Ask and you will receive. It takes bravery to meet new people and to make friends. For most Freshmen, college is a complete reset of who they know. As we grow in who we are, we take risks to make better friends. We’re told friends last a lifetime, but it takes faith to believe it. At its simplest though, any stranger is a potential fellow traveler. All you need do is ask.
Why does theatre compel you, and why do you believe it compels others?
Well I got hooked on theatre at an early age. I found a place to belong in high school by getting involved in theatre. I’ll never forget my first experience walking out onstage, and they laughed—and they were supposed to—so it was a welcome laugh. I remember how empowering that moment felt. Since then it has gone much beyond a place to be accepted. I think theatre is an environment that can safely enrich our lives. It is a place where we can safely sit back and, for two or three hours, vicariously live the lives of others. I think it is through doing that—through walking in someone else’s shoes—that our view of the world begins to expand. I think it makes us more human when we understand the journeys people are on. It can inform us on what kind of journey we want to have in the world and what kind of impact we want to have. Theatre is one of the safe environments where that can be explored.

How does your role connect to the idea of “Ask, Seek, Knock”?
The scripture is an active thing; it’s not sitting back and waiting for something to come, it’s searching for it. I think theatre is a playground where you actively are searching. One of theatre’s greatest gifts is that it is a place where questions can be raised and themes can be explored—not answered. When I think of the verse, it compels an action from me before I can expect any result.

How does your role as a teacher connect to your role as a director?
To some degree, they’re the same. A good director is a teacher; I don’t think they’re two separate avenues. I continue to learn the Socratic method—that it’s better to ask the questions and perhaps guide students to their own answers than to tell them ‘here’s the answer,’ whether I know it or not. In theatre the goal is to explore, not to arrive. As a director over the years, I have changed the way I direct. When I began directing, I paper-blocked every scene; I had a chessboard where each piece was a character, and I would move it all around and figure it all out. Now, I still have an overall plan, but it’s much more fun to watch the actors find those moves. A good director’s goal is to let go of the show and let it become the actors’ show.

What do you hope audiences get out of your shows?
I hope a theatre-goer is entertained, but my definition of entertainment goes beyond what pop-culture would probably call it. For Aristotle, entertainment was engaging the mind. That was the highest form of entertainment—to think. I hope audiences think about the productions they’ve seen. I’m hope they’re moved as well—either to laughter or to tears. I hope it expands how they view the world that they live in. I think that’s the goal of any good playwright as well—that their production will have universal truths or application. Aristotle said theme is the element of theatre that stays with the audience the longest, hopefully.
“Theatre is a playground where you actively are searching.”
The Glue That Holds Them Together

My role is to keep the ball rolling for everyone—four departments and twenty-two professors—to be here for whatever they need, to answer questions, to provide things for class. Even on a personal level, though—one of my spiritual gifts is mercy and encouragement. I try to use that here to encourage people and get to know them. I like getting to know people. I know a lot of them on a personal level, which informs me on how, specifically, to encourage them and how to pray for them.

I love the people I work with; the interaction with professors and students. I have been known as the ‘mom’ on the floor. When we built this building, and they gave me this great big desk, I joked, “All we need is to put some barstools here, so people can pull them up and sit a spell and talk.” That ends up happening anyway, and it’s part of the focus that I work with. I look forward to the people I see every day.

On a daily basis, I’m asked questions constantly. A student waiting in this front office once joked at the end of the day, “Gosh, they won’t even let you leave, will they!” It’s not always like that, but it is a major part of my role here. I was privileged to teach a freshman connections class this fall. I just got my masters in 2014 and taught connections in the fall semester. I stressed to that class that if there was something they didn’t know, they had to ask. It’s something I’ve always instilled in our boys, that if you don’t know, ask, and that it’s okay. As an adult learner, I went back to college at the age of fifty, and there were sure a lot of things I didn’t know. You can’t be afraid to ask. That’s when you seek out your answer. It doesn’t matter what age you are—you get to a certain point and it’s tempting to think, “Oh, I’m not going to ask about that; I should know that.” But if you don’t know, you don’t know! Keep asking until you get an answer.

I started here in 1991, and started part-time. Back then it was home-economics, not family and consumer sciences, and we were in Chapman Hall in the basement. I was there a couple of years and just worked during the school year. In the summer, because I really needed to work year-round for finances, I helped over in the athletic department. At the time, their full-time secretary had the summers off. As their department grew, especially in the summer with their sports camps, they really needed someone over there, so I filled in. I worked with Larry Watson and Gary Griffin, and got to know all the coaches. I loved working there over the summer; they were a lot of fun. I worked in the business department part-time, and student employment career services for a while. That’s where we did time-cards on a typewriter—definitely not how they’re done now! We were in the basement of Burke at the time. I did that for a couple years full-time. At that time, my parents were in poor health, and I was in a care-giving role along with still having one child at home. In 2001, when the full-time secretary for the social sciences division retired, we moved to this building in the fall, and I took the position full-time. I’ve been here since 2001.

While I’ve been here, I’ve seen people come and go. I’ve seen people in different roles—I, myself, have been in different roles. You grow and you learn, and I look back at where I started in ‘91, and think, “Wow, if only I knew then what I know now,” but you don’t. It’s all part of the process. You pay forward what you learn. I try to instill that in talking to students and my own kids. It’s easy to look back and think, “Gosh, I would have really done some things differently.” I think we all say that. As you get older, you still say it—and sure you would. At the time you do what you think is best for the person you are then. But you continue to grow and learn and change. You evolve over time.

Working with so many different personalities, so many different ways of doing things and perspectives, you really learn how to serve better. It’s taught me how to love people in spite of differences and how to work out conflicts. We’re all one big family on this floor, in spite of all being different. We have history and political science, we have family and consumer sciences—dietetics, interior design, and fashion merchandizing—social work, criminal justice, and we have behavioral sciences—which is psychology and sociology. I’ve learned a lot from all the various professors at all these disciplines. They say I’m the glue that holds them together, but just watching them and listening has taught me so much!
"One of my spiritual gifts is mercy and encouragement. I try to use that here to encourage people and get to know them."

Photos submitted by Pam Whalen
"As a child my favorite books were The Hardy Boys. They were written on my level, and were somewhat interesting stories. Mom would take me to the library and I would get six or seven copies and take them back the next week and get six or seven more. Up until I got to junior high school, I probably read all of them about six or seven times."
Although I don’t enjoy reading biographies very often, my favorite book was a biography on the Wright brothers—something like The Invention of Flight. My relatives were from Dayton, Ohio, and my older brother loved to make model airplanes. And I myself loved to fly, so I guess I had a little obsession with it all!”
“Before the age of 18, my favorite book was *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle. The Christian parallels weren't as easy to follow as *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. It was one of the first books that I read where the presence of adults in the book couldn’t make everything all right, so it seemed very realistic. In fact, the way the main character had to reach her brother was through love, rather than a fairytale feel where they just wave a magic wand, and there’s a cloud of smoke and suddenly everything is right again. It was just really powerful. So it both felt realistic and very meaningful. And I’ve gone back and read it again several times.”
"If I were to think about my favorite book from when I was a kid it would be *Amelia Bedelia*. It’s interesting, I can’t really remember what I read before that. As I got older it was always *Wuthering Heights*. Heathcliffe is just the best antagonist. He’s just a wonderful character—the character you love to hate. In terms of literature it’s up there. I read it in high school, so it took me a while to get into it.”
"In Columbia, in my generation, hardly any families had a television. It wasn't something very popular, and it was very, very expensive. So books were the popular activity for all of the kids, and I'm very grateful for that. There's a book more well known universally that I really enjoyed that's called El Principito [The Little Prince]. The first time that I read it, it was in the original French. It's a book that I wouldn't say was just my favorite book as a child, but a favorite during many parts of my life. It's a book that you can relate to a lot of important things in life, and I love the story, and I love the characters, and I also really like the illustrations. When I was a kid I always looked at the illustrations. It's one of the books that I read to my daughter now, and she loves it. You can read it when you are a kid, grown up, or old and you are always going to find a message for that moment of your life."

"En Colombia, en mi generación, casi ninguna familia tenía televisión. No era algo muy popular, era muy muy costoso. Entonces, los libros eran la actividad para todos los niños, y estoy agradecida por esto. Hay un libro más universal, que se llama El Principito. La primera vez que lo leí, era en Francés. Es un libro que yo diría que no es mi libro favorito de niña, sino de muchas etapas de vida. Es un libro que se relaciona a muchas cosas importantes de la vida, y me encanta la historia y los personajes, y también me gustan mucho las ilustraciones. Cuando era niña, siempre miraba las ilustraciones. Es uno de los libros que ahora leo a mi hija, y le encanta. Puedes leerlo cuando eres niño, grande o viejo y siempre vas a aprender un mensaje de cualquier momento de tu vida."
“The first book I remember offhand was in high school: a biography on Jim Morrison, the Doors singer. The Doors were already a classic band, and Morrison had been dead for twenty years at that point, I think I was probably just interested in reading it because I was a seventeen-year-old kid who saw this rock star that died at the peak of his popularity. I didn’t read at all through junior high and the start of high school because I was at public school and had a single mom and was so busy. So the whole reading a book thing struck me in high school, and then it just snowballed really quickly. JD Salinger was the second book. I read Catcher in the Rye. Then I went on to read the rest of his work, and it just goes on from there.”
“My favorite book as a child was *A Fly Went By*. My mother used to read it to me.”

“...and I would read *Encyclopedia Brown*. We loved trying to solve the mystery together.”

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*Kyle Ireland*

*Darcy Ireland*
What role has Olivet played in the story of your life?
As I went through middle school and high school, Olivet was always in the picture for me. I can remember stepping onto the campus for the first time with my youth group as a 7th grader and my heart being instantly captivated. Now that I’ve spent almost four years here, I can say that it has dramatically changed my relationships with God, my friends, and family for the better.

Which teacher or faculty member has had the strongest influence on you, and how?
There are a few professors in the school of music that have invested in me personally and changed the way I look at life and the way that music fits into it, Prof Freddy Franklin being one of them. There is something special about a person when they can step away from what elevates them over someone else, even if they have earned it, so that they can pray with you about the things that weigh you down.

What idea would you say has been the central theme of your life?
The pursuit of excellence as an act of worship has always been central for me. We are called to be good stewards of the talents we are given.

What passion do you enjoy investing the most time into?
I have always been passionate about playing guitar and writing music. I think God placed a curiosity in my heart that has caused me to chase after music and all its complexities and beauty.

How has your experience at Olivet been different from what you expected initially?
I had no idea what to expect when I started my freshman year. All I knew was that I probably was more familiar with the campus layout than most other students, which didn’t help much. I didn’t expect to encounter so many people who would genuinely love me, despite my faults. I have been and continue to be overwhelmed by the relationships I’ve been blessed enough to have here.

What is your greatest hope for the future?
My greatest hope for the future is that I am walking the narrow road, no matter where I find myself.
"The pursuit of excellence as an act of worship has always been central for me."
Olivet is one of over 2000 schools to award students the academic honor of selection to Who's Who Among Students. The national honor program identifies campus leaders through student and faculty vote. The Who's Who logo on a student's photograph identifies an exceptional GPA, leadership ability, and community involvement.
freshman year, to make sure you are still giving yourself a break to spend time with the Lord AND friends every day. While school is still important, your health and social life is more important. Without that, I am not able to do well in my classes. Spending time with friends lets you relax, and spending time with the Lord gives you strength and reminds you why you are going to school in the first place. It’s even better if you find friends that you can spend time with in the company of the Lord.”
Drew Frey
Biology

Erin Florence
Elementary Education

Anna Floyd
Art & Psychology

Sarah Fox
Music

Allison Fraser
Nursing

Melissa Freeman
Nursing

Ashley Fletcher
Housing and Environmental Design

Jacob Friesen
Philosophy-Religion

Jordan Fry
Social Work

Robin Funk
Elementary Education

Dawn Gaddis
Exercise Science

Selina Gaines
Music Education

Allison Fraser
Nursing

Kendall Gher
Youth Ministry

Maria Giesige
Criminal Justice

Benjamin Geeding
Music Ministry

Robin Gerboth
Business Administration & Spanish

Kendall Gher
Youth Ministry

Maria Giesige
Criminal Justice

Scott Gardner
Social Work

John Gargiulo
Marketing

Dolly Garrison
Marketing

Jordan Garza
Housing and Environmental Design

Katherine Gajewski
Nursing

Libby Ganssarto
Social Work

John Gargiulo
Marketing

Dolly Garrison
Marketing

Jordan Garza
Housing and Environmental Design

Sarah Gliwa
Biology

Kumaria Goodhart
Marketing

Daniel Going
Electrical Engineering

Bryce Goldude
Environmental Science

Malia Grainger
Nursing

Grace Gregory
Chemistry

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Rebecca Gremar
Marketing

Alise Gromala
Accounting

Michael Gross
Exercise Science

Stephanie Grossehme
Communication Studies

Lillian Guenseth
Music Performance

Ryan Guerton
Economics-Finance

Jordan Gunn
Nursing

Cameron Gunter
Music

Griselda Guzman
Multimedia Studies

Andrew Haack
Criminal Justice and Psychology

Dakota Hack
English

Janelle Hackathom
Child Development

Alaina Hagen
Social Work

Isaac Hale
Christian Education

Mary Hall
Multimedia Studies

Lindsey Hamlin
Elementary Education

Shayla Hancock
English Education

Jessica Harper
Social Work

Haley Hatalla
English

Marshall Hawn
Christian Education

Daniel Hegel
Nursing

Jenna Height
Child Development

Aaron Hemesberg
Mass Communication, Psychology & Christian Education

Elias Hernandez
English Education

Rebekah Hernandez
Art

Jonathan Herndon
Economics-Finance

Enos Hershberger
Music Ministry

Gina Hess
Marketing

Haley Hetfleisch
Athletic Training

Emily Hibdon
Spanish

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“My first impression of college was intimidating. I didn’t know what to expect or how to handle things at first, but once I found a routine, I settled down and was able to adjust perfectly. Comparing it to reality, a lot of us probably would choose to stay in school because once we hit reality, finding a job and paying the bills becomes the real thing. College was awesome, and I will always look back at it as a great experience in my life.”
"One thing I’ve noticed over the course of this year is that you know you’re a senior at Olivet when you refuse to talk or think about the fact that you actually are a senior at Olivet because thinking about joining “the real world” is just too much to think about right now. The idea of leaving all of your friends is too much to bear at the moment, and the thought of living in a strange place full of unfamiliar faces is terrifying in its own way. But at the end of the day, you know that graduation is unavoidable, and to graduate, well, that will be an awfully big adventure."
Lindsay Miller
English Education

Sarah Miller
Exercise Science

Stephanie Miller
Child Development & Psychology

Caitlin Mills
Nursing

Kristin Minard
Elementary Education

Destiny Mitchell
Multimedia Studies

David Modica
English

Maha Mohammad
Family and Consumer Science Education

Shelby Moreland
Social Work

Jessica Morey
Intercultural Studies

Susan Morrill
Music Ministry

Lindsay Morris
Child Development

Elizabeth Moulding
Nursing

Kayla Moutvic
Psychology

Sarah Mowry
Music Ministry

Madison Moyer
Elementary Education

Hannah Moyer
Dietetics

Kayla Mueller
Nursing

Justine Myers
Dietetics

Daisy Nava
Dietetics

Robert Newell
Economics-Finance

Rachel Nichol
Elementary Education

Casey Nugent
Social Work

Morgan Nusbaum
Elementary Education

Cody O’Riley
Engineering

Amanda Oden
Nursing

Katelyn Oprondek
English

Alexandra Ortiz
Criminal Justice

Kevin Osterink
Nursing

Senior Portraits
Q: Tiger Den or Red Room?
A: Tiger Den

Q: Favorite movie quote?

Q: Weirdest object in your dorm/apartment?
A: I do not have anything super abnormal, but I do have a large stuffed turtle that sits on my bed. It’s so cute.

Q: First impression of Dr. Bowling?
A: Wow... He gives really good speeches... Oh, and his hair is flawless!
What role has Olivet Played in the story of your life?
Olivet has really helped shape who I am today. I have grown so much since I came here! I have definitely grown spiritually, emotionally, and intellectually (although not so much maturity), and I know that I have made some amazing friends along the way, friends that will continue to be a part of my life past my college career.

What idea would you say has been the central theme of your life?
I think family and friends are a central theme in my life. They’re both something in which if that was all I had in life, I would be perfectly fine. I have six siblings—three younger brothers, two younger sisters, and one older sister—and I love every single one of them more than life, I would definitely say they’re some of my best friends. Having a big close-knit family is great because I never really had to leave my house... I had plenty of people to chill with at home, which in my opinion is better than going out any day (not that I never went out, I have friends, I promise!). I think because of this, as well as through God, I have learned to really love and care for others. I deeply treasure all of my friendships and I think it’s important to be as loyal of a friend as possible.

What passion do you enjoy investing the most time into?
I love to watch movies. My family and I had a movie night almost every night growing up, and we still do on the days I’m home. I mean, it was weird if we didn’t watch a movie. Sure, it usually takes us approximately the same amount of time to actually pick out a movie than it does to just sit down and watch one, but when we finally do decide on a movie, it’s always a great time and I cherish every moment (I guess it also helps that we often make brownies to go along with our movie). I’ve loved to play with cameras and edit since before I can remember. I can spend five plus hours in the editing lab with a project, if my heart is in it, and never even realize the time has passed. (I would add video games because it’s another thing I just love to sit and do for hours but I think that would be more of a problem than a passion...).

How has your experience at Olivet been different from what you expected initially?
Before I attended Olivet, I don’t know, I thought I would have a hard time making friends or asking the professors for help on things. I’m generally a very quiet, introverted and shy person, and I think my “resting face” looks mean or something because I’ve always had a hard time making friends, especially on different sports teams and stuff. But a lot of my worries melted away as soon as I moved onto Parrott 3rd floor freshman year. Everyone I’ve met here has been so incredibly nice, almost freakishly so, but I had a feeling I would fit in perfectly. And I have fit in (at least so far...). I have some amazing friends here, friends I know I’ll stay friends with for the rest of my life. The professors here are all amazing as well! (Especially the communications professors) I feel like I could go and ask for help any time and only half of the time would I somehow be mildly harassed! (…Dr. Jay)

What is your greatest hope for the future?
I guess, being a film major, just moving out of my parents’ house and not living on the street would be pretty great! But really, I have a passion in film, and if I could do anything with that I know I’ll be content. My absolute dream would be to one day be a part the Oscars. I don’t think I would ever want to win anything though because there is no way you could get me on that stage, at least not without brute force... especially whilst wearing heels and a dress. But just being in that atmosphere would be pretty great. But I know God has a special plan just for me, and everything will work out in the end!
"I deeply treasure all of my friendships and I think it's important to be as loyal as a friend as possible."
Lainee Abbott
Benjamin Agan
Kristen Alaniz
Kayla Albrecht
Samantha Alfrevic
Abigail Allen

Joshua Altmann
Joel Andrade
Christa Antuma
Angelique Azouri
Alexis Badiac
Adeena Balthazor

Melissa Bartholomew
Rachel Basel
Amy Beckberger
Sara Becker
Daniel Berkiel
Matthew Bieber

Holly Billiter
Tyler Binnendyk
Marisa Bishop
Madeline Bloom
David Boer
Brandon Boltinghouse

Ashley Borop
Katie Bosket
Angela Brandon
Carlea Bretland
Casey Bronson
Amy Brown
Q: What was the last TV show you watched on Netflix?
A: Doctor Who

Q: What is your favorite flavor of cream?
A: Black Cherry Chocolate

Q: Favorite class this semester:
A: Creative Writing

Fun Fact about Lauren: “I played Maria in the Sound of Music in high school!”
Q: What was the last TV show you watched on Netflix?
A: *Breaking Bad*

Q: What is your favorite flavor of ice cream?
A: Reese’s Blizzard

Q: Favorite class this semester:
A: Visual Literacy

Fun Fact about Andrew: "I am a Pentecostal! Whoop, Whoop!"
Q: What was the last TV show you watched on Netflix?
A: “I don’t have Netflix but the last TV show I watched was The Bachelor.”

Q: What is your favorite flavor of ice cream?
A: Turtle Tracks

Q: Favorite class this semester:
A: Leadership and Ethics

Fun Fact about Cara: “I can pop my hip out of socket.”
Q: What was the last TV show you watched on Netflix?
A: Psych

Q: What is your favorite flavor of ice cream?
A: Ben and Jerry's Half Baked

Q: Favorite class this semester:
A: ESL Methods

Fun Fact about Kimberly: “I have a pet goat named Belle who likes to sit on my front porch.”
Q: What was the last TV show you watched on Netflix?
A: Grey’s Anatomy

Q: What is your favorite flavor of ice cream?
A: Mint Chocolate Chip

Q: Favorite class this semester:
A: Visual Literacy

Fun Fact about Emily: “I love Korean dramas.”
Q: What was the last TV show you watched on Netflix?
A: It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia

Q: What is your favorite flavor of ice cream?
A: Moose Tracks

Q: Favorite class this semester:
A: Non-Western Literature

Fun Fact about Alex: “I’m going to study abroad in Paris during the spring semester!”
Q: What was the last TV show you watched on Netflix?
A: Scrubs

Q: What is your favorite flavor of ice cream?
A: Moose Tracks

Q: Favorite class this semester:
A: Human Anatomy

Fun Fact about Caleb: “I’ve been working as an ER scribe.”
What role has Olivet Played in the story of your life?
Olivet has played a pivotal role in my personal development. Hailing from New Jersey, I got to learn a lot about myself by moving almost halfway across the country to go to school. You become vulnerable, in a good way, and subject yourself to new challenges and situations. Coming to Olivet really forced me to work on developing myself, solidifying my values and beliefs. More importantly, Olivet provides a setting that fostered personal and professional growth, something I have come to appreciate.

Which teacher or faculty member has had the strongest influence on you, and how?
Although he probably doesn’t know it, Glen Rewerts has had perhaps the biggest influence on me during my two years at Olivet. In his principles of management class he was big on instilling students with more than just business knowledge. He wanted us to recognize the importance of understanding other people. The greatest example of this is in his lectures on the book the Seven Habits of Highly Effective People by Steven Covey. Professor Rewerts would take a significant amount of time recounting his experience in the workplace and relating it to our discussions. He had a confidence that would motivate other people to want to work to the best of their abilities.

What passion do you enjoy investing the most time into?
The passion I most enjoy investing my time into is entrepreneurship. I started my first business at age 15 with my dad. He had a lot of connections in the restaurant industry, and these connections needed websites. I quickly picked up web programming and starting building my client base. My dad would do all the overhead, and I could focus on building my programming skills. Since that first business I’ve had many other ventures. I currently run another web development company with a talented Olivet grad, Cameron Alcorn. All in all, coming up with ideas and finding ways to make money is something I enjoy spending my time on.

How has your experience at Olivet been different from what you expected initially?
Coming to Olivet I thought that I would have a lot of free time and not enough to do. Looking back I can say that is most definitely not the case. Every day I have so many things to pour my time into. This is both good and bad. I feel very productive but at the same time the weeks and months seem to fly by really quickly. I can’t believe I’m almost at the end of year two, with only two more to go.

What is your greatest hope for the future?
My greatest hope for the future is to master programming, hopefully land a job with a start-up, and/or start a product of my own. That, or make it on an episode of Shark Tank. That would be pretty cool too.
"Obliv provides a setting that fostered personal and professional growth, something I have come to appreciate."

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Aaron Abrassart
Tyler Alcazar
Christine Aldeir
Megan Aldridge
Mattie Alexander
Allison Alexy

Nathan Allen
Spencer Allen
Sarah Allison
Rachel Anderson
Riley Anderson
Seth Anderson

Tamareia Anderson-Wilson
Liliana Arroyo
Jessica Arzuaga
Brooke Bachtold
Madison Badiac
Brandon Baker

Luke Baker
Abigail Balducci
Ashley Baldyga
Hannah Beals
Kristin Beatty
William Beaulieu

Melissa Beer
Connor Berg
Sandra Berrum
Diana Bilea
Amy Binnendyk
Rachel Blunier
Why did you become a volunteer firefighter?

“I always felt this calling to the fire service, and the youth group leader at my church is an officer on our fire department. We were talking one day, and she offered for me to come check it out if I wanted to. I prayed about it and thought about it and kept putting it off until finally in May of my sophomore year in high school I decided I would take her up on her offer. And I loved it instantly! With us being volunteers all I had to do was fill out an application and be accepted. My senior year in high school I became a certified EMT-Basic, and this summer I am going to Nebraska to do the course work for my Paramedic certification. Ultimately I would like to work on a full-time fire department and hopefully be able to do some mission work with my paramedic certification as well.”
What is #1 on your bucket list?

“It may not be bucket list worthy to most people, but to me – I want to be able to build my own house someday. I want to use my own designs and contract it myself.”
What are you involved in?

“I play the violin in the University Orchestra here on campus. I am also very passionate about missions. I traveled to five different countries on mission trips over the past five years. I have been to Albania, Germany, South Korea, China, and the Congo.”
How many of your family members have attended Olivet?

“25 from 3 different generations and both sides of my family.”

Tell any other details about your family you can!

“5 of my family members have played on the tennis team, including me. There could possibly be a Lingle at Olivet for the next 19 years, if all goes as planned.”

How did you end up at Olivet? How did you decide to attend?

“Ever since I can recall, I have heard stories and memories shared by my parents about their time at Olivet. They truly loved it here. Also, I had visited the school many times for Homecoming, Celebrate Life, and other various events. It was only natural for me to make an official visit my senior year of high school. I immediately fell in love with the school. I could sense that Olivet was a place where I could take part in lifelong friendships and grow as a man of God.”
Ashley Piekarczyk
Alyssa Pifer
Danielle Pinder
Joshua Pityer
Ayla Price
Gianna Puccinelli
Juleah Puccinelli
Andrew Quinones
Daneli Rabanalez Hernandez
Megan Ralston
Juliana Ray
Sarah Ray
Tiffany Ray
Danny Redden
Matthew Reed
Angela Reinbacher
Marjorie Remy
Jason Reynolds
Jacquylunn Rhea
Olivia Rhoades
MacKenzie Rice
Maggie Risher
Holly Risinger
Nicholas Rivera
Reilly Roberts
Hayley Ronci
Alexandra Rosa
Andrea Rose
Megan Ruffolo
Lyndsey Rupp
Thomas Russell
Luke Salomone
Jack Salsgiver
Thomas Salsgiver
Emily Sanders
Shanynn Santos
Grace Sauers
Paige Schaefer

100 Sophomore Portraits
What are you involved in?
“I have traveled to both Thailand and Japan in the past year – I didn’t want to really go to either, but I felt God pushing me towards them. I went to Thailand with MIA and to Japan for a study abroad. Both experiences have shown me that God wants to use me to further His Kingdom in Asia.”

What have you learned in Asia?
“It’s important to have an open mind when going to another country. You’re going to meet people who can clash with your views or opinions, but it’s an amazing opportunity to grow in your faith and as a person.”
How has being on the Black Penguins affected you as a person, as a teammate, as a Christian?

"Being on the Black Penguins has made me a more outgoing person, a more supportive teammate and friend, and a better Christian/friend mentor to the rest of the guys (they actually are my mentors too)."

What is the #1 thing on your bucket list?

"The number one item on my bucket list is to train myself to a level where I’m really good at spinning yarn. I learned how to spin at my summer job (I work in costume at a pioneer village!), but I’m not very good yet. It would be so exciting if I could make unique quality yarn to use for all the different projects I have in mind. It’s nowhere close to skydiving, but what can I say: I’m a granny at heart."

Who has been the most influential person to you during your time at Olivet?

"This is hard because there are so many great people, but Zac Carlton. He is the captain for the Black Penguins and we have become very close friends. He is a senior this year and a great role model for academics and athletics — a great man of God that always presents himself in a well manner."
What role has Olivet played in the story of your life?
It’s playing a new role in my life. It’s only my first year but everything has been so great. I can’t wait to see how much of a role it’s going to play in the future.

Which teacher(s) or faculty member has had the strongest influence on you, and how?
All of my teachers have been a great influence! I really can’t pick one right now.

What idea would you say has been the central theme of your life?
Don’t let fear stop you from doing what you love. There is a bigger plan out there for you and don’t let people tell you it’s wrong when you know it’s right.

What passion do you enjoy investing the most time into?
Reading. I love jumping into a book and learning all I can. I enjoy all types of books, and I am willing to read just about anything you can give me.

How has your experience at Olivet been different from what you expected initially?
I was expecting the average experience anyone really thinks about when it comes to going to college, but I have gotten so much more than that. I love the people I can call my friends and I am so blessed by the amazing experience this far.

What is your greatest hope for the future?
My greatest hope is to help as many people I can without praise. Just knowing that I can help someone is all I want for my future.

How has your family background or upbringing influenced your work in college?
Well, I come from a family of immigrants, both my mother and father are from Iraq. My dad came to the states when he was young and joined the Army. My mom came when she got married to my dad and started working as a dental office manager. They are both the most hard working people I know. My mom went back to school and is now getting her degree in pharmacy. Also my dad, after serving in both Iraq and Afghanistan, is now a business owner. Having them as role models has taught me that hard work and determination will get me to my goals.
Andrew Anderman
Linda Aguilar
Alexis Aguilar
Sarah Albertson
Rachel Aldeir
Kaleigh Allen

Kelsey Allen
Kaitlyn Altmann
Jazman Alvarez
Jaclyn Andersen
Audrey Anderson
Carlisa Anderson

Emily Anderson
Lauren Anderson
Rachel Anderson
Taylor Anderson
Callie Archer
Anton Arvidsson

Daniel Ayers
Felicia Baer
Kara Barkman
Kuira Barnes
Rachel Barnitz
Brandon Barrows

William Bates
Emily Baylor
Lanee Bechtold
David Beckberger
Courtney Becker
Natalie Beckman
Unlike many people, Colton has his childhood dream car. Even though the 1974 Dodge Dart has required some rebuilding, it hasn’t been a chore for this Engineering major. Colton has done work on the transmission and carburetor as well as replacing the suspension. He expects to be joining the family company once he’s trained up a bit in college.
Ellie's favorite thing about being at Olivet is that the Christian atmosphere is so evident in every area of college life here. “I really enjoy going to class and getting to do a devotion with the professor or pray beforehand. I wish all schools could do that.” She wants to be a high school Calculus teacher and be able to help students understand “how cool math is and how it all fits together like a puzzle.”
Allie Karras
Sydney Katschke
Morgan Kauffman

Caleb Kauth
Hayden Keifer
Anne Kennedy

Jamie Kiefer
Robert Killion
Heather Kim

Paul Kim
Cody Kinstner
Felicia Klingenberg

Major: Youth Ministry

“I think that God called me to be a youth pastor to high school kids. God placed it on my heart junior year of high school and ever since I’ve been really passionate about it.” His hope is that he will be able to help bring students to Jesus and share the Gospel with them. He loves the feeling of community at Olivet, where “it feels like home, like you’ve been here your whole life.” The support from everyone on campus and getting smiles from everyone you look at, even if you don’t know them is his favorite part of the community here at Olivet.
When asked about what she likes to do in her spare time, Nicolette says, “What spare time? I’m a nursing major!” She is passionate about helping people with her nursing degree one day. Her ideal job would be “a missionary nurse in Africa.” When she isn’t studying for her nursing classes or saving up to go to Africa, she loves to work out, spend time with friends, and get coffee while avoiding squirrels. “I had never seen a black squirrel before I came here!”
Even though she is busy with volleyball and schoolwork much of the time, Jeslyn loves spending time with friends and doing crafts. “I knitted this scarf last night and I’ve been wearing it. I started it and finished it last night.” While studying social work, her ideas on what she would like to do with her degree one day have understandably changed. What hasn’t changed is her desire to help people and make a difference. “I don’t want to sit around at my job and do things that are not productive. Whatever I do, I want it to be meaningful, at least for someone.”
Twin sisters Jessica and Rachel Grimmett are both members of the ASC freshman council. When asked about their experiences with ASC, Jessica, a freshman class representative, answered, “I did student council all through high school and was the president of several clubs. I decided to take a step back this year and become a representative which is a different experience. I am enjoying the chance to work with others and see a new perspective on student council.” Rachel, the freshman class president, answered, “I have a lot more responsibilities now than I did in my position in high school. Its a bigger budget, more people, it’s a whole new level, but I absolutely love it!”
Brianna Rose
Ryan Rosenquist
Jarrett Roskey
Lauren Rouse
Chesley Rowlett
Jonathan Ruby
John Rodeheaver
Jonathan Rodgers
Alondra Rodriguez
Jena Rogers
Bethany Romain
Taylor Romano
Olivia Ruhberg
Emily Rull
Katie Rummery
Morgan Runge
Ritu Sabu
Maggi Sall
Samantha Sanders
Nicole Sanservino
Crystal Sauder
Katherine Saunders
Grace Savage
Amy Schaeffer
Justin Schafer
Josie Schaver
Andrew Schellenberg
Bennet Schimmelpfennig
Robert Schmalz
Claire Schmidt
Maggie Schmidt
Autumn Schmitz
Richard Schneider
Tara Schneider
Rachel Schramm
Nichole Schuitena

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Emily plays flag football, would love to be a film and food critic, and loves to rap. Her quiet demeanor fades away when she busts out in a fast rap. However, rapping is far from her only passion. She was led to a passion for nursing because of her desire to help people. “I want to make a difference in someone’s life, and I want them to be able to point back to a specific time where I influenced them in a good way.”
When asked about his experience at Olivet, Micah answered, “My favorite part of being at Olivet would be ASC. I love the camaraderie, support, getting to know fellow classmates and also upperclassmen, and serving our school alongside great friends.” When asked about his favorite school event, he answered that, “Candy Costume Fest was really cool. Seeing everyone dressed up and seeing the whole campus coming together really made the event. It seemed like the entire campus was there. Every costume made it a little bit better. I would recommend everyone look into ASC because it's a great opportunity to meet new people, serve others, and expand who you are as a person.”