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2021

THE PRESIDENT'S DINNER

For Faculty and Staff

August 26, 2021

6:30 p.m.

Chalfant Hall

Hosted by
Dr. Gregg
and Tammy
Chenoweth



OLIVET
NAZARENE UNIVERSITY



Welcome

GOOD EVENING, COLLEAGUES, SPOUSES AND FRIENDS!
Tammy and I welcome you to the 71st Annual President's Dinner,
begun in 1950 by ONU President Harold Reed.

Few traditions last so long! Our forefathers and mothers drove to
their version of this gathering listening to Elvis in the car, then sped
home to watch *Leave It to Beaver* on black-and-white TVs.

More remarkable, few organizations last so long as Olivet. Since
the 1950s, nearly 9 of 10 Fortune 500 companies are ... gone! But
this month, we welcome students for a 114th consecutive year. Not
even the most severe challenges have interrupted our service to
students over the years — not near bankruptcy in our beginnings,
fire, tornado, nor COVID.

So tonight, nestle in. Remember God's faithfulness to Olivet, and
our fidelity to her great cause. The world still needs Olivet —
and you!

Dr. Gregg and Tammy Chenoweth

THE PRESIDENT'S DINNER

For Faculty and Staff

WELCOME	Dr. Gregg Chenoweth and Tammy Chenoweth President and First Lady
OPENING PRAYER	Tammy Chenoweth
RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW FACULTY AND NEW STAFF	Dr. Jay Martinson Dean of Online Learning
DINNER	
YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS	Tom Ascher Director of Human Resources
PRESIDENTIAL RECOGNITIONS	Dr. Jay Martinson and Dr. Gregg Chenoweth
Staff Member of the Year	
Faculty Member of the Year	
SPECIAL MUSIC	Dr. Paul Kenyon, Piano Professor, School of Music
"Be Thou My Vision"	
	Robert Evans, Clarinet Adjunct Faculty, School of Music
	Stephanie Lupo, Flute Adjunct Faculty, School of Music
PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS	Dr. Gregg Chenoweth
"Not Sight But Insight" – Matthew 13	
SPECIAL MUSIC	City on a Hill
"Eyes Fixed" by Phil Wickham	ONU Ministry Team – Emma Hancock, Josh Hershberger, Brooke Sherwood, Kevin Real, Danny McGrady, Harrison Spencer, Eric Mireles
BENEDICTION	Connie Panagakis Online Student, Bachelor of Science, Leadership
ALMA MATER	Dr. Jeff Bell, Directing Professor, School of Music
	Dr. Don Reddick, Accompanying Dean, School of Music

Menu

SALAD

Garden of Eaten Bibb Salad

Fresh picked from ONU's Garden of Eaten, candied walnuts, apple slices, shaved watermelon radish, bleu cheese, and lemon-honey vinaigrette

ENTRÉE

Sweet-tea brined chicken breast with a demi sauce served with wild harvest rice and roasted cauliflower

ALTERNATE ENTRÉE*

Roasted root vegetables over herbed cauliflower rice with a sweet corn sauce

**Vegan, Dairy/Gluten-Free*

DESSERT

Chocolate Diamond Cake

Your servers this evening are the Resident Hall Assistants.

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, Bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

TRANSLATOR: MARY E. BYRNE

Alma Mater, Olivet

Byron M. Carmony '39

To Alma Mater, Olivet,
we lift our voice in praise
For noble standards which we'll hold
'til ending of our days.

The time we spent within these halls
will ne'er forgotten be,
For here we learned to know of truth,
and truth will make us free.

My Olivet, Our Olivet!
Tho' life may lead us
far apart,
I'll still revere you in my heart.

My Olivet, Our Olivet.
I'll love the Christ
you gave first part,
And you, old Olivet!

2021 FACULTY MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Dan Sharda, Ph.D.

Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Biological Sciences

“HELPING STUDENTS fully embrace the integration of God and science is an extreme privilege and honor,” says Dr. Dan Sharda, professor and chair of the Department of Biological Sciences.

Dan knew nothing about Olivet when he arrived as a new faculty member in 2012, but quickly fell in love with his colleagues and the ethos of the University. He began his teaching career instructing courses in biology and physiology; later taking over immunology and developing the research seminars for the University Honors Program in 2016.

“In some ways, as an outsider, I brought a perspective of fresh eyes to the department and different parts of the University. There’s a tremendous sense of collaboration on campus and I’ve enjoyed being able to openly discuss ideas at all levels.”

When Olivet had to make drastic changes to academic and student life operations last year, Dan was frequently consulted by various COVID-19 task forces. His academic background in immunology, epidemiology and virology gave him technical understanding of preliminary reports on the spread of COVID-19.

“I could read the primary papers and peer-reviewed scientific research and interpret the data. I knew when the pandemic started, that I would need to step in and help where I could.”



Despite normally having the summers off as a contracted faculty member, Dan continued in that advisory capacity throughout the summer; providing invaluable insight and advice for how to safely transition Olivet’s operations to provide a robust campus environment.

“I was first tasked with other faculty to determine how to maintain educational excellence during a pandemic, but eventually transitioned my thinking into how to manage a pandemic. The priority was to preserve unity in the mess and still do education really well despite all the handicaps placed on us.”

During the pandemic, Dan also assumed the position of department chair. Additionally, he became the resident expert on the virus and frequent “face and voice of reason” for relevant messaging filmed for and circulated to students throughout the year.

“The pandemic, especially when we went online in spring 2020, made me realize that I had been taking what I do for granted. Learning to adapt and adjust learning environments reignited my purpose to intentionally engage and teach students about God’s creation so we can all hopefully see a fuller view of who we are, regardless of our external circumstances.”

Dan and his wife, Jori, live in Bourbonnais with their children, Isaiah, Acacia, Eliana and Tahlia.

Dan, for your discerning wisdom, willingness to go the extra mile, commitment to Olivet’s mission and faithful service to our Lord, we salute you as the 2021 Faculty Member of the Year.

2021 STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Kyle Olney

Director of Emergency Management and Systems Librarian

IT IS INVIGORATING TO DO impactful work with purpose and established trust across departments,” says Director of Emergency Management and Systems Librarian, Kyle Olney.

No stranger to the Olivet community, Kyle worked in Benner Library during summer and holiday breaks while he completed his undergraduate studies at Asbury University and a master’s degree at Asbury Theological Seminary. After graduation, and his wedding to Amber (McKean) ’08/’13 M.O.L., Kyle accepted an open position in the library — a department in which he has served for more than 12 years.

In his current role as Systems Librarian, Kyle oversees all aspects of Olivet’s library management system. He ensures that resource and user records are accurate and up-to-date, develops workflows for maximum efficiency, and provides training and troubleshooting help to library staff. Last year his role was critical in implementing the library’s migration to a new, web-based system that offers enhanced integrations and resource accessibility to students, faculty, and staff.

“It has been quite a year,” Kyle recently reflected. Given his additional leadership responsibilities in managing the operational changes the University has had to contend with over the past year, that is quite the understatement.

Since 2014, Kyle has been active in preparing the University for disruptive crises (natural disasters, health emergencies, active shooter situations, etc.) through voluntary involvement



on the Emergency Management Team (EMT). He helped formalize emergency operational plans for the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) by conducting risk assessments and training various personnel from around campus.

In January 2020, Kyle was appointed the Director of Emergency Management. With the swift onset of the pandemic, the theoretical effectiveness of

the University’s ability to cope in a crisis was immediately put to the test.

Over the past year, Kyle was instrumental in coordinating strategic groups of faculty and staff to plan, implement and effectively communicate necessary changes based on guidance from the CDC and state governing bodies. He conducted weekly — and at times, daily — meetings of the COVID Steering Committee and its subcommittees, which closely monitored the effects of the virus and proposed campus changes to the president’s cabinet.

“In some ways, the responsibility of the past year felt like the future of the University was on me. Ensuring a healthy learning environment for students and the entire Olivet community was a critical goal to work toward. While the circumstances haven’t been preferable, being able to use my skills in this tangible way for the present and future success of the University has been very gratifying.”

Kyle and Amber are the parents of Autumn, Kamden and Kolton. The Olneys live in Bourbonnais.

Kyle, for your diligence, professionalism, whole-hearted service to facilitating a healthy and safe environment that furthers Olivet’s mission, and faithful service to our Lord, we salute you as the 2021 Staff Member of the Year.

New Faculty

Daniel Allen

*Assistant Professor,
Behavioral Sciences*

B.A., 2010, Olivet Nazarene University
M.A., 2017, Trinity Evangelical
Divinity School
M.A., 2019, Baylor University
Ph.D., 2022 (expected), Baylor University

April Clark

*Associate Professor,
School of Nursing*

B.S.N., 2008, California Baptist University
M.N.E., 2010, University of Phoenix
Ph.D., 2021, Capella University

Camilo Giraldo

*Assistant Professor,
Department of Engineering*

B.S., 2014, Olivet Nazarene University
M.S., 2017, University of Kansas

David Horton

*Associate Professor,
School of Business*

B.S., 1984, Olivet Nazarene University
M.S., 1994, Walsh College

Daniel Kender

*Assistant Professor,
Department of Computer Science*

B.S., 2008, Purdue University, Calumet
M.S., 2013, Purdue University, Calumet

Kimberly Lynch

*Associate Professor,
School of Nursing*

B.S., 1987, Olivet Nazarene University
M.B.A., 1994, Lake Forest Graduate School
of Management
M.S.N., 2008, Ball State University
D.N.P., 2016, Ball State University

Tricia Mills

*Assistant Professor,
School of Business*

B.A., 1992, Governors State University
M.S., 2017, Western Governors University

Paige Salomone

*Assistant Professor,
Social Work and Criminal Justice*

B.S.W., 2013, Olivet Nazarene University
M.S.W., 2019, University of Illinois
at Urbana-Champaign

Keith Schimmel

*Professor,
Department of Engineering*

B.S., 1984, Purdue University
M.S., 1986, Northwestern University
Ph.D., 1990, Northwestern University

Laura Widstrom

*Associate Professor,
School of Theology and Christian Ministry*

B.A., 1997, Trinity Christian College
M.A., 2002, Wheaton College
Ph.D., 2007, Trinity International University

New Staff

Aaron Abrassart

Building Services

Hannah Ahrens

Office of Admissions

Cole Baker

Information Technology

Emily Belschner

Office of Admissions

Austin Brown

*Office of Alumni and
University Relations*

Adam Burton

Physical Plant

Julie Fritz

*Office of Advancement
Operations*

Austin Garde

Department of Athletics

Matt Gargiulo

*School of Graduate and
Continuing Studies*

Larry Herndon

Information Technology

Isaiah Hughes

Public Safety

Ralph Kalfas

*Office of Student
Development*

Larry Kuzeja

Physical Plant

Teresa Mathews

Office of Admissions

Alyssa Phelps

Office of Development

Hannah Priest

Office of Development

Jonah Priest

Office of Advancement

Julie Richardson

*Office of Counseling and
Health Services*

Lauren Reams

Office of Admissions

Hannah Sears

Office of Admissions

Christy Steffen

Department of Nursing

Heather Thiele

*Office of Student
Financial Services*

Max Whitaker

Building Services

Amy Zabel

Office of the President

Years of Service Recognitions

5 YEARS

Cathy Dillinger

Heather Erbe

Lori Fulton

Hannah Gardner

Eric Hehman

Bruce Heyen

Tanner Hurt

Joshua Karalevicz

Seok Lew

Tevan McIntire

Doug Nielsen

Andy Peterson

Scott Rattin

Derek Rosenberger

Ashley Thomas

Lee Turner

Becky Winge

Greg Youngblood

10 YEARS

Gregg Chenoweth

Wayne DeBoer

Lance Kilpatrick

Rick Lalumendre

Pat McConnell

Lisa McGrady

Paige Meister

Beth Moore

Becky Quimby

Noel Slaby

Nicole Soper

Brian Utter

Lisa Vanderveer

Phill Warren

Mindy Williamson

Addy Zhang

15 YEARS

Kelly Brown

Eddie Ellis

Melody Grimm

Timothy Hess

Ann Johnston

Scott Smith

Jean Thomas

Houston Thompson

20 YEARS

Jeff Domagalski

Elaine Eilders

Brian Hyma

Karen Knudson

Rebecca Schnurr

Joe Schroeder

Tina Simmons

25 YEARS

Ted Borchardt

Tony Grimm

Chuck Johnson

Donald Johnson

40 YEARS

Dennis Seymour

Staff Recognitions

Steven Alvarado

- Ordained as an elder in the Church of the Nazarene, May 2021, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Bill Bahr

- Vice president, 2021 NAIA Women's Soccer.
- Presenter, 2021 NAIA National Convention Student-Athlete Development Forum.
- Member, 2021 NAIA National Women's Soccer Tournament Committee.
- Member, 2021 NAIA National Women's Soccer All American Selection Committee.
- Member, 2021 NAIA National Raters Oversight Committee.
- Director of Coaching, Southland Strikers FC.

Drew Benson

- Earned degree, Master of Business Administration (MBA), Olivet Nazarene University, June 2021.

Nick Birkey

- Awarded 2021 Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) Men's Basketball Coach of the Year.
- Awarded 2021 Illinois Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA) NAIA Men's Basketball Coach of the Year.

Matt Gargiulo

- Earned a graduate certificate in church administration, North Park University School of Business & Nonprofit Management, completed December 2020.
- Completed workshop, Applying the Quality Matters Rubric, Quality Matters, July 2021.
- Peer reviewer of course workshop, Quality Matters, anticipated completion on August 3, 2021.

Lauren Glenn

- Awarded IBCA Coach of the Year.
- Member, NAIA National Ratings Oversight.
- Member, CCAC Ratings Oversight.
- Member, NAIA Women's Basketball Executive Committee.

Tony Grimm

- Conference Eligibility Chair, Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC).

Cindi Hannay

- Earned degree, Master of Organizational Leadership (M.O.L.), Olivet Nazarene University, September 2020.

Eric Hehman

- Awarded Head Coach of the Year, Mid States Midwest, Midwest Association.

Jason Johnson

- Named to Kankakee County Chamber of Commerce 40 under 40 Class of 2020.
- Treasurer, St. George SD 258, St. George, Illinois.
- Finance chair, Salvation Army Board.
- Advisory member, Harbor House Board.

Adam Ollervidez

- Earned the Project Management Certification, May 2021.

Erinn Proehl

- Board member, Footsteps Missions.
- Commissioner, CCCU Alumni Affairs Commission.
- Earned Leadership Principles Certification, Harvard Business School Online

Brian Tiarks

- Received Illinois EPS Cross-connection control device inspectors license, October 2020.

Greg Youngblood

- Awarded Assistant Coach of the Year, Mid States Midwest, Midwest Association.

Office of Alumni

- Won Bronze in the Alumni Relations Improvement Category at the 2021 CASE Circle of Excellence Awards for the Olivet Advocacy Program and Great People Know Great People campaign.

Faculty Recognitions

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Recent Scholarship Grant Recipients

Wilfredo Canales

- CCCU Networking Grant for Christian Scholars, through 2022.

Scott Dombrowski

- Hippenhammer Grant, for collaborative project called, “A Ribbon of Quicksilver,” an artistic view of natural materials.

Lisa Gassin

- CCCU Initiative Grant, for collaborative research with Kristian Veit and Alison Young Reusser on the topic, “Does grace to the underserving have social costs?”

Willa Harper

- Mentored the Pence-Boyce grant recipient, student Brianna Munnich.

Bruce Heyen

- Awarded the Pence-Boyce biochemistry research grant for projects with students Tyler Alt and Lauren Kee.

José Manjarrés

- Hippenhammer Grant to support research in asteroids detection in astronomical images with deep learning.

Kyle Robinson

- Research fellowship for archival study at the Manchester Wesley Research Centre in Manchester, U.K.

Derek Rosenberger

- USDA Forest Service Research CHALLENGE Cost Share Agreement. Rusty Patched Bumble Bee Survey 2021 (\$6,500).

- The Nature Conservancy Illinois. Movement and habitat use of Ornate Box Turtles at Iroquois County State Wildlife Area (\$3,000).

Jon Seals

- Hippenhammer Grant, for collaborative project called, “A Ribbon of Quicksilver,” an artistic view of natural materials.

Dale Smith

- Rush University Medical Center, partner on several grants.

Kristian Veit

- CCCU Initiative Grant, for collaborative research with Lisa Gassin and Alison Young Reusser on the topic, “Does grace to the underserving have social costs?”

Scholarship Projects (Completed)

John Adams

- Poster Presentation: Collaboration with Kristian Veit on “Cognitive dissonance.” American Psychological Association.

Jeff Bell

- Recital: Faculty voice recital collaboration with Isaac Lee (ONU, '21) in a performance of an original song cycle: *Songs for Two Men (who shouldn't be singing together)*.

Nancy Bonilla

- Paper presentation: Co-presenter with Dr. Karen Leonard on, “Teachers’ Oral Proficiency: What Happens After They Graduate?” ONU Scholar Week.

Faculty Recognitions

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Scholarship Projects (Completed) — continued

Charles Carrigan

- Paper: Co-authored with Brian Stipp and Lance Kilpatrick, “Lessons from the Deep End: Teaching and Learning during the COVID-19 Crisis.” ONU Scholar Week.
https://digitalcommons.olivet.edu/scholar_week_events/2021/schedule/35/

Lisa Gassin

- Poster presentation: “Variation and commonality in children’s experience of participation in communion.” American Psychological Association.

Willa Harper

- Poster presentation mentored: “Mediation of the uncoupled eNOS pathway following oxidative stress using tetrahydrobiopterin and nitric oxide donor drugs.” ACS Spring 2021 Macromolecular Chemistry: The Second Century, April 5–16.
- Poster presentation mentored: “Mediation of the uncoupled eNOS pathway following oxidative stress using tetrahydrobiopterin and nitric oxide donor drugs.” 2021 Great Lakes Regional Meeting, June 6.

Dale Hathaway

- Presentation: “The Many Surprises of the Birthday Problem.” Elmhurst Seminar Series in Mathematics, April 7, 2021.

Bruce Heyen

- Research project: Completed a Pence-Boyce research project with student Jason Tolley, “Determining the decrement times of isoflurane in *Drosophila melanogaster* using gas chromatography/mass spectrometry.”

Ryan Himes

- Article published: “Financial and Environmental Cost-Benefit Analyses Support the Continuation of Government Incentives for Solar Power.” *The Journal of Science Policy & Governance*. With students London Withers and Alyssa Black.
- Research project: “Finding the Balance: The Effects of α -Cyclodextrin, 2-Hydroxypropyl- β -Cyclodextrin, and Cholesterol on *Bacteroides Vulgatus* and *Clostridium Bolteae*.” With Honors student Bethany Weaver.

Elizabeth Lamszus

- Article published: “We were the Land: Displacement and Language in Diane Glancy’s *Pushing the Bear*.” A 2021 commemorative book for Dr. Michael Vander Weele.

Karen Leonard

- Paper presentation: Co-presenter with Dr. Nancy Bonilla on, “Teachers’ Oral Proficiency: What Happens After They Graduate?” ONU Scholar Week.

Seok Lew

- Article published: S. Lew, MS. Hämäläinen, SP Ahlfors, Y. Okada. “Influence of unfused cranial bones on magnetoencephalography signals in human infants”, *Clinical Neurophysiology*, 2021, March, 132:708–719. (One of figures was selected as the cover image of the March edition.)

Greg Long

- Poster presentation mentored: “Restoration of β -Hexosaminidase A deficiency through the use of molecular chaperones.” A study exploring possible drug treatments for Tay-Sachs disease. Anthony Fund. Pence-Boyce Research, summer 2020.
- Project mentored: “Restoration of β -Hexosaminidase A deficiency through the use of molecular chaperones.” Anthony Fund. ONU Honors Program and Scholar Week.

José Manjarrés

- Article published: Guohao Lan; Mohammadreza F. Imani; Zida Liu; José Manjarrés; Wenjun Hu; Andrew S. Lan; David R. Smith; Maria Gorlatova, “MetaSense: Boosting RF Sensing Accuracy using Dynamic Metasurface Antenna,” in *IEEE Internet of Things Journal*, doi: 10.1109/IIOT.2021.3070225.

Charles Perabeau

- Article published: Co-authored with Reuben Lillie, “Redefining Districts: Fulfilling a New Model for Administrative Boundaries in the Church of the Nazarene.” Didache: Faithful Teaching.

Darl Rassi

- Doctoral dissertation: “Opportunities to notice and factors influencing preservice mathematics teachers’ noticing.” (2020). Retrieved from ProQuest. (#28022404).

Kyle Robinson

- Podcast: “Hear the Voice and Prayer: Christianity and Belief in Early Modern Europe.” A scholarly, publicly available podcast that explores the historical world of religious belief and practice.

Derek Rosenberger

Articles published:

- Rosenberger, D. W., Henn, D., Senti, N. Treondle. 2020. “Craugaster podiciferous Elevation.” Intended: Herpetological Review. 51 (4) 814.
- Rosenberger, D. W., & Conforti, M. L. 2020. “Native and agricultural grassland use by stable and declining bumble bees in Midwestern North America.” Insect Conservation and Diversity, 13(6), 585–594.

Reports submitted:

- Rosenberger, Derek & Tanner Senti 2020. “Bark beetle surveys completed at Kankakee Sands Preserve Hopkins Park, Illinois, in 2019.” 2019 Science Report: The Nature Conservancy of Illinois.
- Rosenberger, Derek. 2020. “Ornate Box Turtle Radio Telemetry Project Range and Movement Report,” summer

2020. Report submitted to the Illinois Nature Preserve Commission.

- Dede, Nicole., Derek Rosenberger. 2020. “Surveys of bees at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie with special focus on the possible presence of a rusty patched bumble bee populations.” Report submitted to USDA- Forest Service, Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, Wilmington, Illinois.
- Oral Presentations:
- Senti, Tanner., Henn, Dakotah., & Derek Rosenberger. 2021. “Changes in the elevational distribution of Craugaster podiciferus in a Costa Rican cloud forest.” ONU Scholar Week.
 - Dede, Nicole., Derek Rosenberger. 2021. “Surveys of bees at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie with special focus on the possible presence of rusty patched bumble bee populations.” ONU Scholar Week.

Ashley Sarver

- Wrote, produced and directed the original musical, *Still*, based on the life of hymnist Fanny Crosby.

Jon Seals

- Published artwork and essay: “This Stone Will be a Witness against Us,” *Words for a Dying World: Stories of Grief and Courage from the Global Church*, London: SCM Press, 2020.

Dale Smith

Articles published:

- Smith, D.L., Hunter, S.J., Lee, M. (2020). “Behavioral and Cognitive functioning in children with sleep disordered breathing.” In Gozal L. & Gozal, D. (Ed.) *Sleep disordered*

breathing in children (pp. TBA). Springer.

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- Glover, A. C., Schueller, S. M., Winiarski, D. A., Smith, D. L., Karnik, N. S., & Zalta, A. K. (2019, in press). “Automated mobile phone-based mental health resource for homeless youth: Pilot study assessing feasibility and acceptability.” *JMIR Mental Health*.
- Hirabayashi, M., Smith D.L., An. J. (2019). “Biostatistics 101: Perspective on statistics in Ophthalmology.” *JOJ Ophthalmology*, 7, 5, 001–004.
- Horwitz, A., Smith, D.L., Held, P., Zalta, A.K., (2019). “Characteristics of Veteran and Civilian Suicide Decedents: A Sex-stratified Examination of the National Violent Death Reporting System.” *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, e163–e168.
- Sanchez, T., Gozal, D., Smith, D.L., Fonca, C., Betancur, C., Brockmann, P. (2019). “Association between air pollution and sleep disordered breathing in children.” *Pediatric Pulmonology*, 1–7.
- Zalta, A.K., Wagner, L.M., Valdespino-Hayden, Z., Smith, D.L., Burgess, H.J.,

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Faculty Recognitions

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Scholarship Projects (Completed) — continued

Held, P., Boley, R.A., Karnik, N.S., Pollack, M.H., (2020). "Examining insomnia during intensive treatment for veterans with PTSD: Does it improve and does it predict treatment outcomes?" *Journal of Traumatic Stress*.

Matt Stratton

- Music project: Esse Quam Videri, commission project for Dr. John Bowling.

Kristian Veit

- Poster presentation: Collaboration with John Adams on "Cognitive dissonance." American Psychological Association.
- Presentation: "Internet Explorer: Extracting meaning from online data," group presentation. Midwestern Psychological Association.
- Paper Presentation: "The pandemic and personality:

A cross-sectional comparison of personality trait scores." ONU Scholar Week.

Neal Woodruff

- Music director: The premier of ONU's original musical, *Still*.
- Music students: Six students advanced to the National Student Auditions sponsored by the National Association of Teachers of Singing.

Professional Leadership

Aram Agajanian

- IEEE Student Chapter faculty advisor, new charter.

Mark Bishop

- Resident director for more than 75 male residents at University Place Apartments.

Charles Carrigan

- President of Affiliation of Christian Geologists.

Scott Dombrowski

- Apple Distinguished Educator.

Lisa Gassin

- Editorial Board, *International Journal of Play Therapy*.
- Guest reviewer, *Journal of Psychology and Christianity, Death Studies*.

Ryan Himes

- Video podcast recording for SciPol SoundBites and *The Journal of Science Policy & Governance*.

Dale Hathaway

- Question Leader for AP Calculus for 2021 (and for the past several years).

Bruce Heyen

- Co-president with Willa Harper of ACCA chemistry group.

Marvin Jones

- Leader of Gospel Choir which won The Kingdom Image Award, in Columbus, Ohio, for best large choir in the country.
- Had two videos go viral on Facebook with 10,000,000 and 5,000,000 views respectfully.
- Had its "Ride on King Jesus" video shared on the *Set Apart and Chosen* Facebook page with 16,000,000 views, making it the most viewed video on their site.
- Featured on Chicago's WGN News for its viral video.
- Invited to submit an audition video for *America's Got Talent*.

Heather McLaughlin

- Coordinator for L.A. Film Studies Program (formerly a CCCU initiative).

Jon Seals

- Yale University Art Gallery Alumni Steering Committee, two-year term.

Dale Smith

- Statistical editor, *Journal SLEEP* and *Journal Topics in Spinal Cord injury Rehabilitation*.

Matt Stratton

- Brass caption manager, Cadets.

Kristian Veit

- Reviewer for the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology's annual conference.

Advanced Degrees Earned

Camilo Giraldo

- Ph.D., Engineering, Kansas University, July 2021.

José Manjarrés

- Ph.D., Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Universidad del Norte, September 2020.

Darl Rassi

- Ph.D., Mathematics Education, Illinois State University, August 2020.

Community Engagement and Recognitions

Nick Boros

- Led a garden and food distribution ministry at Manteno (Illinois) Church of the Nazarene, featured in *Nazarene News*.

Wilfredo Canales

- Reviewer for academic articles to be published in the *Revista Quadrata*, Journal of the Department of Philosophy and Letters, Universidad Autónoma de Chihuahua, México. <https://vocero.uach.mx/index.php/qvadrata>.
- Conference speaker or preacher at 21 different events during 2020 and 2021, throughout the United States, Argentina, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Peru and Mexico.
- Pastor of Hispanic Ministry at First Church, Kankakee, Illinois.

Steve Case

- Director, Strickler Planetarium, Olivet Nazarene University.

Lisa Gassin

- Project SUN (helping children flourish in Kankakee) data committee and parent presentation.

Dan Green

- Chief question writer and judge for the 2020 River Valley Math Competition.

Beth Patrick-Trippel

- Trustee, Kankakee Public Library.

Don Reddick

- Concluded 30 years on the pastoral staff in worship arts at Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene.

Joseph Schroeder

- Member of Dow & BASF Community Advisory Panel 2020–2021.
- Meet referee, National Collegiate Swimming & Diving Championship, March 2021.
- Meet official for USA-Swimming U.S. Open Championship, Des Moines, Iowa, November 2020.
- Meet official for USA-Swimming Pro Swim Series, Indianapolis, Indiana, May 2021.

Dan Sharda

- Chair of Academic Contingency Task Force (ACTF) and Director of the Saliva Testing Program, providing valuable campus leadership during the COVID pandemic, 2020–2021.

Dale Smith

- Dissertation committee member, DePaul University doctoral student.

Matt Stratton

- The Tiger Marching Band is going to London for New Year's Day, 2022.

Kristian Veit

- Grant evaluator for Kankakee County's Federal Drug Court Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Grant.

Neal Woodruff

- Adjudicator for the Classical Singer National Competition, as well as for the National Association of Teachers of Singing Central Region competition.

Faculty Recognitions

COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Recent Scholarship Grant Recipients

Lynda Allen

- Grant awarded to Enactus for work with the Food Recovery Network. In partnership with Sodexo, Enactus delivered over 21,000 lbs. of food to the Kankakee Salvation Army, enabling them to provide 15,000 hot meals to people in our community.

Dawn Schwarzkopf

- Received an additional \$25,000 grant from the PNC Grow Up Great Grant

Scholarship Projects (Completed)

Lynda Allen

- Faculty sponsor for Madeira Sherwood's Honor Project where she created the model of Enactus' Food Recovery Network.
- Enactus team competed against top-tier universities; is recognized as one of the top eight teams in the nation, and received national recognition for serving the Olivet, local and national communities.

Hillary Cole

- Conceptual Framework Article: "Intersecting Social Work Practice, Education, and Spirituality: A Conceptual Model," accepted for publication with the *Journal of Religion and Spirituality: Social Thought*, November 2020.
- Peer-Reviewed Presentation: "Spirituality Integration in BSW Curriculum – How (and Why) We Pursue It," at Baccalaureate Social Work Program Director (BPD) Conference, April 2021.

Lance Kilpatrick

- Co-author of an article with Dr. Stipp titled, "Trust-based Relational Intervention (TBRI) as a Trauma-Informed Teaching Approach." This article was scheduled for publication in April 2021, in the *International Journal of Emotional Education* but has not yet been released.

Rob Knisley

- Lin, H., Knisley, R. J., "Real Earnings Management and Fraud Risk: An Internal Audit Perspective." *Internal Auditing*, November/December 2020 issue.
- Knisley, R. J., Lin, H., "Real Earnings Management as a Financial Statement Fraud Risk under Uncertainty and Volatility." *Internal Auditor*.

Paul Koch

- Article publication, "Whose Community? Market Economics and the Concept of Solidarity," *Faith and Economics*, fall 2020 (No. 76), pp. 123–132.
- Essay presentation, "Whose Community? Market Economics and the Concept of Solidarity," at the 2021 Faculty Retreat of the Initiative on Faith and Public Life, sponsored by the American Enterprise Institute, January 9, 2021.
- Article publication, "Calling and Vocation: What's the Connection?" *Holiness Today*, forthcoming.
- Presentation (with student Rachel Carlassare), "What's Your Natural Next Question? The Inquiry Approach to Learning Economics," during the 2021 ONU Scholar Week.

Doug Neilson

- Faculty sponsor for the Investment Club where five students competed in the CFA Research Challenge through the CFA Institute and conducted a financial analysis of ULTA Corporation. The students presented at the CFA Regional Finals and also Scholar Week.

Tonya Peterson

- Together with Dr. Brian Stipp, created a 13-episode podcast titled, “Charting Uncharted Waters: Special Education in the Days of COVID.”

Amber Residori

- Interview and article with Susan Wolff, “An Interview with John and Jill Bowling,” *Olivet the Magazine*, spring 2021.

Brian Stipp

- Article accepted for publication in the *International Journal for Emotional Education* titled, “Trust-based Relational Intervention (TBRI) as a Trauma-Informed Teaching Approach.”
- Together with professor Tonya Peterson, created a 13-episode podcast titled, “Charting uncharted waters: special education in the days of COVID.”

- Participated in the AERA Division C Graduate Student Seminar as a faculty mentor.

Shelly Stroud

- Published textbook, *Juvenile Justice – Breaking the Cycle*, April 2021.

Brad Thomas

- Scholar Week Presentation, “An exploratory study of emotional intelligence (EI) characteristics between disciplines and suggested curriculum adjustments.”

Professional Leadership

Kelly Brown

- Treasurer of Illinois Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (IACTE)
- Contributing author in *The Standard and Reflecting God*.

Cathy Dillinger

- Treasurer of Kappa Sigma Chapter.

Queen Kisoso

- Member of The National Society of Leadership and Success.

Doug Neilson

- Oversees School of Business Investment Club comprised of students who are managing assets of more than \$835,000.

Chris Perez

- Faculty advisor to member of the American Advertising Federation.

Brooke Piper

- President, Kappa Sigma of Sigma Theta Tau International Honors Society of Nursing.

Nancy Pyle

- Faculty counselor of Kappa Sigma Board.

Amber Residori

- Mentors various female leaders from diverse organizations in Kankakee County: Riverside, Salvation Army, Uplifted Care, BBCHS, United Way, and the City of Kankakee.

Glen Rewerts

- Formalized School of Business requirements in the following areas: Career Management Program, Internship Program, Discipleship Bible Study, Council of Business Presidents, Business Honors Program,

Accelerated 4+1 Bachelor to Master's Program.

Dawn Schwarzkopf

- Helping coordinate the use of Theraplay/Sunshine Circles in our local school districts and community organizations.

Brad Thomas

- Faculty adviser for Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) student organization.
- Illinois State Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) board member – local chapter representative.

Faculty Recognitions

COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Advanced Degrees Earned

Hillary Cole

- Doctor of Social Work (DSW) from University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota, May 2021.

Queen Kisoso

- Master of Business Administration (MBA), Healthcare Informatics, Lewis University, May 2020.

Rob Knisley

- Doctorate in Business Administration (DBA) with a focus in Accounting from DePaul University, June 2020.

Paul Koch

- Completion of the Commissioned Ruling Elder/Commissioned Lay Pastor program, University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, December 2020.

Kristin Mathews

- Awarded National Board Certification, the most respected professional certification available in education.

Mary Nehls

- Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) with Emphasis on Education and Leadership from Grand Canyon University, August 2020.

Brad Thomas

- Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) degree from Anderson University, August 2020.

Community Engagement and Recognitions

Amanda Chorak

- Member of the United Way of Kankakee and Iroquois Counties Success by Six Coalition.
- Member of the Healthy Families Advisory Board through Aunt Martha's of Kankakee County.

Paul Koch

- Volunteer, Kankakee County 4-H.
- Program member, Illinois Farm Bureau.

Mary Nehls

- Received five-year award for being an active board member for Uplifted Care.

Doug Neilson

- Board member and finance committee chair for College Church of the Nazarene University Avenue, Bourbonnais.

Glen Rewerts

- Preaches at Cornerstone Church, conducts Christian marriage counseling with wife, Tara, and officiates weddings and funerals.

Shelly Stroud

- Vice president of Child Network Board.
- Board member of Kankakee County Renewed Opportunities.
- Board member of Kankakee-Iroquois County Human Trafficking Task Force.

Brad Thomas

- Bourbonnais Police Commissioner since 2014.

Amber Residori

- Member: Riverside Executive Board, Medical Center Board, and Joint Conference Sub-Committee.
- Member: Kankakee County Partnership for Healthy Communities Steering Committee, and Education and Employment Sub-committee.
- Member: United Way Board and Community Impact Sub-Committee.
- Parent representative: Teacher Curriculum Advisory Committee, Herscher (Illinois) School District.
- Worked with Ashley Rosenberger and Jordan Bergren to coordinate Olivet as a food distribution site for the Illinois Food Bank.

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Scholarship Projects (Completed)

Leon Blanchette

- “Trauma-Informed Children’s Ministry: A Qualitative Descriptive Study” article published by the *Journal of Child and Adolescent Trauma*, January 2021. Contributions made by Robert G. Crosby, Erin I. Smith, Jeffrey Gage and Leon Blanchette.
- “Practices of Supportive Church Children’s Ministries: An Exploratory Multilevel Investigation of Church of the Nazarene Congregations in the United States” article published by *Review of Religious Research*, February 2021. Contributions made by Robert G. Crosby, Erin I. Smith, Robert G. LaChausse, Leon Blanchette, and Gergory J. Palardy.

Mark Frisius

- Mark A. Frisius. “Historical Learning through Scenario-Building.” *Didaktikos*, vol. 4, no. 3 (2021): 30–31.

Kevin Lowery

- “Biblical Ethics.” In *Global Wesleyan Dictionary of Biblical Theology*, edited by Robert Branson. Kansas City: The Foundry, 2020.

Kevin Mellish

- Book chapter on Deuteronomy 6:4–5 for the upcoming volume, *The Old Testament in Twelve Verses*, edited by Brad Kelle and Stephanie Matthews.

FACULTY/STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

PAST RECIPIENTS

2019

Gary Newsome/
Rob Lalumendre

2018

Dr. Joseph Schroeder/
Dr. Lisa Vander Veer

2017

Dr. Mike Pyle/
Mr. Jeremy Alderson

2016

Dr. David Van Heemst/
Miss Faith Newman

2015

Professor Jerry Cohagan/
Mr. Tony Fightmaster

2014

Dr. Glen Rewerts/
Mr. Marlin Wallace

2013

Professor David Wine/
Mrs. Marjorie Vinson

2012

Mr. Bill Bahr/
Mr. Thane Moore

2011

Dr. James Upchurch/
Mrs. Susan Wolff

2010

Dr. Don Daake/
Mr. Donnie Johnson

2009

All Faculty and Staff

2008

Dr. Jeff Bell/
Mrs. Dianne Schaafsma

2007

Dr. Bob Wright/
Mrs. Kathy Steinacker

2006

Dr. Don Reddick/
Mr. Greg Bruner

2005

Dr. Shirlee A. McGuire/
Mr. Brian Parker

2004

Dr. Carol Maxson/
Mr. Matt Whitis

2003

Dr. Diane Richardson/
Mr. Dan Ferris

2002

Dr. Sara Spruce/
Rev. Walter "Woody" Webb

2001

Professor Amy Golyshko/
Mrs. Mary Anderson

2000

Dr. Richard Colling/
Mr. Brian Allen

1999

Dr. Judith Whitis/
Mr. Wendy Parsons

1998

Mrs. Kathy Boyens/
Mrs. Phyllis Harris

1997

Mr. Larry Watson/
Mr. Gary Griffin

1996

Professor Mike LaReau/
Mrs. Betty Elliott

1995

Dr. Henry L. Smith/
Mr. David J. Pickering

1994

Dr. Randal D. Johnson/
Mr. Darrell W. Bellomy

1993

Rev. William Foote/
Mrs. Joyce Muhm

1992

Professor Charlotte Keck/
Mr. Donald Keck

1991

Dr. Harlow Hopkins/
Mrs. Mary Gates

1990

Mr. Allan Wiens/
Mrs. Thelma Collins

1989

Dr. Gerald Anderson/
Mrs. Connie Skinner

1988

Mr. Frank Garton/
Mr. Dennis Seymour

1987

Mr. Don Toland/
Mr. Jim Knight

1986

Dr. Gary Streit/
Mr. Doug Perry

1985

Dr. William Ellwanger/
Rev. John Mongerson

1984

Dr. Harry Westfall/
Mr. Phil Richardson

1983

Dr. Carolyn Sechrist/
Mr. Clifford Hayman and
Mrs. June Hayman

1982

Dr. David Atkinson/
Rev. Gordon Wickersham

1981

Mrs. Gunnell Jorden/
Mr. Pat Duncan

1980

Dr. George Dunbar/
Mr. Richard Matheny

1979

Dr. Joseph Nielson/
Mr. James Tripp

1978

Dr. Harvey Collins/
Mr. Linford Marquart

1977

Mr. C.W. Ward and
Dr. Richard Wirt/
Dr. William Hodges and
Ms. Judy King

1976

Dr. Max Reams/
Dr. Ted Lee

1975

Dr. Harry Fulton/
Mr. Efton Elliott

1974

Dr. Joseph Nielson/
Mr. James Tripp

1973

Dr. William Bell/
Dr. L.A. Marquart

1972

Dr. Otho Jennings/
Rev. Norman Moore

1971

Dr. Ralph Perry/
Dr. Mervyn Goins

1970

Professor Naomi Larsen/
Mr. Roy Brown

1969

Dr. Mary Shaffer/
Ms. Esther Tripp

1968

Professor Elbert Pence/
Mr. Charles Beatty

1967

Dr. Vernal Carmichael/
Mr. William Bennett

1966

Dr. John Hanson/
Mrs. Ruth Lane

1965

Dr. Fordyce Bennett/
Dr. John Cotner

1964

Dr. David Jones/
Mr. Charles Henderson

1963

Dr. Vernon Groves/
Mrs. Gladys Corbett

1962

Dr. Billy Hobbs/
Mrs. Dorothy Swearengen

1961

Professor Gardner Walmsley/
Mr. Albert Bloom

1960

Professor Rockwell Brank/
Mr. Harlan Milby

1959

Dr. Coral Demaray/
Mrs. Emily Reeves

1958

Mr. Leonard Anderson/
Dr. Willis Snowbarger

1957

Dr. Walter Larsen/
Dr. R.L. Lunsford

1956

Dr. Clarence Grothaus/
Mr. Ed Brodien

1955

Professor Leo Slagg/
Dr. Paul Schwada

1954

Dr. D.J. Strickler/
Mr. Alyn Fletcher

The History of Olivet

IN THE BEGINNING

Olivet Nazarene University's origins can be traced to the first decade of the last century and to the resolve of several families in east central Illinois who were committed to providing a Christian education for their children.

In 1907 the prologue to the Olivet story began with elementary school classes taught by Miss Mary Nesbitt in a home in the community of Georgetown, Illinois. A year later, the founders of this small school acquired several acres of land in the nearby village called Olivet. There, they raised a modest building and added the secondary level of instruction. A College of Liberal Arts followed in 1909, along with the first name for this fledgling, but ambitious institution: "Illinois Holiness University." The articles of incorporation established the school as a liberal arts institution which focused on the classics and included the study of the Bible based on the Wesleyan theological concept of entire sanctification. The first president, A.M. Hills, was appointed in 1909.

By 1912, the founders and trustees were aware of the school's need for a wider constituency and offered to give their educational work to the Church of the Nazarene. This young denomination accepted the school with a pledge to support and promote its ministry of Christian higher education. That early church commitment is still being perpetuated by the more than 800 Nazarene congregations throughout Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin.

The school grew slowly during the next decade. There were several acting and short-term presidents and the campus of 18 acres contained only a few small buildings. The first yearbook, the *Aurora*, was published in 1914. A new school name followed in 1915: "Olivet University," and in 1923, the name was changed to "Olivet College."

The 1920s were a defining decade for the school. The world was experiencing unprecedented societal liberation following the end of World War I. However, Olivet remained steadfast in its conservative fabric. As was the case with many small church colleges at the time, Olivet's financial base eroded significantly, forcing the trustees to declare bankruptcy in 1926. The then-college treasurer,

Dr. T.W. Willingham, bought the school back at a public auction, outlined a new plan for solvency, and was elected that night to serve as president.

A devastating fire destroyed the main campus building in November 1938, prompting the newly elected president, A.L. Parrott, and the trustees to consider locating a new campus as an alternative to rebuilding at their rural site. They found and purchased the present campus in Bourbonnais in 1939 and moved the college in the summer of 1940. "Nazarene" was added to the college's name that same year. At the time of Olivet's move to Bourbonnais, the campus consisted of 42 acres, which had been the site of St. Viator's College from 1868 until it closed in 1938. Four of the buildings purchased then are still in use today.

Receiving formal recognition and accreditation by the University of Illinois in 1939 was a major academic milestone for Olivet. The college catalogs of the 1940s reflected a School of Liberal Arts, a School of Music, a School of Religion, and a high school Academy. In 1953, under the skillful leadership of Dr. Harold W. Reed, president, and Dr. Willis Snowbarger, newly appointed dean, all areas of study were grouped into curricular divisions.

Dr. Harold W. Reed, president from 1949–1975, led Olivet through a period of remarkable growth, including the construction of 20 major buildings to keep pace with swelling student enrollments. Intercollegiate athletic contests were added in the 1960s, beginning with men's basketball in 1965.

Dr. Leslie Parrott continued a focus on campus expansion, development and beautification during his 16-year tenure with a specific interest in the elevation of Olivet to university status. In 1986, the school's name was changed to "Olivet Nazarene University" to reflect the diversity of academic programs and graduate studies.

MANAGED GROWTH

In 1991, Dr. John C. Bowling became president and the University continued in growth and effective ministry. During the 1990s, Olivet expanded and strengthened both its undergraduate and graduate programs.

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The History of Olivet – continued

The University established a formal development program, including planned giving and major gifts, an annual fund program known as Friends of Olivet, renewed grant writing, a comprehensive program of donor relations, and the “In Word and Deed” capital campaign. In 1994, a full-time chaplaincy program was established to give direction to chapel, student spiritual life activities, small group ministries, missions and compassionate ministry experiences.

Additional successes in the 1990s included: the renovation of Chalfant Hall; establishment of the Harlow E. Hopkins Alumni Center; reconstruction of Milby Clock Tower; renovations of Ludwig Dining Room, the Red Room, and Hammes bookstore; creation of the Olivet computer, media, and communications network; completion of the campus entrance; and construction of the Admissions Center.

In the following decade, the campus continued to experience change. Between 2000 and 2009, the Weber Center was constructed; two parcels of land south of the Admissions Center were purchased; and the Larsen Fine Arts Center was renovated. Major renovations also took place in Burke Administration Building, Williams Hall, Chapman Hall, Common Grounds coffee shop and the Decker Quadrangle. The Hardy C. Powers President’s House was renovated to house the Center for Student Success, and a new residence for the president was established at Reedy House on Olde Oak Drive. Ludwig Dining Hall was expanded and remodeled. Olivet purchased the former Fortin Villa property from Provena Healthcare, including 25 acres of land along Main Street, just south and west of the main campus. Today that property is utilized for ROTC classes, as well as intramural activities.

Significant improvements to the athletic facilities were completed in the 2000s, including renovation of Birchard Gymnasium to include a new varsity weight room and a new fitness center for students, faculty and staff. In Snowbarger Athletic Park, additional seating and a new press box were installed at Larry Watson Baseball Field; tennis courts were resurfaced, and new nets and posts were installed; and electric service was improved. Ward Field was renovated to include a larger running track, a new entry building, fencing, refurbished

bleachers, a larger press box, an enhanced facade, and lighting for night games and practices. In 2002, Olivet began a long partnership with the Chicago Bears as the ONU campus became home to their annual summer training camp for the next 18 years.

Throughout the 2000s, Information Technology expanded wireless access throughout the campus, including wired access to every classroom and residence hall room. In the academic realm, the radio station WONU-FM and broadcasting classes moved from the north wing of Benner Library to a former restaurant building next to the Admissions Center on Main Street. The Bourbonnais offices for the School of Graduate and Continuing Studies moved to 21 Heritage Drive, just north of the main campus.

In 2005, North Central Association granted ONU continued accreditation for the maximum of 10 years without conditions.

SIGNIFICANT EXPANSION

During the summer of 2010, there was a major overhaul of the inner campus landscape and walkways, along with renovation of the Milby Clock Tower. Hills Hall was significantly upgraded, and the process of sprinkling system installation in residence halls continued. One of the most significant projects in the last century came to completion with the construction of the Betty and Kenneth Hawkins Centennial Chapel. The 3,000-plus seat chapel was dedicated on October 29, 2010. Since the spring of 2011, chapel services have been held there, allowing students, faculty and staff to worship together as a united community.

The Douglas E. Perry Student Life and Recreation Center was dedicated and opened to students at midnight on 12-12-12. This 160,000-square-foot facility boasts an eight-lane, 200-meter running track; two pools, including a 10-lane competition pool for men’s and women’s varsity swimming; a four-story rock-climbing wall; four basketball courts; workout facilities; a large game area; a spacious central lounge; and several classrooms.

On Ward Field, Kiefer USA installed a new UBU Sports Speed S5-M synthetic turf game field on which Tiger football, men’s soccer and women’s soccer play home games. The expansion

and remodeling of Gibson-Ide men's locker room included 125 large lockers for the football team and an area appropriate for team meetings, as well as expanded storage areas.

In 2014, the construction of the 19,000-square-foot, three-story engineering addition to Reed Hall of Science was completed and in May 2015, the Board of Trustees established the Martin D. Walker School of Engineering and Technology.

In 2013, the iLearn@Olivet initiative provided sheet music, textbooks and apps to all music students through the iPad. In 2014, the School of Music received the Apple Distinguished Program designation. The Marching Tigers received a formal invitation to perform in the 2016 Parade and Festival in London, England, on New Year's Day. Since then, they also traveled to Washington D.C. to perform in the 2016 presidential inauguration parade and to Rome, Italy, to perform in the 2020 New Year's Day parade.

To encourage success and leadership in the lives of Olivet students, the family of Dr. David L. Elwood and Ella (Jones) Elwood made a significant gift to the University in 2014, designated to expand and strengthen the programming of the Center for Student Success, as well as to coordinate and strengthen various leadership efforts in the new Elwood Leadership Program.

In recent years, Shine.FM has continued to add new broadcasting capabilities with the newest stations in Lansing, Michigan, and Indianapolis. Brilla.FM, a Hispanic radio ministry that broadcasts Christian music of the Spanish culture, joins Shine.FM, Shine Worship and Spark in streaming worldwide. Each week, Shine.FM reaches more than 200,000 listeners online, through the iOS and Android mobile apps, and through stations in Chicagoland, Michigan and northwest Indiana.

In February 2015, Olivet's institutional accreditation was reauthorized by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). Olivet was recognized for maintaining a solid financial situation, being significantly mission-focused, having realistic goals and planning processes, and meeting all criteria for accreditation. The University has earned accreditation continuously since 1965.

In 2018, Olivet established the Kevin and Judith Sims Educational Center (formerly known as the Robert Frost School) and the McGraw School of Business. The Department of Art and Digital Media and the Department of Theatre moved their

offices, classrooms, galleries and performance spaces to Sims in 2020.

Thanks to a generous gift from Rick and Debbie Dykhouse, the Center for Academic Excellence (CAE) was founded and dedicated in 2018 in Benner Library. The CAE strengthens academic behaviors, provides academic support, and fosters academic scholarship for all undergraduate students from enrollment through degree completion.

In May 2019, members of Olivet's extended community gathered for a ceremony to dedicate the Garden and Columbarium, located behind Kelley Prayer Chapel. The columbarium is offered to alumni, faculty, staff and friends of the University as a meaningful site to be inurned. The garden is meant to be a place for visitors to sit, pray and contemplate as they remember the lives and legacies of loved ones.

In 2019 and 2020, significant renovations were made to Wisner Hall of Nursing, Reed Hall of Science and Ludwig Center. Updates in Ludwig included the addition of a Starbucks to the main level, additional food and seating options added in the main dining room and the major renovations of the lower level — named The Webb.

ONU Athletics added two teams to its roster of 22-varsity sports — esports and men's volleyball.

Under the direction of Dr. Stephen Lowe, vice president for academic affairs, Olivet's academic offerings were reorganized into the College of Professional Studies, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the School of Theology in 2021.

For 15 consecutive years, *U.S. News and World Report* selected Olivet Nazarene University as a top university in its report, "America's Best Colleges," and for 16 consecutive years, the University has also been commended for the pursuit of excellence and ongoing Christian witness to the world by the Best Christian Workplaces Institute. Olivet Nazarene University qualified for certification as "A Best Christian Workplace" in the United States.

A NEW ERA

Following 30 years of significant leadership at the University, Dr. Bowling entered a season of retirement in May 2021 and passed the baton to Dr. Gregg Chenoweth as the 13th president of Olivet.

OUR MISSION



OLIVET NAZARENE UNIVERSITY, a denominational university in the Wesleyan tradition, exists to provide a university-level liberal arts “Education With a Christian Purpose.”

Our mission is to provide high-quality academic instruction for the purpose of personal development, career and professional readiness, and the preparation of individuals for lives of service to God and humanity.

“We seek the strongest scholarship and the deepest piety, knowing that they are compatible [and] ... a Christian environment ... where not only knowledge but character is sought.” (The quotation is taken from the *Olivet Catalog*, 1915.)

This mission provides the common ground for us as we blend our various gifts and interests together to impact each student. You will have many opportunities this year to live out this mission. Watch for those occasions, for they are moments of great possibility and reward. Through our mission, we transform lives for eternity.



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