring additional counseling services, healthcare services, and medications. Families struggle economically when a mother and father are not present to provide their roles of love and protection for the family unit. History reveals that the

impact is devastating to economic realities.

Scholars David Popenoe and Barbara Whitehead are on target when sharing, "Marriage is a fundamental social institution – the 'social glue' that reliably attaches fathers and mothers to their children. It contributes to the physical, emotional, and economic health of men, women, and children, and thus to the nation as a whole. It is also one of the most highly prized of all human relationships and a central life goal of most Americans."

I believe in God's original design for marriage, and I call for America to embrace the beauty of the family. Timothy Keener, in *The Meaning of Marriage*, said, "Marriage is glorious, but hard. It is a burning joy and strength, and yet it is also blood, sweat, and tears, humbling defeats, and exhausting victories ... there is no relationship between beings that is greater or more important than marriage." It is useless to be malicious toward those who oppose this viewpoint, but it is imperative to remain bold while refusing to bow to those who desire to destroy the intrinsic human beauty of biblical American culture.

I believe in the beauty of life created with intentionality, and firmly embrace God's love which reaches all humankind. I love every man and woman, and I am convinced life will be full of joy and peace when God, not self, is God. Again, I love marriage.

Fall Revival

OCU's Fall Revival featured special guest evangelist, Rev. Susie Shellenberger. Rev. Shellenberger created and edited *Brio*, a Focus on the Family publication, for 19 years. She also co-hosted a national weekly call-in radio show for teens called "Life on the Edge Live" that was produced by Focus on the Family for a number of years. Rev. Shellenberger has written over 40 books, as well as being the editor and namesake of the magazine *SUSIE*.

Rev. Shellenberger is an ordained minister in the Church of the Nazarene. Shellenberger has debated Dr. Ruth Westheimer on Fox News Channel and been featured as a teen expert on The Montel Williams Show. Additionally, she has taken more than 5,000 teens on mission trips around the world. Olivet Nazarene University named her "Woman of the Century" in 2000 and awarded her with its Lifetime Achievement Award in 2010.



"Hundreds of students flooded the altar responding to the call for a deeper walk with Christ."

This series of revival services has helped to set the spiritual tone for campus life here at OCU. Wednesday (9/11) morning's sermon was a clear message on holy living, focused on sanctifying grace in the believer's life.

Rev. Shellenberger was received so well by the student body that she was given an open invitation to return again next year.





Provost's Executive Assistant, Jodi Luke, Serves in Thailand

On August 19th, Spencer, my 17 year old son, and I started our journey to teach English in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Our first day started with church services and the real start of our adventure. The worship was beautiful and uplifting. The fellowship was loving and inclusive. This was a good start for our task.

Monday brought the beginning of teaching English to the Thai and Chinese people. God was evidently with us. Even though we didn't get to use the Bible material we had taken, we were still able to talk about God and explain why we have joy. One of the readers had been in a street gang in another country, yet all he wanted to do was talk about the Bible. Another of the readers had been a business owner and CEO in China. She wanted a better life for her son and moved to Thailand. She was full of questions about God and baptism and being a Christian. God provided us with opportunities to teach His love. Another thing He provided us with was Google Translate, which helped with the language barrier.

My favorite part of the trip was the weekly visits to Gethsemane Home, a children's home in the hills of Northern Thailand. These children aren't orphans. Their parents either couldn't take care of them, or didn't want to take care of them. These children were full of joy, even when they didn't understand the English we were trying to teach. These children, and their attitude, their unmistakable joy, moved me a great deal. God tells us to be like the little children, and they are who I want to be like when I grow up. God gave us just what we could handle and I can only hope that His light was evident. God is in everything and is everywhere all around us. We don't see it sometimes because our focus isn't on Him. His joy is something I will always remember from our trip.

In Memoriam



OCU Remembers Former President Rev. Richard G. Humble

Rev. Richard G. Humble, former CCCU General Superintendent and President of Ohio Christian University from 1953 to 1956, went to be with his Lord August 14, 2013. Rev. Humble was a local Circleville pastor and part-time teacher at what was then Mount of Praise Bible School. In 1953, he became the third president of the school.

During his tenure, the school name was changed to Circleville Bible College.

"Rev. Richard Humble was a great President for Circleville Bible College who immediately commanded respect. His love for holiness and careful living impacted many lives. He led several of the early building projects for Circleville Bible College and grew the enrollment to new highs. Even to the end he supported CBC with his finances and shared his love for me personally. Rev. Humble we will see you soon on the other side."

PRESIDENT MARK A. SMITH.

College Credit for High School



DR. SYLVIA MCDONALD,
Associate Professor of
Psychology

What does “PSEO” mean, and is it for me?

I always say that I have a unique perspective of Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) for high school students. Why? As a parent, I understand the nerves associated with sending my high school student to a college campus to take courses. However, I also understand the tremendous benefit of him getting college credit for free while still in high school. Frankly, it's a load off my mind to know that this will save me a large sum of money as college tuition continues to climb. My son is able to see what a college course looks like, what professors expect, and the work it will take to succeed in college. And, it doesn't cost me a dime. He started when he was a freshman and is currently on track to graduate with an Associate's Degree from OCU *before* graduating from high school.



I'm also a professor at OCU, teaching about 250 students each semester, most of whom are freshmen. I know each one by name. I know their academic gifts and struggles. I see them in the middle of the challenging transition between high school and college. It's a difficult time for many of them as they're experiencing freedom from their parents for the first time, establishing new relationships, leaving old familiarity, and being shocked by the change in academic expectations.

In contrast, I observe PSEO students easing into this academic transition with the invaluable benefit of still being at home. My PSEO students are usually my best students. Is it because they're more academically gifted? No. It's because they are still living at home and aren't taking the same heavy academic load as the average college freshman. They have their family support system and high school peers to keep their routines

Students

normal. Instead of experiencing many transitions at once, PSEO students are introduced to college academic expectations while other areas of their lives are stable. From my professional perspective, they have a much smoother transition than many first-year college students.

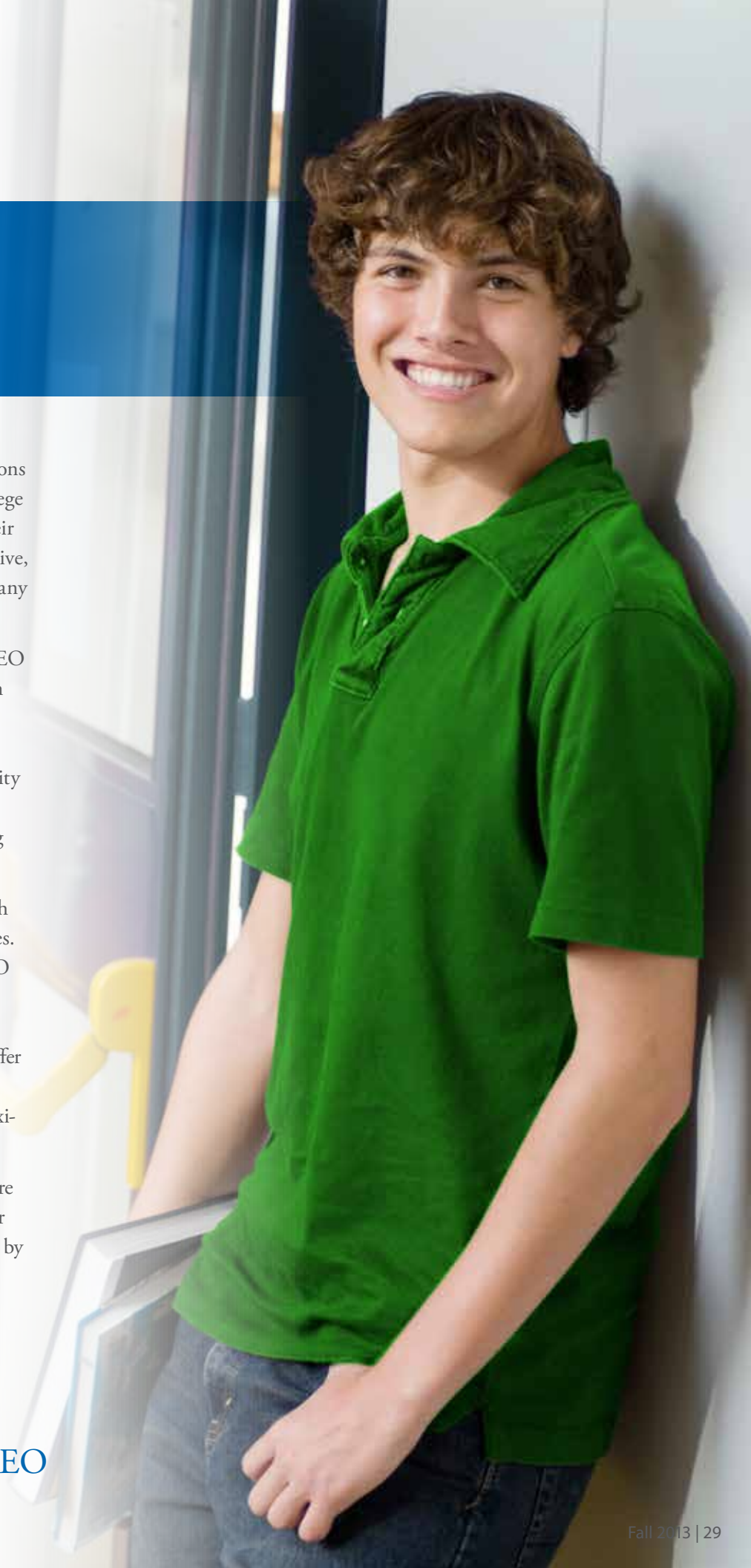
Finally, I have the perspective of being the PSEO Director at OCU. Enrollment has grown from fewer than 20 students in 2008 to more than 400 today. The impressive growth is the result of students sharing this tremendous opportunity with their friends. More students are realizing they qualify, and more parents are recognizing the enormous potential for savings.

Local high schools have begun partnering with OCU to offer PSEO courses on their campuses. Circleville, Amanda, and Teays Valley offer PSEO courses during their regular school day, enabling students to take college courses for college credit without ever leaving their own school. We also offer online courses allowing students to earn college credit from home, with the added benefit of a flexible schedule.

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Senator Sherrod Brown, Ohio

Senator Brown Promotes and Assists with Southern Gateway Economic Innovation Development Center

Originally published as an editorial in the Circleville Herald

Nearly two-thirds of new jobs are created at small businesses. But in today's tough economic climate, small businesses are struggling to get the resources they need to get off the ground.

Last week, the Circleville Herald reported on a promising effort that could help small businesses create jobs in Pickaway County ("Business Incubator Under Discussion in County," Jan. 26). The Herald covered a meeting held at Ohio Christian University (OCU) with community leaders and the Pickaway Progress Partnership (P3) to discuss a possible partnership with TechColumbus that would lead to the development of a business incubator at OCU.

We all know that small businesses are engines of economic growth - creating 64 percent of new jobs nationwide. I was proud to vote for the bipartisan Small Business Jobs Act, which has helped unfreeze the credit market for small businesses. But access to credit is only one of many hurdles that small businesses must overcome, and that's why business incubators are so important.

Business incubators equip entrepreneurs with the tools they need to excel. By sharing resources office space, and overhead costs, business incubators reduce the risk of small business failures. According to the Ohio-based National Business Incubator Association, 87 percent of all firms that have completed business incubator training are still in business.

Ohio is home to approximately 30 business incubators, which are helping to create new jobs and build new, regional industries. According to a 2008 independent report commissioned by the U.S. Department of

Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA), for every \$10,000 in EDA funds invested in business incubators, between 47 and 69 local jobs are created.

I've authored the Business Incubator Promotion Act, which would support and create business incubators in hard-hit regions of Ohio and the country. The bill would do two things. First, it would provide resources to help regions introduce new business incubators and expand existing ones. Such incubator support has already created hundreds of thousands of jobs by providing start-up companies with support services to help turn innovative ideas into viable businesses.

Second, the bill would help ensure that economically-distressed communities have access to federal resources through the EDA. By targeting resources to areas suffering from severe economic hardship and high unemployment rates, we could help create higher-skill, higher-wage jobs that put Ohio's products and services into the global marketplace.

If we want to promote an economy fueled by innovation, we must better connect our entrepreneurs with the resources they need to transform an idea in a lab into a product on the market. TechColumbus has a strong track record of innovation in central Ohio. By utilizing homegrown talent in Pickaway County, OCU, and P3, we can strengthen create jobs and build Ohio businesses.

Small businesses are critical to rejuvenating the job market in our state. Supporting small, locally-owned companies can help support Ohio communities - and help put people in Pickaway County back to work.



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Lewis & Anna Lee Brevard

Anna Brevard A Model of Faithful Giving

Two days after Anna Brevard passed from this life, the last check she sent to support the ministry of OCU arrived in the mailroom. It wasn't the amount of that check but rather the faithful years of Lewis and Anna Brevard's giving that so clearly spoke of lives characterized by stewardship. That check was the last of many that had been faithfully given to support the ministries they had felt directed to support throughout their lives. Lewis and Anna Brevard were not only faithful in giving of their treasure, but also of their time and talent.

A gifted guitarist and singer, Lewis always had a song on his heart from morning until night. He had an exemplary positive attitude that guided his approach to life. As much as he loved to perform, people loved to hear him in small churches and larger venues, including a performance at the Grand Ole Opry with noted guitarist Chet Atkins. Lewis served as the editor and publisher of the denominational magazine, *The Advocate*. His work was his passion and despite being recruited by other publishers, he remained faithful to the responsibility that he felt God had given him.

Anna gave faithfully of her time and talents in the Circleville Public School system. A consummate teacher in and out of the classroom, she found ways to sow into the lives of those around her by helping and affirming them. That positive spirit and godly influence has left an indelible mark in the lives of those she served so faithfully. As her husband was a gifted musician, Anna was gifted at communicating through poetry, and her poems continue to serve as a well of inspiration to those who read them.

Lewis and Anna Brevard understood faithfulness as a central component in stewarding their time, talents, and treasure. Their faithful giving demonstrates their belief that all good things come from above, and that while we cannot take treasure with us from this life, we can send it ahead by being faithful in the giving of our time, talents, and treasure.

Leave Your Legacy

To learn more about planned giving, call Mark Taylor,
Vice President for Advancement at 740-420-5918.

Stewardship

The Legacy Gift of Noel Martin

Noel Martin was a life-long friend of Ohio Christian University. Born September 23, 1928, in Lancaster, Ohio, Noel served in the United States Army during the Korean War where he received the Korean service medal with 4 bronze campaign stars. In addition to being a member of the local electrical union for more than 50 years, he was also a faithful member of Faith Memorial Church in Lancaster, Ohio. Noel passed away Tuesday, February 19, 2013, at the age of eighty-four.

Throughout the years Noel was a steady supporter of OCU, most often sending in small unsolicited gifts. A wise steward of the resources God had entrusted him, he carefully planned not only for the financial wellbeing of his wife and family, but also to leave a lasting legacy. He established a life insurance policy naming Ohio Christian University as its beneficiary. The proceeds from this gift have been used to establish the Noel Martin Ministry Scholarship that will be used to train worthy students to impact our world for Christ for years to come. Noel has not only left a wonderful legacy, but a wonderful example of stewardship.



Noel & Joanne Martin

Thinking about death is difficult. Therefore, people generally do not like to think or talk about life insurance. But life insurance can be a wonderful gift to leave for the people or causes that you care about. This gift takes planning, something that Noel must have considered carefully. The power of life insurance is that a small investment reaps a substantial benefit.

Have you thought about the legacy that you want to leave? Have you considered that a life insurance policy designating Ohio Christian University as your beneficiary might enable you to leave a significant gift? For more information, please contact Mark Taylor, Vice President for Advancement, at 740-420-5919, or send an email to mtaylor@ohiochristian.edu.

One of the most important and sophisticated roles of life insurance in gift planning is its potential use in replacing the value of an asset that has been given to charity. Simply put, after a donor makes a gift to a charitable organization, the tax savings are used by his or her children or an irrevocable trust to purchase and pay the premiums on a life insurance policy on the donor's life. Such an arrangement can ensure that the interests of the family beneficiaries will not be adversely affected.



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R.D. SAUNDERS, Southeast Director of Advancement

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ing convenience is a way to create additional space in lives filled to the brim. A rapidly growing segment of society has replaced the checkbook and stamp for a computer, tablet, or smart phone. E-commerce has paved the way for e-charity.

Initially concerns about security, privacy, or just inexperience with the device may have kept a lot of people from taking advantage of the convenience of online giving, but more and more people are realizing that e-charity is a safe and very convenient way to be generous.

Ohio Christian University is committed to serving our donors in making generosity secure, private, and very convenient. We encourage you to take advantage of OCU's on-line giving platform at www.ohiochristian.edu/give. If there is any other way we can enable your partnership with us to be more convenient, please let us know. Whether it comes through a check or a click of a button, our students are grateful for your generosity!



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Jan Shannon, Director of Career Services

Ohio Job Expert Hired to Help Secure Student Employment

BY REV. RICK CHRISTMAN, VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT SERVICES

Ohio Christian University is pleased to welcome Jan Shannon as the Director of Career Services. Jan is a lifelong resident of Pickaway County and a graduate of Teays Valley High School. In 2011, she earned a degree in Business Management from OCU.

As Director of Career Services, Jan will work with students to prepare them to enter the workforce. She will assist students with resume development, interview readiness, and job search skills to prepare them to meet with potential employers. In addition to working with students, Jan will connect employers to students seeking employment.

Jan enjoys serving her community and is extremely active in a number of committees and boards. She currently serves as Chair of the Pickaway County Chamber of Commerce Board and is extremely active with the Pickaway Competitive Network (PCN), on which she serves as a member of the steering committee and participates in the Leadership for Tomorrow Advisory Board. Jan also serves on the Muhlenberg Township zoning appeals board, coaches middle school basketball at Westfall Schools, and is a member of the Pickaway County Farm Bureau.

During her career, Jan has also served on the Pickaway County Juvenile Court Board, Pickaway HELPS (Higher Education Learning Partnership for Students) Board, and has been a member of the Westfall School Board.



Shirley Smith, Indiana Director of Enrollment

Shirley Smith Hired as Indiana Director of Enrollment

Shirley Smith oversees a team of corporate developers, senior enrollment counselors, and recruiters for the College of Adult and Graduate Studies. Smith earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Indiana Wesleyan University, a master's degree in U.S. History from University of Indianapolis, and is completing a Ph.D. in U.S. Business and Economic History at Purdue University. She is a lifetime Hoosier and native of Akron, Indiana.



Latonya Holmes, Corporate Developer and Recruiter

Ms. Latonya Holmes was hired as Corporate Developer and Recruiter for OCU's Morrow, Georgia, campus. Ms. Holmes has an extensive background in recruitment and will work to build strong relationships with organizations and students.

Scott Barr, Instructor of English Composition, served for 36 years as English Instructor and Department Chair at Teays Valley High School in Ashville, Ohio. He also taught the last five years in OCU's Adult and Graduate Studies program. He holds a Master of Arts in English from The Ohio State University.



Sean Lovell, Instructor of Criminal Justice and Disaster Management,

recently retired at the rank of major from the U.S. Air Force after serving for 27 years. For the last three years, he served as an instructor with The Ohio State University Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) detachment. Sean directs the Disaster Management & Relief program and new Criminal Justice program. He holds the Master of Arts in Criminal Justice from American Military University, WV.



New Vocal Faculty, Dr. Dione Bennett

The OCU Music Department welcomes Dr. Dione Bennett as its newest voice and choral faculty member. Dr. Bennett brings to her position a background in classical singing and gospel music, a deep commitment to Christ, and a love for vocal instruction.

Dr. Bennett's voice has been heard in operas, recitals, and oratorios both nationwide and internationally. She has performed Micaela in Bizet's *Carmen*, Bess in Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess*; Mimi in Puccini's *La Bohème*; and Suor Genevieve in Puccini's *Suor Angelica*, to name a few.

Dione has also appeared as a soloist in Handel's *Messiah*, Beethoven's *Mass in C*, Schubert's *Mass in G*, Dubois' *Seven Last Words of Christ*, and Mozart's *Vespers*. Dr. Bennett has been featured with such orchestras as the Warren Philharmonic, Akron Symphony, Metropolitan Chamber Orchestra, Columbus Symphony, Eastern Illinois Symphony, Opera Cleveland, and Opera Western Reserve.

Dr. Bennett is the Artistic Director of Opera Project Columbus. She holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Music from the University of Akron and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Ashland. Further study has taken her to the American Institute of Musical Studies in Graz, Austria.



2013 Faculty and Staff Awards

As part of its annual Faculty and Staff Convocation, OCU honored employees of the year. Pictured above (left to right): Faculty Member of the Year **Gerald Mershimer**, Assistant Professor of Bible; Staff Persons of the Year **Scott Boyer**, Onsite Training Coordinator, and **Jammie Wilhelm**, Onsite Outreach Coordinator; OCU Community Ambassador **Larry Olson**, Professor of Psychology and Counseling; and Administrator of the Year **Barbara Meister**, Library Director.

Faculty Earn Doctorates



DR. MATTHEW DECKER, Assistant Professor of Psychology for both the traditional programs and College of Adult and Graduate Studies, earned the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Clinical Psychology from Western Michigan University. His dissertation was *Using Acceptance and Commitment Therapy to Treat Chronic Headache Pain*. Decker grew up in Ghana and holds a Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology from Ball State University.



DR. ANDREW GRAHAM has been an online faculty member since the summer of 2012. Dr. Graham earned the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Professional Counseling from Liberty University, with his dissertation, *Conservative Holiness Pastors' Ability to Assess for Depression and Their Willingness to Refer to Mental Health Professionals*. Graham holds a Master of Arts in Counseling degree from Asbury Theological Seminary.



DR. JENNIFER CORNWELL has been an adjunct faculty member since February 2013. She earned a Juris Doctor from Florida Coastal School of Law, and she holds a Master of Science in Administrative Leadership in Adult and Continuing Education from the University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee. She is a certified mediator and has been educating adults for ten years.



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Men's Soccer Looks to Continue Dominance

The OCU Men's Soccer team looks to make a strong run for their fifth straight Regional Championship and NCCAA National Tournament appearance under Coach Josh Murton.

The Blazers will be led by All-Region sophomores Michael Duffy and Collin Hawke. Duffy was a 1st Team All-Region honoree in 2012, while Hawke took home 2nd Team All-Region honors. Jake Morrison also returns for his senior season as a Trailblazer.

New arrivals to the Trailblazer pitch are Casey Zupi, a first team All-State honoree in 2012; Oscar Castro, a talented defender from Honduras; and incoming freshman, Trevor Lewis to strengthen the midfield.

Women's Soccer Pursues First Regional Title

The OCU Women's Soccer squad is hungry for their first Mid-East Region Championship this fall after having been denied in the title game the past four years. Expectations are at an all-time high as Coach Murton works with a talented group of new and returning players.

Key players returning to the field this year are Kaitlyn Howard (JR), Bunny Zenner (JR), Katelyn Danner (SO), and Aubri Paugh (SO), who all took home All-Region honors in 2012 and will provide experience and leadership to the team. Several new faces will be filling key roles on this year's team. Freshman Lexi Paas, a speedster from Grove City, Ohio, and as goalkeeper Leandra Griffin will anchor the defensive effort for the Trailblazers.



For all the Trailblazer schedules visit
trailblazers.ohiochristian.edu



the 2013 fall season

Volleyball Set to Make Another Spectacular Run

Head Coach Dave Hopewell will look to build upon the 2012 “dream season,” in which the OCU Volleyball Team won their first Regional Championship, with a very strong 2013 recruiting class.

The incoming freshmen Sarah Hasel, Bre West, and Meghan Caldwell hope to make an impact in their first season on both offense and defense. Returning this year for their senior year are Danielle Wipert and Mary Ashbaucher. Sophomore Olivia Davis is back after recovering from a knee injury.

OCU will seek to repeat as Mid-East Region Champions this year and make a bigger splash at the NCCAA National Tournament.

Cross Country Team: Reloaded and Ready to Go

OCU’s Cross Country team and Coach Jim Diltz start the season with strong men’s and women’s squads. NCCAA All-American Brooke Gardner returns to lead the women’s team after a phenomenal 2012 season.

The Trailblazers opened their season at Ohio Wesleyan on September 7th, followed by invitationals at Cedarville University and Rio Grande. OCU will also compete in the 2013 All-Ohio Championships at Cedarville alongside NCAA Division I programs.

The team will then wind down their schedule at the Wilmington Fall Classic in October in what will be their final tune-up before the 2013 NCCAA National Championships on November 16th.



I got to congratulate Ohio Christian University President Dr. Mark A. Smith on the National Christian College Athletic Association championship win while he was in my DC Office today for a meeting. Congratulations to the men’s basketball team on this first-ever [national championship] win!

REP. STEVE STIVERS VIA FACEBOOK

the New OCU coaches

Matt Futch

Women's Basketball Head Coach



Matt Futch has been named the new head women's basketball coach at Ohio Christian University. Futch, a University of Akron graduate, was selected from a talented pool of candidates following an extensive search by the University. Futch comes to OCU after serving for

two years on the staff of the men's basketball program at the University of Akron under head coach Keith Dambrot. At Akron, he helped lead the Zips to two MAC Championships, a MAC Conference Tournament Title, and an NCAA Tournament Appearance in 2013.

"Coach Mandy Wray built a great program foundation here at OCU, of which we are very proud," says Dr Mark Smith, President of Ohio Christian University. "Coach Futch brings the expertise and understanding needed to continue OCU's great basketball tradition."

Matt has been actively involved with his local community and church. As co-founder of the Returning the Favor Foundation, he has been able to help people within the community find jobs, educational opportunities, health and fitness, and to create stronger families. He is an active member of Team J.A.M., which ministers the biblical message of Christ to athletes.

"I'm extremely happy to be a part of a University that holds the same morals and values that I do as a Christian," said Futch. "We also share a similar vision as far as excellence and having the desire to help young people succeed. I thank God for this great opportunity, and I am eager to get started."

Coach Futch has a clear vision of what he hopes to accomplish as head coach. "My goal is that our team will embrace the true meaning of what it means to be a Trailblazer and that extraordinary success will soon become ordinary." Coach Futch will make his coaching debut at home on Thursday, October 31st, as OCU hosts Ohio University-Lancaster at 5:30 PM as part of the annual Think Pink Classic.

Follow the Trailblazers on the new website!
trailblazers.ohiochristian.edu

Grant Reynolds

OCU Baseball Head Coach

OCU is pleased to announce Grant Reynolds as the Trailblazer Baseball head coach. Reynolds takes over the program with an impressive resume as a player, followed by successful coaching stints at Seven Hills High School, Wheaton College, and Davenport University.

Grant was drafted by the Oakland Athletics in the 9th round of the 2003 Major League Baseball draft and enjoyed a three-year career in the minor leagues from 2003 to 2005 before making the transition to coaching. Reynolds made a name for himself in 2001 as an NJCAA All-American pitcher at Wallace State Community College and finished his college career at Kennesaw State, where he broke many pitching records and was a two-time NCAA All-American.

"I am very thankful for the opportunity to lead OCU Baseball," states Reynolds. "I am excited to get on campus and get started."

Coach Reynolds takes over an OCU program that has reached the NCCAA World Series the past four consecutive seasons. The Blazers will set out to make it a fifth straight trip in the Spring of 2014.



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ALUMNI

Updates



Chris '12 and Johnna
(Sandlin) Farrell
July 12, 2013



Circleville Nazarene Church Youth Pastor and OCU
Alumnus Dave & Becky Gray, with Annie and Gavin.

"I feel like I'm on the front lines. It's very exciting to be in youth ministry because that's when kids are making faith decisions."

Alumnus Dave Gray Excels in Leading Local Youth

After serving 12 years as the Youth Pastor for the Circleville Nazarene Church, Dave Gray is often asked one question.

"People are always wondering when I'm going to step up and become a senior pastor. To me, I feel like I'm on the front lines," Gray said. "It's very exciting to be in youth ministry because that's when kids are making faith decisions."

When Gray first started at "The Naz," he was newly married to Becky, and there were 12 teens involved in the youth group. Both Gray's family and youth group has grown. He now has a daughter (7 years), son (18 months), and the youth group consists of 100.

The growth in numbers has been a blessing, but Gray is more concerned with seeing the teens find their identity in Christ. "Things began to really increase as teenagers began falling in love with Jesus! Their passion for Him was contagious," Gray said.

When Gray was a young adult, he struggled to find God's vision for his life. It was at an OCU chapel service when he really felt the call to serve the Lord and his people. He graduated in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in Christian Ministry. His advice for those going into his field is simple. "No ministry preparation program can compare to giving God a pure heart and loving others because of that," Gray said.

Going forward, Gray's not looking for worldly accomplishments or a fancy title. He simply wants to continue to bear good fruit. "I always try to compare myself to the tree that Zacchaeus climbed. I want to be able to lift kids up so they can see Christ."



Jason and Jessica
(Haney '05) Kerr
August 17, 2013



Andrew '13 and Megan
(Pummill) Hottinger
April 27, 2013



Jon '12 and Erica
(King) Baker
June 8, 2013



Nathan and Sara
(Hildreth '12) Logan
August 17, 2013

Newlyweds



Dr. Stan Toler ('73)



Dr. Dan Schafer ('79)

OCU Alumni Gather at Nazarene General Assembly

Dr. Stan Toler ('73), former General Superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene, shared the story of his journey to central Ohio and to Circleville Bible College with an audience of more than 15,000 guests.

"You don't know when you sow a seed of love, concern, and care what God is going to do, but we are commissioned to love the world and love unconditionally as Christ has loved us," Toler said.

Dr. Toler joined more than sixty alumni at the OCU/CBC Alumni Reception for graduates who currently serve in the Church of the Nazarene. Stories about simple acts of faith changing entire life courses were shared alongside college life memories as laughter filled the room. The reception marks one of the largest ministerial alumni gatherings ever hosted by the OCU Alumni Association.

Dr. Dan Schafer ('79), Director of Development for the American Nazarene Church, shared, "We all know that CBC/OCU has impacted not only our ministerial careers, but it has also impacted our entire lives; we are forever connected to OCU and [we] are grateful for it."

Many OCU/CBC graduates are serving in high capacities in the church of the Nazarene, at local, district, regional, and global levels.

If you are interested in hosting an Alumni gathering, please contact Vanessa Baker, Alumni Coordinator, at 740-477-7745 or send email to vbaker@ohiochristian.edu.



Alumni

Alumni & Friends Gather for Summer Fun

OCU Alumni and friends connected this summer at Cincinnati Reds and Cleveland Indians games, and more than 120 alumni and friends spent a day at the Columbus Zoo and Zoombezi Bay. OCU would like to extend special thanks to all who attended and assisted in coordinating this event!



Paul Dyer '13 and family



Lisa Newman, student, with Vanessa Baker '10



Michael '04 and April Tipton



Joe '98 and Abby Boysel



Michael '11 and Brenda '10 Baker

Coming Events

- Oct. 17-18 Fall Break (Traditional Program)
- Oct. 24 Preview Day (Traditional Program)
- Oct. 25 OCU Ministerial Institute presents *How to Guard, Guide, and govern your Heart: Personal Piety* with Rev. Joe Duvall
- Nov. 7 Preview Day (Traditional Program)
- Nov. 16 The Guardians 25th Anniversary Concert
- Nov. 22 Preview Day (Traditional Program)
- Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Break Begins at Noon
- Dec. 6 Winter Getaway
- Dec. 7 Festival of Carols & Messiah
- Dec. 9 Finals Week Begins (Traditional Program)

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