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OCU Mission

Ohio Christian University prepares students to serve effectively in the church and society by providing a holistic, Christ-centered, biblically integrated education in the Wesleyan tradition.

OCU Vision

God is calling us to a sense of urgency regarding being a 21st Century relevant Christ-centered excellent academic learning community.

Guiding Principles for OCU

Christ Focused

- ❑ Understand a Christian worldview that is biblically based.
- ❑ Character focused: a holy transformation that results in heart change that produces Christ-like character.
- ❑ Leadership focused: willing to be a leader for the cause of Christ.
- ❑ Servant focused: willing to serve as Christ.

Academic and Learning Focused

- ❑ Relevant learning.
- ❑ Quality programming.
- ❑ Successful field entry.

Excellence Focused

- ❑ Seek to hire the best people in all areas.
- ❑ Never be content with the status quo.
- ❑ Constantly seek to improve in all areas; always ask "What can we do better?"
- ❑ Constantly update all areas (spiritual, programmatic, technologic, service, professional).

Relevance Focused

- ❑ Understand and be authentic Christians.
- ❑ Practically serve this present age.
- ❑ Apply Christian principles in ministry and the work place.
- ❑ Lead the expansion of Christ's Kingdom.

Entrepreneurial and Creative Focused

- ❑ Constantly look for new partnerships/relationships for programming and fundraising.
- ❑ Discover new ways of redefining the higher education process and product.
- ❑ Demonstrate financial creativity with how we manage and conduct business.
- ❑ Be growth oriented in enrollment, staffing, and resources.
- ❑ Provide new programming.
- ❑ Offer relevant ministry programs. What do today's students need?
- ❑ Be a learning-focused administration, staff, and faculty to prepare learning-centered students.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



MARK A. SMITH
PRESIDENT

OHIO CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY The Next Five Years

Greetings to the family and friends of Ohio Christian University. What a wonderful privilege it is to serve at this growing university. First, let me thank you for your support and prayers. God is at work among us and we are thankful. The school year is going well and we cannot say enough about Rev. Bruce Morrison and the great job he did with our opening school challenge. Wow! God was here with us and many students responded to the declaration of the Word. As Bruce said, "Something is happening here at Ohio Christian." Vice President Rick Christman, Dave Hopewell, Greg Davis, Anastasia Beavers, and Sara Brothers are changing our campus by implementing a Spiritual Life Plan for students which includes Bible studies, prayer teams, small groups, and spiritual mentoring in our residence halls. The implementation of the Spiritual Life Plan is intentional in "Christian living" and is changing OCU forever. One hundred seventy seven students were involved in this effort for the fall. At a series of recent meetings, the Board of Trustees reviewed the last four years and approved the new five-year plan as follows:

The Last Four Years

We have completed and accomplished most of our goals for the first four years:



GOAL 1: DEVELOP NEW PROGRAMS

- ❑ New traditional programs
 - Biblical Studies
 - Business concentrations: Business Administration, International Business, Logistics & Supply Chain Management
 - Church Planting
 - Disaster Management and Relief
 - Nursing (dual-degree program with OU-C)
 - Pastoral Counseling
- Sports Ministry and Management
- MA: Ministry with concentrations in Pastoral Care and Counseling, Practical Theology
- ❑ New AIM programs
 - AA: Business Management
 - AA: Christian Ministry
 - BA: Business concentrations: Healthcare Management, Logistics Management



GOAL 2: INCREASE QUALITY PROGRAMMING

- ❑ Teacher Education approved by Ohio Dept. of Education
- ❑ 10-year reauthorization by Ohio Board of Regents
- ❑ 10-year reaccreditation by Association of Biblical Higher Education
- ❑ MA in Ministry approved by Ohio Board of Regents



GOAL 3: INCREASE DELIVERY METHODS

- ❑ Online degrees
- ❑ AA: Business Management
- ❑ AA: Christian Ministry
- ❑ BA: Business (with concentrations on Business, Healthcare, and Logistics management)
- ❑ BA: Leadership and Ministry
- ❑ Dual enrollment (high school and college classes)
- ❑ Fairfield Christian Academy
- ❑ Trailblazer Academy (online)

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP



GOAL 4: ESTABLISH NEW SITES/PARTNERSHIPS

- ❑ American Red Cross
- ❑ Chillicothe (Brookside Church)
- ❑ Columbus (Nationwide Children's Hospital)
- ❑ Dover (NewPointe Community Church)
- ❑ Dublin (The Computer Workshop)
- ❑ Hocking College (reestablished)
- ❑ Lancaster (Fairfield Christian Academy)
- ❑ Ohio University-Chillicothe
- ❑ Southern States Community College

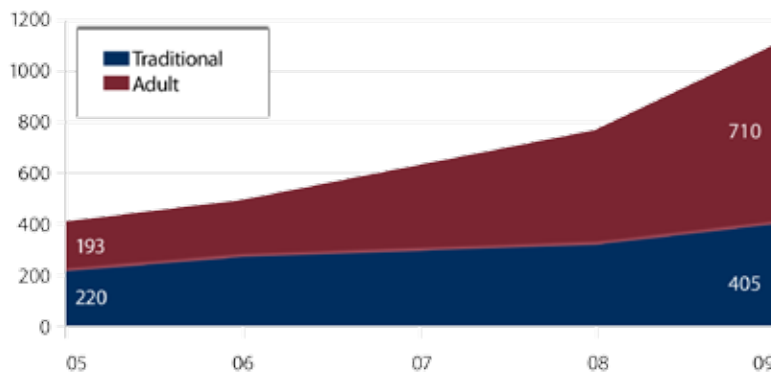


GOAL 5: DEVELOP NEW FINANCIAL RESOURCES

- ❑ Arington Foundation
- ❑ Bob Evans Foundation
- ❑ Columbus Foundation
- ❑ Charlos Foundation
- ❑ DuPont
- ❑ EQUIP
- ❑ Federal grants
- ❑ Library Services and Technology Act grant (OhioLINK)
- ❑ Ohio College Access Network (OCAN)
- ❑ PPG Industries
- ❑ Raised \$5.5 million



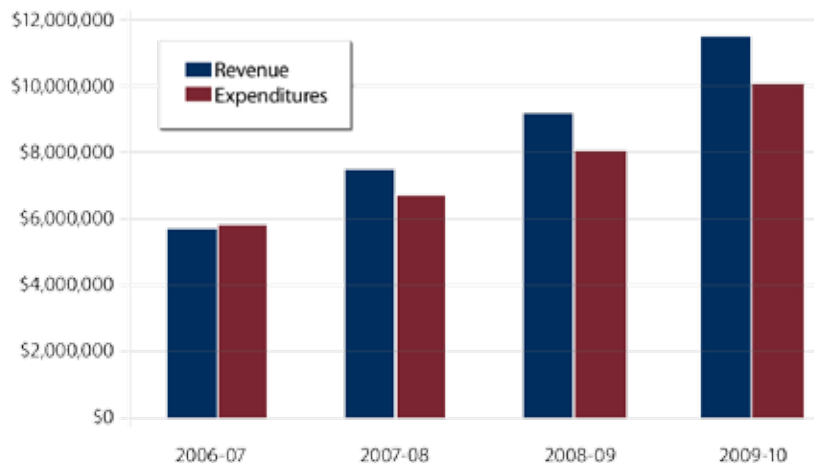
GOAL 6: INCREASE ENROLLMENT



Enrollment has increased from 413 in 2005 to 1115 in 2009.



GOAL 7: INCREASE REVENUE





GOAL 8: ENHANCE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

- ❑ Salary increases of 3-4% every year
- ❑ Five personal days
- ❑ Standardized faculty salary with increases for half of the faculty
- ❑ Additional holidays
- ❑ Community days



GOAL 9: HIRE ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES



- ❑ 25 staff
- ❑ Five full-time faculty
- ❑ Six affiliate faculty (traditional)
- ❑ 48 affiliate faculty (AIM)
- ❑ Two administrators
- ❑ Will hire 8-10 faculty and staff in 2009-10



GOAL 10: ENHANCE CAMPUS

- ❑ Built Leadership Center (28,000 SF)
- ❑ Built Residence Hall (48 bed)
- ❑ Expanded Student Center (4,000 SF)
- ❑ Purchased 19 acres, CCCU headquarters building, and Welcome Center
- ❑ Converted old CCCU headquarters to Residence Hall (25 beds)



GOAL 11: FOCUS ON CULTURAL DIVERSITY

- ❑ African American student population increased from 8.8% four years ago to 20.3%
- ❑ Compares with 6.4% in Pickaway County
- ❑ Hired Intercultural Relations Coordinator
- ❑ Held cultural diversity training and events
- ❑ Hired female Assistant Vice President of Adult Education
- ❑ Hired female Athletic Director



GOAL 12: FOCUS ON MINISTRY

- ❑ Increased in Ministry students from 135 to 381
- ❑ Provided Ministry training
- ❑ Church Planting Institute (6)
- ❑ Leadership Summits (2)
- ❑ Holiness Summits (2)

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP

Where are We Going?

1

INCREASE ENROLLMENT

Increase OCU's impact on the world for Christ by increasing enrollment to 2,000 students.

2

ENHANCE ACADEMICS

Add new degree programs, establish new education sites, offer additional programs online, and provide ongoing ministry training.

- ❑ Nursing
- ❑ Healthcare Management
- ❑ Pastoral Resource Center: Ministry tools, Youth Ministry resources, Church Plant
- ❑ Develop school of Government
- ❑ Major expansion of online opportunities

3

ENHANCE FACILITIES AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Create an attractive student-oriented campus and provide technology-oriented support and other infrastructure that meets students' needs.

- ❑ New residence facilities
- ❑ New technology tools
- ❑ Update student dining center
- ❑ Expand chapel

4

INCREASE FINANCES AND SUPPORT

Develop 6-month cash reserves in operating expenses, double the endowment, generate \$5 million excess revenue in AIM, and break even in traditional program.

- ❑ Cash reserves - \$2 million
- ❑ Endowment - \$2 million
- ❑ Capital campaign for new facilities

ENHANCE SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Promote student success by providing high-quality service and student life programs/activities.

- ❑ Provide career services
- ❑ Enhance internships
- ❑ Enhance service opportunities
- ❑ Clarify OCU's Conceptual Framework

5

DEVELOP EXTERNAL STAKE-HOLDER GROUPS

Increase the support base by developing partnerships and strengthening relations with external stakeholders.

- ❑ Connect with churches
- ❑ Establish stronger Alumni services
- ❑ Connect with EQUIP leadership
- ❑ Connect with corporations

6

FOCUS ON EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT

Continually develop our employees and provide a safe and family-friendly working environment.

- ❑ Hire Human Resource Manager
- ❑ Update policies and practices
- ❑ Establish family fun night fund

7

ENHANCE ATHLETICS

Provide student-athletes with premier academic, spiritual, and athletic experiences to promote OCU.

- ❑ Use athletes to take the Gospel throughout the world
- ❑ Win national championships

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Will you leave part of your estate to help Ohio Christian University educate students to change the world?

Leave a Legacy

Ohio Christian University is serving Pickaway County by providing outstanding educational opportunities and has grown from 300 to 1,100 students over the last three years. We need your help in providing scholarships for Pickaway County students through the OCU Foundation, part of the Pickaway County Community Foundation. A personalized estate plan is important in leaving a legacy. Please contact Mark Taylor, Vice President of University Advancement, to assist you in planning for the future.

Call 740-420-5918 today to learn more.

FOCUSED ON RELEVANCE



The Traditional Program at Ohio Christian University has been blessed with phenomenal growth over the past four years. First, we thank God, the OCU family and the efforts of the Enrollment Department. Since January 2006, Traditional Enrollment has increased 79 percent from 220 students to 393 students. New student enrollment has increased 185 percent from 74 students in Fall 2006, to 211 students in 2009. Consequently, on campus residency has increased, growing 213 percent from 88 to 187 students! The Trailblazer Academy, OCU's Post Secondary Enrollment Option, has contributed to that growth by increasing from three students to 53. Over the next five years, the university will increase Traditional Enrollment to 600 total students by Fall 2014. Plans are also being discussed to increase residency capacity. The Trailblazer Academy will be expanding as well, reaching more states with online courses and increasing the number of programs offered within individual high schools.

To accomplish these goals, the Enrollment Department will follow their vision of "seeking people whom God is calling, telling the OCU story, acquiring

leads, encouraging applications, cultivating enrolled students, and providing opportunities to become servant leaders for Christ." Throughout the year, the department tells the OCU story in many different ways to many different people.

Essential to the OCU story is the campus visit. Students are more likely to attend if they visit our campus. The Enrollment Department plans five Preview Days a year to give visitors the opportunity to tour the campus, meet professors, see students in action, and feel the spirit.

Individual visit days are available upon request – with at least one planned almost every day. Since July, the campus has welcomed over 280 prospective students. The visits are hosted by Admissions Counselors who introduce prospective students to the university, the enrollment process, and the OCU family.

The Enrollment staff and Student Ambassadors also attend numerous events throughout the year. College fairs are essential because they allow interaction with a large number of prospective students while increasing awareness for OCU. In 2009, the staff attended 51 college fairs, including six Christian fairs.

Traditional Enrollment

Over the next five years, the university will increase Traditional Enrollment to 600 students.

MIKE EGENREIDER
VICE PRESIDENT FOR ENROLLMENT

They traveled to events as far away as New Jersey and as nearby as Circleville High School.

Staff members also travel to churches to visit youth groups, teaming up with the drama team, preaching, and providing pizza. The drama team, Therefore Ministries, is student-led and has 29 members that perform dramas ranging from funny to serious, but always sharing the gospel. They travel to many churches, special events, and perform at Preview Days for prospective students.

Another student ministry is the Camp Teams, which are made up of 30 students that serve as camp counselors at church camps throughout the region. Last summer, the Camp Teams attended 32 camps. Teams led devotions, music,





skits, and programming that impacted hundreds of teens. The efforts of the department are ministry-focused, and the by-product is often more student interest.

The Enrollment Department plans and attends additional events as well to continue building relationships and ministering within the community. For the past two years, the Jr. High Lock-In has been held for students in grades six through nine. This year, over 100 students came and spent the night in the Leadership Center playing games, interacting with OCU students, and learning about Jesus Christ. Youth Group Night is a winter event in which the department invites youth groups to come cheer for the Trailblazers at a basketball game followed by pizza. The staff also attends Atom Events, which are local outreaches involving several area youth groups. At these events, the Enrollment Department has provided pizza, brought the drama team, showed a video, and gave away prizes.

In addition to all the events, the staff is changing the way they communicate with prospective students. They are meeting students where they are, in the world of social media. OCU has Facebook and Twitter pages, which are maintained regularly. Links for both social media outlets are on the OCU Web site. OCU has nearly 900 followers between Facebook and Twitter. Many staff members also have Facebook pages and use them to keep in touch with applicants.



After applicants have decided OCU is the right school for them, they enroll and come for Orientation two days before classes begin. Orientation is held twice a year, at the beginning of Fall and Spring semesters. During this time, students move in, meet their classmates, and familiarize themselves with the campus. This is a time of transition for the students as well as the Enrollment staff. Orientation involves the Student

Development staff, who become the new "counselors" for the students during their time at OCU.

As all things in life, the cycle repeats. Current students have an opportunity to recommend prospective students through the Refer a Friend Program. If the recommended student attends OCU, the current student receives \$100 off their tuition that semester. Prizes, including an IPOD Touch, are awarded to the student that refers the most friends during our Grab a Grad Contest each fall. Our last contest resulted in over 100 referrals with three new students and more to come! Students are excited to share OCU with their friends because of the impact their fellow students, faculty and staff are making in their lives. You can contribute too! Do you know someone who would be a great fit for OCU? Contact us at 1-877-762-8669.

Upcoming Preview Days are scheduled for February 26, March 19, and April 16



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AIM Program Extends OCU's Mission to Busy Adults

DR. HANK KELLY, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

The purpose of Ohio Christian University's adult program (started in fall 1999 and called AIM) is to extend OCU's educational mission of preparing individuals to serve the church and society to busy adults. These educational programs are conveniently offered online and at various locations one night a week. Instructors are Christian and academically qualified, and most have first-hand experience in the area they teach. AIM offers Associate of Arts in Business Management and Christian Ministry and Bachelor of Arts in Business (with concentrations in Business Management, Healthcare Management, and Logistics Management), Leadership and Ministry, Psychology, and Substance Abuse Counseling.

In summer 2006, AIM enrollment was 168. It rose to 710 in 2009 (see chart) and now exceeds 800. This feat has been accomplished in four ways. First, OCU began offering new education programs (associate degrees with majors in Business Management and Christian Ministry, bachelor degrees in Business concentrations in Healthcare Management and Logistics Management). Next, we began offering programs at new sites (Chillicothe, Dover, Dublin, Lancaster, and Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus). Third, we began offering online delivery of the associate degrees and bachelor degrees in Business and

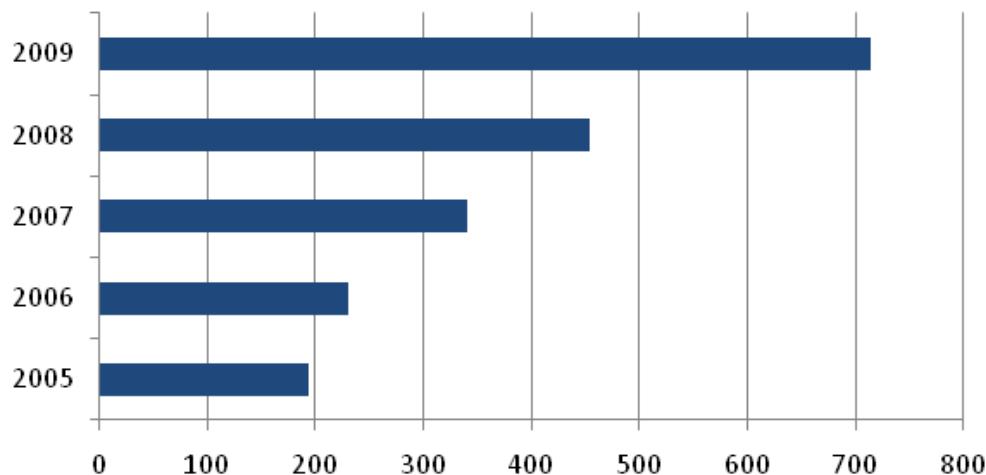
Leadership & Ministry (one-third of AIM students are now online). Finally, OCU was aggressive in its marketing and recruiting.

AIM's purpose and growth strategies will remain the same. The enrollment goal by fall 2014 is 1,500. To accomplish this, AIM will offer new educational programs (starting March, bachelor degree with a major in Practical Leadership and certificate in EQUIP Leadership; additional programs being considered are Criminal Justice, Interdisciplinary Studies, and Nursing); offer programs at new sites (beginning fall 2010, four campuses of Southern States Community College in Hillsborough, Sardinia, Washington Court House, and Wilmington; locations in Jackson and Springfield are being considered); offer

all new programs online, including the new Practical Leadership and EQUIP Leadership programs; and by aggressively advertising (through Internet, print, radio, and TV) to attract more prospective students and hire more recruiters to follow-up with these individuals. Academically, the Christian worldview will be integrated into the content of each course, and metacognition (learning about how we think and learn) will be added to each program to enhance students' thinking and learning capability. Finally, support services will be enhanced to make them as efficient and friendly as possible.

Enrollment growth, especially this past fall, has necessitated hiring additional AIM employees and expanding the workspace by purchasing a building.

AIM Fall Enrollment 2005-2009



OCU & EQUIP Partner to Offer Practical Leadership Degree and Certificate



DR. HANK KELLY
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Ohio Christian University is adding new leadership education and training opportunities. At a recent meeting, OCU President Mark A. Smith and President John D. Hull of EQUIP® (founded and chaired by Dr. John C. Maxwell), announced a new partnership to offer Practical Leadership training and education through the convenience of the Internet beginning in March 2010. Dr. Maxwell is a graduate of Ohio Christian University.

EQUIP's *Million Leaders Mandate* educational content, offered to millions around the world, will be available via online training that will count as credit toward a U.S. Degree. These Biblical, non-denominational leadership courses may be taken for academic credit or continuing education units (CEUs). Individuals that finish all three EQUIP Leadership courses will receive a certificate of completion signed by both the president of OCU and EQUIP. These three courses are part of the new OCU Bachelor degree completion program with a major in Practical Leadership.

Online education has the flexibility of 24/7 availability – when it is convenient for the learner. Both the certificate

and degree programs can be completed entirely online. Cohorts of students take all classes together in a pre-determined sequence of courses guaranteed to be offered as scheduled. The first cohort of students starts March 16. The EQUIP Leadership courses are even more convenient and flexible. They may be taken individually and started whenever an individual desires.

About EQUIP

EQUIP is a non-profit organization specializing in the development of effective international Christian leaders. Founded by Dr. John C. Maxwell in 1996, EQUIP is dedicated to developing servant leaders who shoulder responsibility, meet challenges with courage and creativity, and never relinquish their God-given dreams. EQUIP is located in Suwanee, Georgia (near Atlanta).

Learn More

Anyone interested in the new EQUIP Leadership courses or Practical Leadership degree program can visit www.OhioChristian.edu/Leadership or call toll free 1-877-496-8342.

AIM will
Increase
Enrollment to
1,500 Students
by 2014

1. Offer new educational programs
2. Offer programs at new sites
3. Offer all new programs online
4. Advertise aggressively to attract new students

FOCUSED ON ACADEMICS



A Look at the Past Five Years

DR. JOE C. BROWN, VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

This year is the year for Ohio Christian University's five year reaffirmation of accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association. It gives us a time to pause and reflect on what has happened to the institution since our initial accreditation in 2005. Many times studying institutions over a one or two year period does not provide a good assessment of its long range trends. A five year time frame provides a much better picture of what is happening at the institution. This article provides a five-year snapshot of the University's traditional program.

First we need to define our traditional program. Our traditional program is the learning environment where traditional aged college students (ages 18-24) attend classes four or five days each week and the school year consists of two semesters. This program has been part of the institution since its inception in 1948. In 1998 the institution launched the AIM program, an accelerated program for working adults where students typically attend classes one evening each week throughout the year. In 2006 the AIM program launched the online program for students who cannot attend classes on campus.

What has happened over the past five years? Our name was Circleville Bible College in 2005. In the spring of 2006 the Board of Trustees voted to change the name to Ohio Christian University. That name change was a statement of what the Board of Trustees was planning for the future of the institution. The past

five years have been a time of unparalleled growth for the University as it has sought to carry out its mission of preparing "students to serve effectively in the church and society" educating them "in the Wesleyan tradition." Enrollment in the traditional program has grown from 220 students in 2005 to 393 students in 2009 (see chart, page 4).

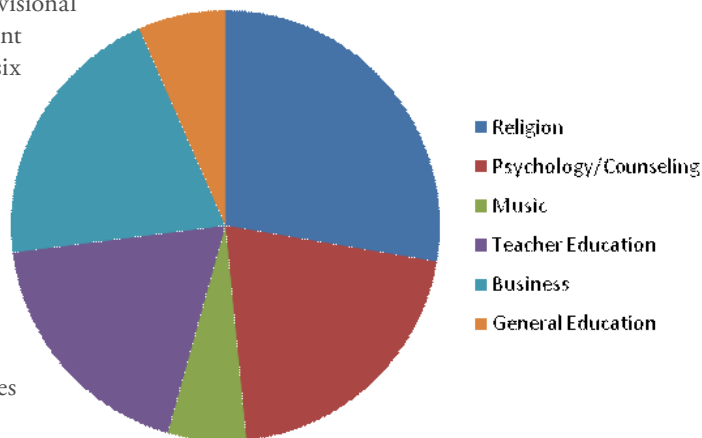
To accommodate growth in top-level students, an honors program was launched in 2007 for students scoring 27 or higher on the ACT test and those students who maintain a 3.5 GPA or higher in college classes. This program requires students to take additional honors classes each semester. In these rigorous classes students are challenged to grapple with some of the hard issues they will face as they prepare to engage their culture with its challenges. Enrollment in the honors program has grown from seven students in the fall of 2007 to 13 in the fall of 2009.

In order to accommodate anticipated growth in enrollment, the faculty were reorganized from a three divisional structure to a five department structure. The University's six departments are: Business, Religion, Psychology and Counseling, Music, Teacher Education, and General Education. This change will facilitate the anticipated growth in enrollment over the next few years. The Enrollment by Major chart (right) illustrates

how our current enrollment is distributed among the six departments.



Our largest department continues to be the Religion Department. Over the past five years several new concentrations were added in that department. In the Christian Ministries area Biblical Studies, Church Planting, and Pastoral Counseling concentrations were added. To support the church planting program the Dr. Melvin Maxwell Church Planting Institute was launched in 2006. Outside funding has been available



Academic Highlights 2005-2009

- ❑ Launched Honors Program in 2007
- ❑ Added New Ministry Programs & Concentrations
- ❑ Embraced new approaches to Intercultural Ministry
- ❑ Expanded Business Program
- ❑ Earned State Approval of Teacher Education Programs
- ❑ Began offering Graduate Courses
- ❑ Restructured Christian Service Program

to sponsor six church planting events. Church planting leaders are brought to campus for a two-day Church Planting Institute. The institute is open to all area pastors. Following the inaugural event with over 100 participants attendance, we have offered five Church Planting Institutes—one each semester. Typically two to five students and 25 to 40 area pastors participate in the two-day event. We believe these institutes will bear fruit in the denomination in the years to come.

The Missions Program has been renamed the Intercultural Ministries Program to align it with the trends that are emerging in world missions in the twenty-first century. As some doors for traditional missionary activity are being closed, we have planned creative approaches to missions with a Sport Ministry and Management Program being one of them. This concentration is planned to equip students to go into areas that are closed to traditional missionary activity and work with youth in sports. The goal is to equip students in the program with the skills to be tent-making missionaries in areas that are typically closed to other forms of missionary activity.

A second program launched is the Disaster Management and Relief Program. We believe that we are living in the end times and will witness an increase in the number of natural and man-made disasters in the coming years. This program is planned to prepare graduates to work in disaster

situations. Initially the program was planned as a concentration in the Intercultural Ministries program but continued research indicated a growing need for qualified workers for faith-based organizations and federal, state, and local governments. We discovered the best preparation to work in disaster situations is to be equipped in management skills that prepare ahead of time to contain damage in disaster situations. Consequently, the program has been moved under the Business Program.

We have also expanded our Business Program to include four areas of concentrations: Business Administration, Logistics and Supply Chain Management, International Business Management, and Business Management. This past year a team of business students participated in the Best-Strategy Invitational in an international business strategy competition and finished in fifth place among 1094 teams from the top universities. The OCU team's fifth place finish in the world indicates a very strong business program at the University.

In 2007 the University applied to the Ohio Department of Education for approval of its Early and Middle Childhood Teacher Education Programs. State approval of teacher education programs enables graduates to receive an initial state teaching license upon graduation from the program. Our Teacher Education Programs were approved by the Ohio Department of Education in June of 2009. We have applied to

Public Invited to Submit Comments Regarding the University

Ohio Christian University will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit March 29-31, 2010, by a team representing The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Ohio Christian University has been accredited by the Commission since 2005. Its accreditation is at the Associate and Bachelor's degree levels and includes degree sites at various other locations within Ohio. The public is invited to submit comments regarding the University:

Public Comment on
Ohio Christian University
The Higher Learning Commission
30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400
Chicago, IL 60602

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Written, signed comments must be received by February 28, 2010. The Commission cannot guarantee that comments received after the due date will be considered. Comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person providing the comments. Comments will not be treated as confidential.

FOCUSED ON ACADEMICS



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the Teacher Education Accreditation Council for accreditation of our teacher preparation programs. In January we will host a TEAC team with initial accreditation in view.

We have planned a Master of Arts degree program in ministry with concentrations in Practical Theology and Pastoral Counseling. As of this date, three classes have been offered with an average of 12-15 students enrolling in the classes. A fourth class is scheduled for late February 2010. As a part of the approval process the University hosted a team from the Ohio Board of Regents (OBR) in March of 2009. In approving the program the OBR encouraged the University to expand its request to include other areas. Those graduate classes are currently being developed.

In order to accommodate the growth, several new members were added to the faculty over the past five years. The category of affiliate faculty was added to

employ faculty who desire to teach more classes than an adjunct load but do not want full-time faculty responsibilities. They typically have many years of teaching experience and desire to remain in the classroom but not be assigned other responsibilities. They teach between six and twelve hours each semester. This enables affiliate faculty to engage in their first-love of teaching without being assigned other full-time responsibilities and for the university to increase its full-time faculty roster.

The number of full-time and affiliate faculty employed by the University's traditional program has increased from 13 to 21 over the past five years. The number of faculty with earned doctorates has increased from seven to 13.

Finally over the past five years we have restructured our Christian Service Program to bring it into better alignment with the Wesleyan tradition—developing a servant's heart in our students

and engaging them in outreach to the downtrodden. Students are required to complete five units of Christian Service credit. In order to accomplish this goal students enroll in a Christian service class and submit plans of how they are going to serve the Circleville community and beyond as Christians.

Their Christian service activities include conducting Bible clubs; tutoring pupils in public and private schools; volunteering in food pantries, pregnancy centers, and nursing homes; and working in churches, parachurch organizations, and prisons. The Wesleyan tradition challenges the mind with scripture and doctrine, warms the heart through challenging the believer to a life of obedience, and engages the Christian in life of service. I believe Wesley would endorse OCU's mission. As stewards of the Lord's resources, we have sought to be faithful to the Lord's call as we carry out our mission.

Help OCU send relief to the people of Haiti

OCU has 11 Disaster Management students working on the Haiti crisis. They have helped raise more than \$10,000. Teams and supplies are being sent and supported by OCU. Will you give to train them?

Visit www.ohiochristian.edu/Haiti or send your gift using the enclosed, postage-paid envelope marked HAITI RELIEF.





From Student Services to STUDENT DEVELOPMENT



**RICK CHRISTMAN,
VICE PRESIDENT FOR
STUDENT DEVELOPMENT**

The idea of Student Development creates vivid, yet different memories for all who have experienced this important aspect of college life. In years past, OCU Student Development simply focused on services provided to the student body. Today, it focuses on the holistic development of each student who attends OCU. Student Development consists of a variety of activities and experiences such as Residence Life, Spiritual Formation, Student Activities, and Intercultural Ministries.

Residence Life

Looking through pictures of the past and present, one thing is evident. Living on campus was and is unforgettable. Bonds are created through middle of the night hair dye experiences, and friends come together to work through life's struggles.

Yes, there once were two dorms on campus. Everyone in one building created a great family atmosphere. For the most part, it was obvious when one of your family members was having a hard time. Students related to each other as brother and sister. The dorm parents maintained security and sanity. Prayer and Praise meetings were held often with ten or fifteen coming together.

Now there are four residence halls on campus. It is no longer obvious where a student might live on campus. Can family still exist if everyone is not in the same building? The difference is that family can no longer happen by accident. Relationships are intentionally built. Families must be committed to seeking one another out because now several families exist.

In order for students to feel connected as the University grows, Resident Directors train and equip students to build relationships that are not content to exist simply at a surface level. The students are asking each other tough questions and holding each other accountable, while striving to take their faith to a new level. Groups of students are getting together on a weekly basis to actively pursue a stronger relationship with Christ. Students are sharing the ways God has brought them through the same difficult times the freshman are just now experiencing. Men's and Women's Retreats are held each fall in order to develop unity. As the University grows, community will not



happen by accident, but can be developed and encouraged as long as the staff and students are diligent and committed to doing life together.

Spiritual Formation

Spiritual formation has always been a priority at OCU. We believe that private and public worship are necessary for full spiritual development and are a vital element in a balanced college education. While attending OCU, students will come to understand that there are a variety of ways that God can be experienced and worshiped, know the reality of God's presence in their lives, understand the need of sins forgiven, and experience the Holy Spirit's heart cleansing power in personal relationship with Christ. As students continue to grow spiritually, they begin to understand that spiritual formation is not just a college or academic exercise, but is a life-long process. OCU understands that this life-long process is realized through many aspects of life. Though church and weekday chapel attendance is expected, OCU approaches spiritual formation from a holistic perspective. Spiritual Formation credits are accumulated through chapel attendance, small group involvement, community service and missions trips sponsored by the university.

One area that has experienced significant growth is the small group ministries. With the understanding that connection and accountability are important, OCU has embarked upon a ministry journey to engage students in small groups. With 18 active small groups, 177 students participated throughout the fall semester. Students, faculty and staff leaders are trained and equipped to lead these groups, both on campus and at off-site locations, seeking to minister to our commuter students.

Our chapel services have seen a major change overall in the last three years, with the most noticeable change being that they are filled with students. As our student population grows, our chapel attendance continues to soar, even to the point that new student visit days must be held in the Leadership Center, as Detty Chapel is full. Through ministry opportunities in corporate worship, students are more involved than ever before,



as numerous students have been asked to use their talents for God. Worship music is now student led, with CJ Davis adding guidance, and mentoring students toward being capable worship leaders. While the students have enjoyed dynamic speakers and meaningful worship, the most important aspect is the powerful moving of God evident upon our campus.

Student Activities

Student Activities has experienced a huge transformation. It is the rising of a new department, seeking to engage and connect students through fun and fellowship. Three years ago, student activities consisted of a few people throwing together activities for students to enjoy. There were simple means of advertisements and a limited number of leaders to handle a growing population.

Two years ago the program switched to a council of four staff members. They put their heads together to come up with some good ideas to reach students. One thing they began was RIOT week, six full days of activities for students to participate in the first week on campus. The first activity starts off with a big party, including music and giant obstacle courses. The final activity included groups of students building miniature boats for racing and a talent contest. This continues to be a great way for students to start off the year.

This year, Student Activities has involved more students in the council. The doors are open for students to lead and participate. The council has six students and two staff members. These students help in planning, advertising, and organizing each activity. The

programming has changed over the past year as well. The council developed a new programming technique, seeking to condense their efforts to one main activity a month. This one activity consists of a variety of fun events for students to enjoy. The events become activities the students look forward to every year. It is an easy way to begin traditions and get students more involved in campus life. Some of the activities organized by the Student Activities Council include Movie Drive-Ins and Friday Night Live. The movie night consisted of root beer floats and popcorn to enjoy with your movie. There was also the opportunity to have your picture taken with friends and receive an instant photo to remember this great activity.

The council is preparing for next semester with other activities such as a New Year's Re-bash and an Independent Film Festival. The Student Activities team has built up a credible reputation with students and plan on maintaining a high level of performance for each activity hosted.



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Intercultural Ministries

This year eleven students and two staff members traveled to Houghton College in Houghton, NY to attend the 2009 National Christian Multicultural Student Leadership Conference (NCMSLC).

The conference focused on bringing students together, from various cultures and ethnicities, with the common goal of embracing the differences that make us one in the body of Christ. Students had the opportunity to attend workshops, seminars, worship services, and ethnic caucuses. Along with these opportunities students were also able to socialize and bond with people from different cultures.

NCMSLC was effective and fun for the students who attended. Students have been able to implement ideas that were introduced during the conference. Results have already been evidenced in student leaders on our campus through the facilitation of a diversity workshop for the freshmen and sophomore students at OCU. The workshop was effective and the students expressed positive feedback. Our new year is filled with exciting events that will continue to increase our campus awareness and participation in Intercultural ministries.



OCU Remembers GALE KELLY



Ohio Christian University mourns the loss of Gale Kelly, who passed away on January 20, 2010 at Riverside Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. Gale was Executive Vice President Hank Kelly's wife of 32 years. She was a familiar face at OCU, volunteering countless hours at the university. Gale will be remembered for her sincere, generous encouragement, warm smile, and wonderful example of Christ.

Gale was born August 11, 1951, in San Francisco, CA and married Dr. Hank Kelly after his graduation from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1977. She served with him in various places until his retirement as Lieutenant Colonel from the Air Force in 1998. Gale served in Officer's Wives Clubs at various bases in the U.S., Okinawa and Turkey. Gale was Officer's Wives Club president at Hanscom Air Force Base (Boston, MA), thrift shop manager at Wright Patterson Air Force Base (Dayton, OH), and taught Kindergarten and English as a second language in Okinawa. She became a devoted Christian in Turkey. Gale graduated in 2006 from Indiana Wesleyan University. When Dr. Kelly was named Executive Vice President of Ohio Christian University, Gale began investing her life and time in the students, faculty, and staff at OCU. She served as a volunteer in various departments at OCU and was also involved in the youth ministry at her church.

Gale is survived by her husband Dr. Hank Kelly; children, Katie (David) Schmoyer of Winnebago, IL, and 1st Lt. Steven Kelly of Ft. Bragg, NC; sisters, Debbie Fricano of Hawaii, Laurie Carriker of W. Sacramento, CA, and Elizabeth Egolf of Marion, IN.

According to Gale's wishes, a scholarship has been created in her name. You may honor her life by donating to the Gale Kelly Memorial Scholarship. The fund will be used to help OCU students, whom Gale loved and invested her time.



Learning in Action

Students in OCU's new Disaster Management program respond to the earthquake in Haiti by raising funds, organizing teams, and providing supplies.

DR. MARK SMITH, PRESIDENT

Ohio Christian University unveiled its Disaster Management and Relief program on Monday, January 11 with 11 new students. Disaster Management and Relief is an emerging and rapidly growing field. This program seeks to prepare students to participate in and serve others through the management of disaster relief efforts following natural or man-made disasters. OCU students will be trained to serve human suffering from initial relief through community rebuilding and redevelopment. The program at OCU is distinct. It provides a deep faith component that is often absent in other programs in the field.

Twenty-four hours after the first classes ended, a disastrous situation occurred in the Caribbean nation of Haiti that would put what these new students had chosen as a program of study to the test.

A major earthquake measuring 7.0 magnitude on the Richter scale hit Haiti

Tuesday evening at 5:53 EST. The initial quake lasted about a minute, followed by strong 5.9 and 5.5 aftershocks. The epicenter of Haiti's earthquake was six miles west of Carrefour, just outside the capital city of Port-au-Prince.

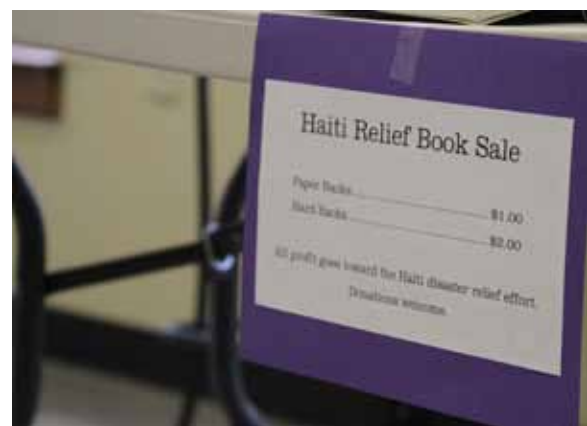
- ❑ Due to the devastation of the country aid is slow in arriving.
- ❑ Four days after the event thousands of people are still trapped under debris.
- ❑ Eyewitnesses state that more buildings have collapsed than are standing in Port-au-Prince.
- ❑ Much of the country is without food or clean water.
- ❑ The latest numbers are that this earthquake may have claimed the lives of as many as 500,000 individuals. The country of Haiti needs our help!

OCU's Response

In response to the horrifying tragedy that has struck Haiti, Ohio Christian University has taken a number of steps to

help ease the pain being experienced by those in Haiti:

1. Ohio Christian University already has partners on the ground in Haiti providing assistance. Dr. Mark A. Smith, President of Ohio Christian, contacted his brother-in-law Dan Irvine, a 14 year missionary, and started coordinating supplies. From almost the first moment Ohio Christian became involved.
2. Ohio Christian established a Disaster Relief Fund in which over \$10,000 has been received for supplies and training and sending teams.



3. Ohio Christian Director Hicks is working with Brookhaven Church and Kevin Jones, father of OCU student Tim Jones, to send 12 team medical members Thursday Jan 22 to coordinate and work with a local hospital in Haiti. Ohio Christian University Program Director Thaddeus Hicks will be on that flight coordinating and working with the doctors. Thad has worked with Bryan Irvine, father of two current OCU students (Ashley and Heidi Irvine), who arranged the Florida flight.
4. In the upcoming days Ohio Christian University will begin collecting supplies that will be sent to our contact person in Haiti for distribution.
5. On Friday night all gate admission proceeds to Ohio Christian University Basketball games will go to the Haiti needs. Ohio Christian University is also collecting supplies. Marion General Hospital is shipping thousands of dollars of antibiotics and bandages to West Palm Beach. The need is still great.
6. Last of all, future trips for Ohio Christian University students and community members are being planned to support cleanup efforts as Rev. Irvine gives clearance. A number of faculty and students from Ohio Christian University's Disaster Management Program will be complementing a team of doctors and others from the medical field for continued work trips to Haiti to assist in the efforts over the next several months.

How You Can Help

Individuals or groups wishing to make a donation can give online at www.ohiochristian.edu/Haiti or mail a check marked "HAITI RELIEF" to the University at: 1476 Lancaster Pike, Circleville, Ohio 43113. Any questions should be directed to the President's Office at 1-877-762-8669.



LEAVING A LEGACY



Men's Residence Hall Dedication May 5, 2010 In Memory of Raymond Lewis Moats

Raymond Moats was a man of a humble spirit and a joyful heart, who continually modeled peace, compassion, and love for others. He “guarded the good deposit entrusted to him with the help of the Holy Spirit” (2 Timothy 1:2) by practicing good stewardship and giving the first fruits of his time, talent, and treasures to the Lord.

Raymond was an accomplished businessman with God-given wisdom. He prioritized his life by first serving his church, missions, and Circleville Bible College (OCU). He was second elder and on the board of the Circleville First Church of Christ in Christian Union. He and his wife, Mildred Peters Moats, provided a house for the CCCU missionaries when they came home on furlough. The Circleville Bible College (OCU) was of the utmost importance to Raymond. He served on the Board of the college and was the general contractor (Raymond Moats Builders) for the first on-campus apartment building for married students.

In the community of Circleville, he was known for fairness in business and compassion for those in need. He strove to be “quick to listen and slow to speak,” (James 1:19) in every area of his service to others.

Raymond was loved, respected, and a wonderful role model for all who knew him. He demonstrated Christ likeness because he knew Jesus. He studied the Bible and prayed daily. He practiced the fruits of the Spirit and knew beyond a shadow of a doubt that his faith would deliver him into the arms of God.



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University Assessment

HEIDI FREDERICK, COORDINATOR OF INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

Throughout the scriptures, we are taught to value excellence through

the process of accountability. For example, Peter teaches, "Do your best to improve your faith.... If you keep growing in this way, it will show that what you know about our Lord Jesus Christ has made your lives useful and meaningful" (2 Peter 1:5, 8, Contemporary English Version). In higher education, this concept is ensured through at least three measures:

1. Self-study for accreditation
2. Assessment of student learning
3. Evaluation of institutional effectiveness

How do we know students are really experiencing the educational environment we think we're giving?

We have been accredited by the Association for Higher Biblical Education (ABHE) since 1976 and by The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) since 2005. Self-study processes provide the University with opportunities to review practices, evaluate success, and determine plans for continual improvement. It is a worthwhile process which helps the University continually achieve excellence through accountability. In the last five years, the University has hosted numerous visiting teams with the following results:

- ❑ Accreditation in 2005 for five years by HLC.
- ❑ Reaffirmation in 2006 for ten more years by ABHE.
- ❑ Reaffirmation in 2009 for ten more years and approval to offer the MA degree by the Ohio Board of Regents (OBR).
- ❑ Approval in 2009 to offer education programs leading to state licensure by OBR.

How do we know students are really learning what we think they're learning?

We collect student work and regularly review it in light of program learning objectives. For example, as part of our mission, special emphasis is placed on understanding a Christian worldview and including Christian principles in academic study. Through reviewing final papers and discussing student competency, we thought students could be better prepared. Consequently, several changes have been implemented to improve the Christian worldview aspect of the curricula:

- ❑ Every AIM program includes a student learning objective that students should be able to integrate Christian principles.
- ❑ AIM faculty training session in 2007 and 2008 addressed the integration of Christian worldview.
- ❑ The traditional Religion Core added a freshmen-level Christian Worldview course.
- ❑ The traditional faculty theme for 2009-2010 is Christian worldview, evidenced through a summer faculty reading selection, faculty workshop sessions, and chapel speakers.
- ❑ In 2009 the University Church hosted a weekly Christianity and Culture Community Roundtable.

How do we know students are really experiencing the service and care we think they're receiving?

We give surveys and host focus groups. For example, in 2008-2009 we conducted an alumni survey and student satisfaction surveys. Respondents indicated they wanted more online access to services. The following changes have been (or will be) implemented to improve online access:

- ❑ Converted the traditional registration process to online through SonisWeb feature.
- ❑ Converted the traditional and AIM end-of-course evaluations to online through SonisWeb feature.
- ❑ Partnered with the Maxwell Library staff to provide an IT Help Desk in central location which is easily accessible to students.
- ❑ Extended IT Help Desk hours: now available 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- ❑ Hired a full-time IT person to work the third shift, providing direct support for AIM students.
- ❑ Creating departmental Web sites for student and alumni communication and forms.
- ❑ Creating an internal web portal.



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Financial Growth



Remember standing your proud little son or daughter up against the door jamb every year, or perhaps every six months or so, and making those little magic marker slashes at head level, notating your child's height at that moment in history, right there on the wall?

ROB HARTMAN, VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE

Or maybe you had—or maybe you have—one of those adorable poster-style growth charts, complete with realistic looking dinosaurs or dainty little fairies printed on the background of a preprinted inches-to-feet measuring rule, on which all you have to do is write down the date. Remember that little hug at the conclusion of each measuring moment, and your effusive, almost teary eyed, “You’re getting so tall!” remark?

What was the point? Wasn’t it obvious that your wee one was getting taller, growing normally and maturing properly, without having to get her to stand still long enough to actually measure her growth? Isn’t day to day observation enough? No, it’s not enough. There’s something to be said for stopping and actually taking the time to measure and record progress, and even celebrate just a little bit.

So, lest we get too busy and take OCU’s financial health for granted, let’s do some measuring. Take a look at the Financial Growth chart (right). Revenues have more than doubled in the past five years and are projected to grow by at least an additional 18 percent from June 2009 to June 2010.

In order to meet the demands of this growing ministry, most of the increased

revenues have been reinvested right back into the University for such things as:

- New jobs: University employment has more than doubled in the last five years.
- Increased wages: Wage disparities have virtually disappeared by implementing a Faculty Salary Scale wherein faculty at the lower end of the spectrum have been brought “up to scale.”
- COLAs: Annual Cost Of Living Adjustments tied to the Consumer Price Index.
- New financing: the University issued over \$8 million in revenue bonds to refinance old debt, build the Campus Leadership Center and the new women’s resident hall, and purchase the soccer field, baseball field, Welcome Center, and former Churches of Christ in Christian Union Headquarters building.
- New infrastructure: Just this past summer the University spent nearly \$400,000 in cash for a new sign and campus entrance, asphalt repaving, sidewalks, and a complete remake of the former CCCU headquarters building into a modern student resident facility.

All this explains why that in spite of the University’s financial growth over the past five years, our margins have remained comparatively small. But the most encouraging thing about this graph is where the trends are heading. Note the difference between revenues and expenses at the end of June 2008, and where we are expecting revenues and expenses to end at the end of our current fiscal year. The margin is starting to widen.

The true beginning of the Ohio Christian University financial success story is the development of a strong cash reserve and endowment in order to secure the University’s financial stability for decades to come. With God’s continued blessing, sound financial management principles, and a focus on securing the future as well as the day, larger and larger cash margins are expected.

By all measures, the past five years have been one busy and exciting ride, but we’re only at the cusp of where we believe He wants to take us. It’s okay to take a moment and celebrate our progress, but we’ve still got some more growing to do if we are to remain healthy. Today is only one more magic marker slash on our wall of progress. It will take every one of us continuing to nurture and support our beloved OCU if she is to grow strong.

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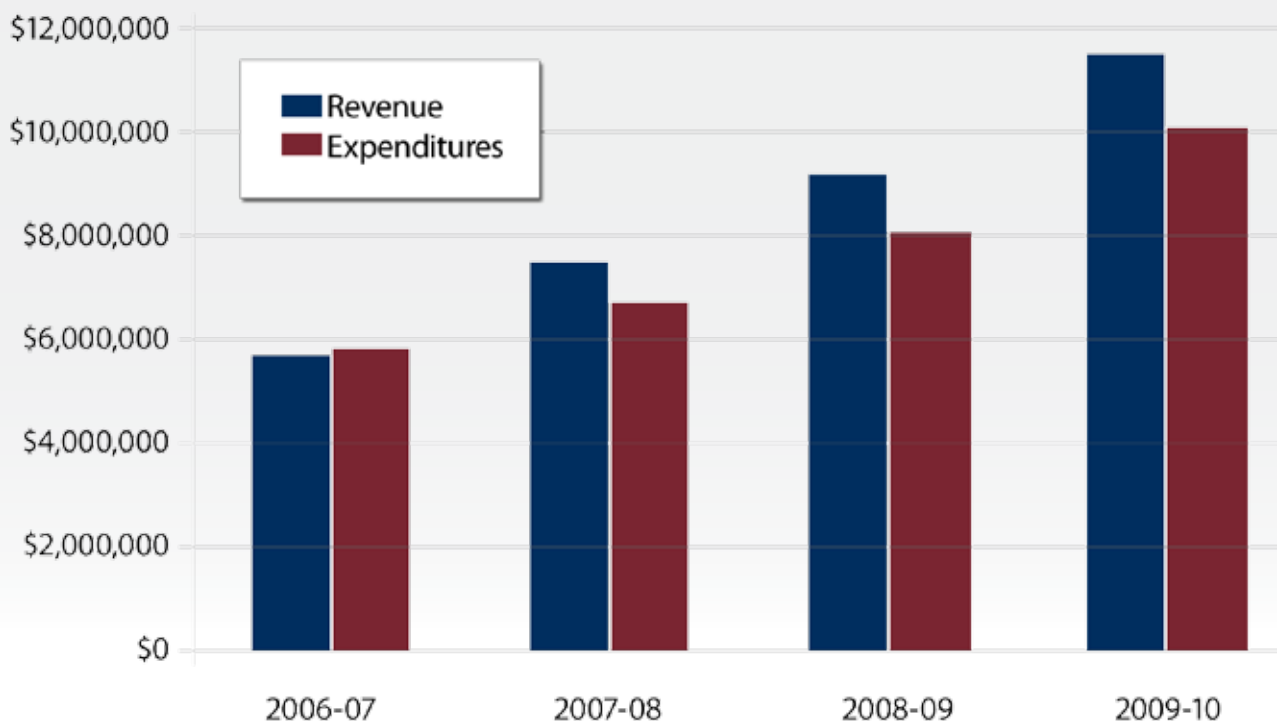
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Financial Growth



Campus Updates



Logistics Building - Coming Soon!



New Men's Residence Hall, Completed Fall 2009
(Former CCCU Headquarters building)



Moore Hall Addition & Remodel
Completed Fall 2007



Leadership Center, Completed Fall 2007
& Legacy Walk, Summer 2008



New Women's Residence Hall
Completed Fall 2008



Kitchen Remodel, Cafe and Dining
Completed January 2008

Our Needs

Keep OCU Growing!

Your tax-deductible gift will help OCU meet its goals for the next 5 years.

Student Housing	\$850,000
Chapel Expansion	\$600,000
Student Center	\$2,100,000
Paving	\$250,000
Office and Classroom Space	\$3,000,000
Performing Arts Center	\$4,000,000
Athletic Complex Outdoor Lighting	\$250,000
New Bus	\$150,000
Scholarships	\$1,000,000
Endowment	\$5,000,000

Get Involved!

To direct your contribution toward one of these needs, contact President Mark Smith at 740-477-7713 or Vice President for Advancement, Mark Taylor at 740-420-5918.

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OCU Men's Soccer: "Cinderella" Story

The dream of making this team into a nationally ranked program has come true: OCU is #3 in the nation and finished the 2009 season with a 17-6-1 record.

OCU Men's Soccer did the unbelievable. In 2007, the program hit rock bottom, going 1-16. In 2008 OCU hired Josh Murton, and he led them to a 10-5-1 record, a school record. In 2009, the men took one more step towards being nationally known and took the nation by storm by going undefeated in the National Tournament. OCU started by upsetting two-time defending National Champions, Manhattan Christian College 1-0 in overtime. The game winning goal from Dave Blamo sent the bench streaming to the field and a celebration as OCU "pulled off the biggest upset in NCCAA D2 History," according to CCSOnline.com.

But the Cinderella story didn't end there. Although OCU had won a big game, no one gave them any hope to competing against, let alone beating, Clearwater Christian College. After regulation and two overtimes of no scoring, it went down to penalty kicks. Clearwater came out on top, 3-4 and moved on to what would be their first national title, but under the rulebook from FIFA (Football International Federation Assoc.) the game does not count as a loss.



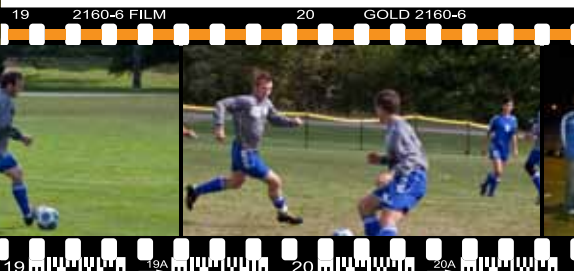
Next, the men played Providence College, the #1 seed in the tournament who was upset by Southeastern College. OCU opened up the scoring in the second half with a goal by Dexter Chapman. Providence College scored next, which marked the first goal OCU gave up in over 280 minutes of play. The Trailblazers came right back, and Joe Ramsey scored the game winner while Emanuel Harris solidified the win moving it to 3-1.

The men shocked many and became the "Cinderella" story of the tournament. The dream of making this team into a nationally ranked program has come true: OCU is #3 in the nation and finished with a 17-6-1 record.



Men's Soccer 2009 Awards

- 1st Team All-Americans
 - Emanuel Harris
 - Kevin Street
- 2nd Team All-Americans
 - Dave Blamo
 - Stu Hostetter
- Christian College Sports Network Player of the Year: Emmanuel Harris
- Mid-East Region Coach of the Year: Josh Murton
- Mid-East Region Player of the Year: Emanuel Harris
- 1st Team Mid-East Region
 - Emanuel Harris
 - Kevin Street
 - Dave Blamo
 - Stu Hostetter
- 2nd Team Mid-East Region
 - Jimmy Galvan
 - Taylor Ryan
 - Dexter Chapman



Women's Soccer 2009 Awards

- 1st Team All-Region
 - Sarah Peters (scored first goal in history of program)
 - Liesi South
 - Hannah Woolever
 - Christine Myers
- Honorable Mention Region
 - Kim Uetrecht
 - Elena Vluegals

	Year	Record	Notes
Men's Records			
Basketball	2006-07	12-19	
	2007-08	20-16	ACCA National Runnerup
	2008-09	19-16	NCCAA Nationals 5th Place
	2009-10	13-3	ranked #3 in the nation as of Jan. 14, 2010
Baseball	2007	2-12	
	2008	3-12	
	2009	5-14	
Soccer	2006	2-8-0	
	2007	1-16-0	
	2008	10-5-1	
	2009	17-6-1	

Women's Records			
Basketball	2006-07	4-20	
	2007-08	17-14	ACCA Final Four
	2008-09	15-5	
	2009-10	14-3	ranked #3 in the nation as of Jan. 14, 2010
Soccer	2009	3-4-1	first season
Softball	2009	0-9	first season
Volleyball	2006	16-16	
	2007	21-9	undefeated in Mid-East Region
	2009	19-11	Mid-East Region Runner-up

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Advancement Department Updates

MARK TAYLOR, VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADVANCEMENT

The establishment and the development of the Advancement Office has been an exciting addition to the overall support of Ohio Christian University. With the vision of our President, Dr. Smith, we now have a team of Development leaders that serve in administration, fund raising, Christian service, and training student workers to lead in their future employment environment. The Development staff consists of dedicated, hard-working people who demonstrate their faith in God through their unique contributions to Ohio Christian University. Each is an example and testimony to those around them.

In the past four years, more than \$6.5 million has been received to support the growth of the university. These funds were received through grant requests, endowed scholarships, and capital campaigns. Events and activities have increased awareness of Ohio Christian University, creating new donor contacts and bringing more than 40,000 visitors to the campus in 2009. Events hosted on campus include the Leadership Summit, with OCU alumnus and best-selling author Dr. John Maxwell as the keynote speaker. The school year is kicked off with a two-day Gospel concert and the Linking Legacies Scholarship Golf Tournament which raises over \$25,000 per year in scholarship dollars for students.

"Festival of Carols" showcases the OCU Chorale each December. The story of Christmas is told through song and OCU collects food items for a community food pantry. The evening

concludes with the annual lighting of the Christmas tree with over 10,000 lights.

We have raised \$100,000 of \$250,000 for the Dr. David A. Case Chair of Christian Ministries.

More activities are added each year in developing the "Christmas Happenings" on campus. The "Winter Getaway" for senior citizens is a fun day of entertainment and fellowship. A short road trip featuring a live Christmas performance and auction raises additional scholarship dollars.

The alumni council has been established to build relationships and reconnect OCU with alumni throughout the United States. We have raised \$100,000 of \$250,000 for the Dr. David A. Case Chair of Christian Ministries and created the OCU Legacy Walk and fountain. We continue to make contact with our partners through scholarship banquets, community functions, and individual contacts.

Campus development has been a main thrust throughout the past four years which includes the opening of the new Leadership Center. The Leadership Center is used to host community and denominational events as well as athletic events throughout the year. We are pleased to have dedicated the Marlin and Beulah Dowler Conference Room in the Leadership Center and are anxious to

name the Leadership Center for a gift of \$500,000 from any donor.

We are also focusing on estate gifts and planning. Call 740.420.5919 to schedule your estate gift planning.

New developments include the expansion of the Leadership Center with the addition of the Logistics and Science building and the expansion of Dettys Chapel where our students meet for services daily under the ministry of Rev. Aaron Duvall. The Music Department is now offering a new Worship Arts program.

One of our newest additions to the department is our volunteer program under the direction of Debbie Smith. The volunteer program is quickly becoming an integral part of Ohio Christian University.

Thanks to our churches, organizations, private donors, and the Circleville community for welcoming the change to the community. Thank you for giving and making OCU a blessing to a world that needs Jesus. We praise God as He abundantly blesses us here at Ohio Christian University.



Festival of Carols 2009



33 Volunteers Now Assist OCU

Debbie Smith had the vision for a volunteer program, which has been named the OCU Legacy Team. Already volunteers have helped in many capacities including stuffing envelopes for the AIM department, decorating for fall and Christmas, helping in the office, setting up and tearing down for events in the Leadership Center, and helping at sporting events. The group has been encouraging and a blessing as they come aside to help us see God's Kingdom go forward.

To become a part of the OCU Legacy Team, contact Debbie Smith by phone at 740-420-5912 or send email to desmith@ohiochristian.edu.

Student Perspectives



"Being a member of the Advancement team has allowed me to be involved in the exciting events and changes going on at Ohio Christian University. I have enjoyed getting to know the amazing people from the community and University staff who have made all of the campus 'advancement' possible."

LAUREN BIVENS, JUNIOR



"As a student worker in the Advancement office, I have been both challenged and blessed to learn the inside workings of the University. The skills that I have developed will be an asset as I enter the work force."

KYLE BONHAM, FRESHMAN



"I have been blessed to be a student of this University and am proud to say I will be graduating with a Psychology degree in May! Over the past couple of years, it has been amazing to witness the transformation, physically and spiritually, this campus has taken. From chapel, to the classroom, to working in the Advancement Office, God's presence is in the atmosphere. I am so thankful for this institution and excited to see what God has in store for the future!"

VANESSA BAKER, SENIOR

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Homecoming 2009

Save the Date!

Homecoming 2010
October 1-2

- Alumni Chapel & Torch Run
- OCU Follies
- Linking Legacies Golf Tournament
- Gospel Concerts
- Class Reunions
- Alumni Gathering
- Soccer Reunion
- Fun and games for the whole family



Coming Soon

02/26/2010 - 10:00am	Preview Day
03/08 - 03/12/2010	Spring Break for Traditional Classes
03/19/2010 - 10:00am	Preview Day
03/19/2010 - 7:00pm	Regeneration Concert sponsored by Student Council
03/26/2010 - 7:00pm	Mr. & Miss OCU Banquet @ Crossroads Church
04/12 - 04/13/2010	CCCU Ministerial Conference
04/15/2010 - 7:30am	Community Action Day
04/16/2010 - 10:00am	Preview Day
04/23/2010 - 6:00pm	School Picnic sponsored by Freshman Class
05/01/2010 - 10:00am	OCU Commencement
05/05/2010 6:00pm	Maxwell Leadership Summit
05/28/2010 - 10:00am	New Student Registration
06/14/2010 - 6:30pm	CCCU ECL Banquet
06/16/2010 - 10:00am	New Student Registration
06/20 - 06/27/2010	Mount of Praise Campmeeting

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4th Annual Homecoming Gospel Concert

October 1-2, 2010 at the
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\$20 Reserved Seating
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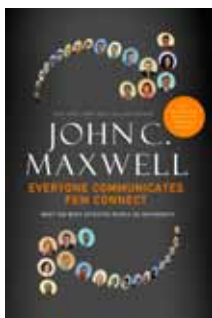
FOCUSED ON ALUMNI

All Alumni are invited to honor Dr. Case on May 1, 2010



On May 1, 2010, Ohio Christian University will hold its 60th Commencement Ceremony.

OCU Alumni are invited to form a celebration line to greet Dr. Case and join us in recognizing his 40 years of service and commitment to OCU students. The Commencement ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. in the OCU Leadership Center. For more information, please call 740-420-5903.



OCU Alumnus and world-renowned leadership expert Dr. John C. Maxwell gives five principles and five practices for breaking the invisible barrier to leadership and personal

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in concert



The OCU Choral

with Director Rodney Sones

- ❑ January 31, 10:30 am, Grace Community Church, South Solon, OH
- ❑ February 21, Grace Ministries, South Columbus, OH
- ❑ February 28, Waverly CCCU, Waverly, OH
- ❑ March 21, Crossroads CCCU, Circleville, OH
- ❑ March 28, morning, Brookside CCCU, Chillicothe, OH
- ❑ March 28, evening, Lighthouse CCCU, Columbus, OH
- ❑ April 9-11, Brooklyn, NY
- ❑ April 18, Heritage CCCU, Washington Court House, OH
- ❑ April 18, evening, London CCCU, London, OH

To find a performance in your area, visit. www.ohiochristian.edu/chorale.

To host the OCU Choral, please contact Debbie Smith at 740-420-5912 or desmith@ohiochristian.edu

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

As he travels, President Mark Smith actively develops OCU's relationships with external stakeholders.

1. DuPont visit in which Governor Strickland praised OCU.
2. Congressman Steve Austria visits OCU.
3. Sean Hannity and Dr. Smith hosted by Dr. Benny Tate, General Superintendent of the Congregational Methodist Church.
4. Ken Blackwell, speaker for family values, 2009 OCU Commencement Speaker.
5. Senator Sherrod Brown greeting Dr. Smith and family in Washington.
6. Coach Jim Tressel and his wife, Ellen Tressel, at OCU's Leadership Forum.





LEADERSHIP
FORUM

WITH OCU ALUMNUS DR. JOHN C. MAXWELL
May 5, 2010, 6 p.m. at the OCU Leadership Center



John C. Maxwell is an internationally respected leadership expert, speaker, and author who has sold more than 18 million books. Dr. Maxwell is the founder of EQUIP, a non-profit organization that has trained more than 5 million leaders in 126 countries worldwide. A New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and Business Week best-selling author, Maxwell has written three books that have sold more than a million copies: *The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership*, *Developing the Leader Within You*, and *The 21 Indispensable Qualities of a Leader*.

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