“When I was younger my dad was in the hospital around Christmas time having some procedures done, and I was convinced that Santa would not be able to find me there. So my mom told me that he would know I would be at the hospital for Christmas. So Christmas morning we were planning on going to the hospital and when I woke up and went downstairs my dad was sitting right next to the Christmas tree.”

-Abi Hancock

"Life’s a garden. Dig it.

-Brandon Jackson"
I am most inspired by jazz. Being able to utilize the form of music, which is already inspirational, and move outside the confines of the norm, and make the music your own, is truly admirable and mesmerizing. This world has become an increasingly similar society. Due to all the technology that is around us, we have lost our creativity. Artistic outlets are the simplest forms of broadcasting our true selves.

-Paul Dasilva

“I think that my ideal future would be to travel often and meet all different types of people. Traveling is important to me because a lot of my life changing moments have happened to me when I was not in the country. I like visiting new places because when you are not in your comfort zone that is when you grow and learn the most.”

-Haley Hall
Artwork from left to right: Vittoria Miulli (detail), Dustin Vail, Karah Lain, Nick Rasmussen, Joy Katenkamp, Megan Lingle, Monica Stamper (detail), and Olivia Ruby.
CREATIVE COMMUNITY

Art Department

Filled with vibrant, colorful people with a great passion for the path they are pursuing, the Fine Arts department sparkled with genuine talent and ambition. "If you going to be in debt," said fifth-year Senior Art major Row Gebre, "it should at least be for something you love." Gebre, who has been in the Art Department since the second semester of his freshman year at Olivet, seems to embody this statement every day. When he is not playing football, he can be found in the basement of Larsen Fine Arts Center working on his craft, like many of his fellow Arts majors. With just a handful of faculty to lead these students into their futures as prospective artists, Olivet's Art department is filled with great heart.

"With each class, I am able to expand my horizons," Anneka Hoekstra, junior Photography major said.

"With every project, I become a better artist and photographer." The Art Department's faculty helped foster this expansion of horizons by providing its students with curriculum that challenged them and nurtured their creativity. The students encouraged and challenged one another, as well. "I felt that the people in the Art Department were a family in a way," Hoekstra said. "We worked together in order to make something happen. Everyone in the Art Department was so unique that we all learned from one another and that helped bring us closer."

Creativity flowed from Larsen basement constantly as these great minds came together to hone their skills and share their passions.
LET'S UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER
Behavioral Sciences and Psi Chi

A love for understanding people and how they occupy this world—this is the passion that resonated in the department of Behavioral Sciences Department in 2016. The students in the department studied how the mind works, how people work with other people, and how a variety of aspects influence our perception of life.

"I am not really sure if I can separate out Christianity from what I do with clients and students," said Dr. Rebecca Taylor, Director of the Masters of Arts and Professional Counseling program and a professor in the department of Behavioral Sciences. "Many of the issues are spiritually-based. I find that I have had a tendency to integrate Biblical truth with counseling theory. Not only have I done this in the classroom, but in my work with clients as well."

Service is an important aspect of the Christian faith and was a common theme seen in the students of the Behavioral Sciences department, according to Dr. Kent Olney, chair of the Department of Behavioral Sciences.

"One thing that I have seen within our students over the years is the real hunger to serve other people; a real desire to be of service and make a difference in the world," Olney said.

Students this year were no different, driven by curiosity about how humans think and behave as they do and the complexity of human nature. They worked to gain a better understanding of the world as a whole, acquiring more knowledge and tools to pursue their passions. Outside of the department as a whole, there was an organization that students could join to further pursue those passions. Psi Chi, a psychology and behavioral sciences honors society, has encouraged unity among the students for many years.

"Psi Chi helps bring our department together," said Dr. Veit, Associate Professor of Psychology. "It sponsors a number of social-, scholarly- and service-related activities that psychology students and faculty have taken part in. Psi Chi has built a greater sense of community for our department."

In 2016, Psi Chi provided an opportunity for students to meet people from all different backgrounds.

"Psi Chi was so great because we got to network with other students we may not have otherwise known," said sophomore Alaina Wittrock. "I grew closer to the professors outside of the classroom and got to know them better on a personal level."

The atmosphere of both Psi Chi and the Behavioral Sciences department fostered relationships and ideas to grow among the sharp and psychologically-minded students.

"A REAL HUNGER TO SERVE OTHER PEOPLE, A REAL DESIRE TO BE OF SERVICE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD."
Complexity of Life

Biology & Biophilic

Complex is the best way to describe biology. Every living thing was built with very complex, intricate, and amazing systems. The people in Olivet’s department of Biological Sciences have made it their goal to understand these complex systems. Filled with quirky, passionate, energetic individuals, the department of Biological Sciences has had one focus: life.

“The more biology classes I took, the more I came to see just how complex the science of life is and the better I could appreciate God’s creation,” said senior biology major Alina Holliday.

For Holliday, it was amazing to think about everything that goes on undetected in the human body every second. Learning biology at Olivet helped Holliday increase her love for it. Junior zoology major Michael Whalen also greatly enjoyed the subject of biology—in particular, he enjoyed the excitement and hands-on experience of the labs.

“It was awesome to think that the principles that you learned about were happening inside of you, allowing you to live and breathe and experience the world around you,” Whalen said.

During the spring semester, Dr. Long took a break from teaching to do some additional biology research to expand his knowledge of biology and learn more about the complexity of life.

“Even something as basic as a living cell is incredibly complex, with thousands and thousands of different kinds of molecules all interacting in amazing ways and resulting in ‘life,’” Long said.

In addition to numerous biology classes, Olivet’s department of Biological Sciences has provided its students with the Biophilic Club. Some of the events the club organized this year were tutoring services, blood drives, and ONU’s bone marrow drive. They also helped with the Kankakee River Clean-up and worked on making the campus greener.

They club hosted social events like the beginning-of-the-year picnic and an end-of-the-year cookout. They also made club T-shirts that included “fun, geeky, biology humor,” in the words of Dr. Long. Anyone who enjoyed biology or life could join the club to meet new people, help the environment, and just have fun and enjoy the life they studied.
Business and Enactus

The Business Department certainly did not lack variety this year according to students. No matter their direction, however, members of the Business Department said they benefited this year from the experience and skills of its impressive faculty. The department worked mainly to put students ahead, and it showed in the department’s requirement of its students of internships before graduation as well as the in deep commitment of its professors.

“I noticed how intentional the professors were about wanting to improve our skills,” said sophomore Ryan Brodien. “They didn’t want you to just pass the class, they wanted you to grow individually so you could utilize the things you are learning to go out and make an impact in the workplace.”

Leaders in a department can make a world of difference, but if the students that enter the department are not motivated, there is not much for the faculty to do. The Business Department, however, did not have that problem.

“Many students were self-starters and knew how to get work done,” sophomore Jacob Rechsteiner. “Everyone was a hard worker and produced quality work.”

A head for business and a commitment to hard work put the Business Department a step ahead.

Beyond the department, students could also take their passion for business and apply it to serving in the business club Enactus. Olivet’s Enactus team has been a growing, dynamic student club on campus for more than 22 years. Serving the community was the goal of Enactus, and they did plenty to fulfill that goal. Some members became certified in certain areas, like filling out income taxes, presented opportunities to help others.

“We offered free tax assistance through these certifications,” said sophomore Ryan Brodien. “This helped us further our skills while at the same time we were able to help people in the community.”

The student-run service projects were beneficial to the business students as well as helpful to the campus and community.

“I was a part of the group that is running the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Site,” Rechsteiner said. “Through participating in this program, I learned a lot about income tax preparation while helping others. It was a rewarding experience.”

Enactus hoped that the projects it put into action this year were equally rewarding service opportunities for students as well as for the Bourbonnais community.
FAMILY REUNION

Family—this is the word that epitomizes the Communications Department at Olivet. Professors are very close to their students; they laugh and have fun together. Chair of the Communications Department Dr. Jay Martinson, whom the students refer to as “Dr. Jay,” said, “We’re a very closely knit department in terms of faculty and relationships with our students, so it feels like a big family reunion every time we gather. I’m continually amazed at the thought that I’m actually paid to have this much fun.”

But when hard times came, the family stuck together and supported one another. 2016 was a particularly hard year for the Comm Department because of the passing away of a beloved professor and friend, Carl Fletcher. His love for his students and passion for life was evident in everything he did. The faculty and students in the Communications Department surrounded his family with love and prayers and supported each other in this hard time. Though the Communications Department will never be the same without Professor Fletcher, they bravely looked toward the future together.

One of the big projects for the Communications Department this year was their revived TV program called “The Dating Game,” where Professor Mark Bishop and other communications students play matchmaker for ONU students, while giving communications students experience with video production. Another aspect of the Communications Department is its honor society, Lambda Pi Eta, which holds meetings for its members every other month. President of the society Annette Carr said, “We try to have one or two events each semester that bring Communications majors together to celebrate each other, have fun with one another, and learn more about our field.”

According to Carr, one event that the society hosted this year was titled “Whose Pie is it Anyway,” where students practiced their improvisation skills, ate pie, and had a great time. The relationships that were built in the Comm Department are strong and unforgettable. Dr. Martinson described the communications students as “enormously eclectic, highly creative, slightly quirky, and completely lovable.”

Through the fun times and the hard times, the Communications Department stuck together, like one big family.
Professor Carl Fletcher believed. He believed, contrary to popular opinion, that radio is not dying out. He believed that radio is an impactful, personal experience for listeners. His faith in God and in the power of radio made him an influential voice in the lives of students, the Olivet community, and the surrounding area.

Although already successful in professional broadcasting, the communications professor and operations director at Shine.FM chose instead to invest himself in the lives of future broadcasters, communications department chair Jay Martinson said. "There aren't adequate words to describe this wonderful human being and the life he lived," junior Daneli Rabanalez said. But words continued to pour out on social media and in the classrooms where Fletcher was known after his sudden passing on Saturday, Nov. 7.

"I've seen the impact [Fletcher] had on students and where his gifting really lied," Shine.FM general manager Brian Utter said. "At Shine, we knew him as part of our team, but his main responsibility was as a professor. He was 'Fletch.'" Fletcher was born July 21, 1970, in Muskegon, Mich, and graduated from Olivet in 1992. After beginning his radio career, Fletcher returned to Olivet as a professor. He married Camille Smith and had four daughters: Caitlin, who is a freshman at Olivet, Camryn, Carly, and Cara.

Fletcher was first interviewed for the position at Olivet, communications professor Jerry Cohagan took a look at his previous accomplishments and professional resume and had one question: "[Fletcher], why would you want to come to Olivet?" Cohagan said that Fletcher smiled and simply responded, "Because I'm supposed to.

"Fletcher left the field of professional broadcasting so he could multiply himself," Martinson said. "He was a catalyst that encouraged you to change. He reflected Christ all the time. Don't let his investment be wasted. Be changed. Be better. Be a Carl." This past September, Fletcher took a group of radio students to Momentum for Christian Music Broadcasters in Florida where they were given the opportunity to go to Disney World. At the park, the group went on the "It's A Small World" ride. There was a pause at the end of the ride, and Fletcher decided to lead the group in a rendition of the Doxology, complete with a four-part harmony finish, Rabanalez said. "Everyone joined in singing," she said.

At conferences like this, Fletcher was typically known as "Professor Fletcher." Even when he could be meeting with professional broadcasters, he was hanging out with his students, helping them network and making sure they had the best possible experience, Utter said. "I don't know where to start with him. He was like a dad to us, or maybe like a cool uncle, because he also felt like our friend," Rabanalez said.

Random outbursts of singing were typical of Fletcher. Personally, I'm going to miss the boisterous singing that comes from his office," Utter said. General assistant for Shine.FM and Olivet graduate Charles Sheldon said that his singing could be heard throughout the Shine office. "There was just this presence of joy," Sheldon said.

Fletcher sang in a men's quartet at Manteno Church of the Nazarene where he was also an Upward Basketball coach, served as a church board member, and helped out with Vacation Bible School during the summer.

Communications professor Mark Bishop said there wasn't a day Fletcher wasn't smiling, except when the Packers lost. As a Bears fan, Bishop had a playful rivalry with his colleague, and Fletcher once left a Green Bay Packers Troll on Bishop's porch. "As revenge, I've been saving a Chicago Bears flag to put in his front lawn when the Bears beat the Packers. It's been years and I still have the flag, but the Bears still haven't won," Bishop said. "Maybe I should tell his wife to look for the flag in the rare case the Bears beat the Packers in the future. When it happens, the flag will fly, and I know he'll be looking down from Heaven laughing."

Fletcher told Rabanalez to always smile while on the air. "Putting on a smile helps you. It makes it sound better and more sincere. I do it now whether anyone is in the room with me or not. I'm just smiling into the microphone," Rabanalez said.

Rabanalez remembered Fletcher once becoming emotional when she interviewed him about the impact of radio. "He believed so much in the power of radio and ministry through radio," she said. "For the rest of my life I'm going to remember him telling me that radio does matter. Radio is worth it."

written by Grace King
MINDS FOR COMPUTING, HEARTS FOR SERVING
In a world where technology is growing, many view it as a hindrance to social skills, but for students who choose to make computers their life’s passion, technology is merely a tool that can help bring people closer together. The students in Olivet's Computer Science department take this stance with their entire lives.

"Computer Science students at ONU are always involved, playful, energetic, hardworking, creative, and ready to learn new technologies," said professor and department chair Dr. Larry Vail. "This year they wanted to use their skills and abilities to make their world a better place."

This passion for influencing the world through their knowledge of technology drove Computer Science students to work hard and learn as much as they could. "It was fun to actually get inside what the computer software is ‘thinking,’” said junior computer science major Chris Bailey. These students had a passion for using their abilities to be a light for Christ.

"I especially loved to witness and participate in the transformation of young people developing their passions and abilities and using them to impact their world for good and furthering the kingdom of God,” Vail said. “This really was the fulfillment of our department motto: ‘Minds for Computing, Hearts for Serving.’” The students agreed that they loved using their abilities to positively influence the world and share the love of Christ.

In addition to being passionate about their studies, students and professors developed great relationships with each other. "The people and professors really made it enjoyable," Bailey said. "I really felt at home with them." According to students, they not only used their abilities to serve the community, but they also encouraged each other and had fun serving together. The Computer Science department was a place that fostered knowledge and servanthood.
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Teachers are responsible for fostering minds and encouraging learning. “Every student has that one teacher who changed their life, and that’s what we hope to be,” said senior education major Ryan Hutton. The School of Education at Olivet has been a place where lives have influenced lives. Professors influenced college students, and college students learned how to influence the lives of the children that they would teach. The professors and the students had strong relationships because the Education professors at Olivet understood the influence that teachers can have on the lives of students, no matter what age. The motto of the School of Education is “Professionals influencing lives,” and that was exactly what they did. “The Education professors were a wealth of knowledge,” Hutton said. “They went above and beyond what they needed to do to ensure their students were ready to be teachers.”

In 2016, the department faced several challenges. “One of the major challenges that the School of Education faced was the changing landscape of education, including policy changes mandated by the State of Illinois,” said Dr. Darcel Brady. Education and policies are always changing, and this was difficult for Olivet’s School of Education. However, the professors worked hard to ensure that education students were prepared and completed all of the necessary steps to become teachers. Despite changing policies, the students agreed that the most important things was striving to influence the lives of the students that they taught. “I wanted to become a teacher so I could help improve students’ lives, get them on the right path, and set them up for success in life,” Hutton said. This attitude showed in every education student this year, in their dedication to their path as well as their passion for leading through teaching.
Anyone who has made the tiresome trek up to Burke fourth floor might have assessed that the Department of English and Modern Languages is small, but full of life and passion. These people—filled with a love for reading, writing, literature, language and culture from across all social, geographical and temporal borders have made it their goal to bring light to the world through language.

The classes were interactive and in a project for the Visual Literacy class Dr. Ingram required students to create a display on the quad. Students learned not only the power of the written word, but the power of visuals and communication, holistically preparing them to speak to a listening world.

Sigma Tau Delta allowed its members to share their passion for culture and language among other like-minded individuals in not only the English Department but also the other modern languages.

“Everyone had great things to say, so I decided to join,” said member Rachel Hensley. Hensley, heavily involved in both the English and ESL departments, received the chance to experience both the English and Spanish parts of Sigma Tau, providing her a more comprehensive look at Sigma Tau. In previous years and continued on throughout the year, the society put on many events celebrating language and literature, such as parties for Banned Book Week, Cultural Heritage and in commemoration of Dr. Seuss’s birthday.

One of the biggest aspects of Sigma Tau Delta was the annual conference that is held for students to come together, join in discussion and read their own works to large crowds.

“My favorite part of Sigma Tau this year, and every year, was the opportunity to go to national convention and present a paper,” said vice president Carrie Leato. The writers honed their craft, working to sharpen their minds and pens as they communicated through the power of the word.
THE PEN IS MIGHTIER
The Martin D. Walker School of Engineering in Reed Hall of Science was dedicated October 7 in honor of the five million dollars donated to Olivet Nazarene University by Martin Walker. Known as "Skip" to friends and family, Walker "epitomized Christian business leadership in guiding and growing a number of leading manufacturing and business enterprises. He and his family have supported countless industry, corporate and nonprofit organizations through volunteer service," an Olivet press release said. Engineering students, faculty, staff and the Board of Trustees gathered wearing matching shirts that read "Martin D. Walker School of Engineering" on the back and pins on their left shoulder that said, "Thanks, Skip!"

"This marks a new beginning for the Olivet School of Engineering," said University President Dr. Bowling. "Our buttons proudly declare 'Thanks, Skip!' Skip is wearing a button that says, 'I'm Skip!'" He continued, "This is the future of engineering. It doesn't start 20 years from today. It starts right now."

Bowling noted that individuals cannot buy recognition at Olivet, but are recognized for their gifts as believers and followers of Christ. "Walker represents the qualities and values we celebrate as an Olivet community," Bowling said. "His life reminds us that success is not just about titles and positions, but also about significance, which flows from a life of faith, service and generosity."

"The Lord continues to bless [the engineering program] as we have seen great fruit already," said Dr. Shane Ritter, Chair of the School of Engineering. Senior engineering student Preston Shelton said that Walker continues to challenge the engineering students to continue to do their best and not accept mediocrity. "We hope that God will give us the same opportunity someday [to give back]," he said.

Walker said, "I want to thank God for what he's done for me. He's allowed me to do things I never thought I could do. I'm proud to be associated with all you guys and gals. I hope and pray you'll enjoy your profession as much as I did. God is really the giver of this gift. He just used me."
GOD created...
“God created it, Jesus died for it, the spirit lives in it, we’d better take care of it”
God created it, Jesus died for it, the Spirit lives in it, we’d better take care of it. Helping others seems to be the main goal of Exercise Science majors. Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Personal Training are just a few of the major careers Exercise Science students strived for. The main way these students have hoped to help others is by helping others become physically fit.

“Exercise Science is the scientific study of human movement performed to maintain or improve physical fitness,” said Dr. Scott Armstrong. He has enjoyed helping students with their futures during his years at Olivet. Even the smallest roles he has played have made a major impact on the students’ futures. He aided them in their personal development and future careers. The students appreciated his willingness to help them succeed in the field. The Sports and Exercise Science Club has also helped these students succeed.

“I really enjoyed the sense of family that was found in the club,” said club president Lindsay Morr. Members of the club formed close relationships with one another. They each shared the common interest of taking care of others through exercise science. The club met about once a month and provided information to students about applying to Grad school. They had current Grad students or people working in the field come and talk to students about their experiences and what they do. The club also aided students in the application and interview process. This year, the club partnered up with the YMCA and held informational meetings for the community on topics such as portion control, exercising during the winter season, and proper lifting techniques. “I wanted to help people,” was the reason transfer student, Jessie Marie Ritz, chose this major.

“God created it, Jesus died for it, the spirit lives in it, we’d better take care of it,” was the motto of the club this year. Exercise Science students strived to help others stay physically fit and have aimed to improve the health and fitness of the community.
Everybody has a story to tell. In the History department, the students and professors had a unique passion for learning and understanding the stories of the world, and this passion motivated them in their study of history. "The study of History teaches us that everyone is important, and that everyone has a story that deserves to be told. It is our hope that we can remind people of that fact by telling those stories," said President of Phi Alpha Theta and senior Justine Von Arb. Understanding and telling these stories is what many of the history students aimed to do. "I've always had a passion for history and learning about the early civilizations, as well as the exploration and development of the Americas," said junior Chris Bailey. Like many other history students, Bailey loved learning about the history of the world and the story that it tells. Fueling the students' desire to learn, the professors also had a heart for helping them understand the stories of the world now and in the past. "My primary goal in teaching is fostering understanding in students," said History Professor and Phi Alpha Theta Sponsor Dr. William Dean. This society he sponsored engaged students and encouraged them to expand their knowledge and love of history, as well as promoted the study of history through community and collaboration. The group annually hosted a nationally recognized historian or political scientist for lectures and conversations on campus. Many History students loved discussing the stories they learned and became passionate about them with others, in Phi Alpha Theta and outside of the society.
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POLITICAL SCIENCE

Political science—the major where students debated, ate cookies from professors, heard old dating stories, and learned important lessons about life and politics. In the classroom, students described their political science professors as fun, crazy, and extremely passionate about what they teach. According to the professors, their students were eager to learn, debate, and gain a deeper understanding of political science. Professors aimed to engage their students and foster in them the desire to learn political science.

“My favorite part about political science was interacting with the students,” Dr. David Van Heemst—or DVH, as he is affectionately known around campus—said. “Dialoguing with them, seeing them grow over their four years, and walking alongside of them as they seek to follow Jesus into the world.”

Students in political science looked up to their professors. “My favorite part [about being a political science major] is the professors and the way they teach,” sophomore political science major Corrine Stout said. “They’re fun, but you always learn a lot and have your perceptions challenged. I’ve never had a class where I didn’t learn something—and laugh about something.”

The professors truly wanted to know their students and pour into their lives.

The political science club on campus, Capitol Hill Gang (CHG), was open to all students, no matter what major, although most members were political science or history majors. Senior history major and member of CHG Isaiah Fink said, “Capitol Hill Gang gave college students a unique opportunity: the opportunity to freely voice their thoughts and opinions in an open forum without fear of reproach or censorship by other members or the university.”

CHG’s weekly meetings consist of discussing politics and what is going on in the world. CGH also hosts a debate every semester. Students involved in CHG share a passion for political science and history. “It is important to have an environment where people feel like they can speak freely without judgment,” Senior political science and history major and president of CHG, Jake Hileman, said. “We all have different beliefs and ideas, but we can still enjoy the conversations and thoughts of others. It was great to be able to chat, rather than argue, especially when it came to the touchy issues of politics.”

Political science majors loved talking through and debating the issues of the day. The students and professors in political science shared a passion for what they learned and taught.
FROM EVERY ANGLE

MATH DEPARTMENT AND MATH CLUB

From community to cosign, the Math Department looked at the best way to help students grow — from every angle.

"I enjoyed the variety of people," said Dr. Hathaway, as he talked about the different students he taught. Hathaway has been teaching for twenty-seven years, and invested time in getting to know his students. Likewise, the department held an event called "Get to Know Your Math Professor," so the students could also get to know their professors. Students had the opportunity to answer fun and silly questions about their math professors and enjoyed the fellowship with each other. There were about sixty students in the math department, most desiring to be either high school math teachers or actuaries.

Another one of the main events the department put on was the math murder mystery. One of the faculty members was "killed," and the students had to figure out who did it. There were murder scenes set up on campus and many plot twists to the mystery.

Math club also created community amongst the math majors.

"It was a good way to meet other people in my major," president Zach Rivett said.

Additionally, the math club celebrated Pi Day with various activities, and hosted a picnic. They also had photo scavenger hunts looking for different math shapes on campus and even made origami.

"You really didn't have to be good at math to be there," Math club treasurer Matthew Haerr said. Math club focused more on mental puzzles and the fun side of math.
"I enjoyed the variety of people."
Brotherhood. If one word described ROTC, it would be brotherhood. Camaraderie between these soldiers was strong because of the things they faced together—both trials and triumphs. While they had fun together: eating, playing Ultimate Frisbee, having bonfires, and taking over campus with epic games of capture the flag, they also endured the hard things together. They trained and were put through mental and physical exertion, which forced them to rely on each other when they felt weak.

"The brotherhood that I've formed with my battle buddies will last for a lifetime," said freshman Trent Hillier. "The people you meet and spend time with really help to remind you what's important in life. The bonds I've formed with my brothers are ones I couldn't really form anywhere else."

Even in his first year of ROTC, Hillier saw the strong bonds that are formed between soldiers. Because ROTC cadets were not in combat, the strength of the relationships that they formed with each other is only a small fraction of the bonds they will experience once they commission as officers. "ROTC teaches the importance of trust and brotherhood," said senior Ryan Hutton. The bond between the cadets was only a snapshot of what we will experience as Second Lieutenants in the United States Army."

These future officers were excited for the brotherhood that they will experience after graduation. Military instructor SFC Dean Phillips described the bond he formed with his soldiers when he was on his deployments and on the battlefield. "I could call up any one of those guys today, and they would drop everything and do anything for me," said Phillips. This is the type of bond that forms between soldiers. They are called brothers and sisters in arms, and that is truly what they are—family.

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122 DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY SCIENCE AND ROTC
Creative students in the School of Music could always be found in Larsen as they wrestled with intervals, harmonies, and intonation. From music ministry to music education, the School of Music produced musicians who said they felt fully developed and prepared for life in a world of performance. According to the students, they poured themselves into the recitals and juries until then, not just focusing on their own music, but also on the music of their community.

"I enjoyed listening to other people's recitals," said sophomore Linda Aguilar. "I loved how we acted like a community and went to each other's recitals and supported each other."

The community within the school is evident in the way that the students embrace all of the different sections and ranges as a part of their "family." Students said the faculty is not exempt from this distinction as the professors show continual concern for the growth and well being of the students.

"I love all of the professors because I have a good relationship with all of them," said sophomore Tori Kober. "It's impossible to choose a favorite and put one above the others."

Music students shared that the annual events kept everyone on their toes since there was always one in the works with marching band season, Band Winter Showcase, Sounds of the Season, Handel's Messiah, Baccalaureate and the Graduation Concert. The students said working with iPads is a continual advantage to the School as they can distribute music, schedules and assignments with just a swipe and a tap. In the year of 2015-16, the School received the Apple Distinguished Program designation for being one of the two undergraduate schools in the country to go paperless and have the entire School of Music work on iPads. "We are getting some attention this year because of this distinction," Kober said, "and it's really had a positive impact on our outreach."
In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth... and He then started working on people who would want to study them. Olivet’s departments of Physical Science were filled with some of the most dedicated, faithful, and quirkiest people on the campus. The concentrations included Geology, Environmental Science, Geography, Geological Engineering, Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry, and many others.

“I have always had a deep fascination for the earth,” said junior Geology major Levi Gambill. “The world is so ancient and so full of mystery.”

Olivet’s Geology department in particular has housed some of the most fascinating individuals, as varied and colorful as the rocks and minerals they study.

“The Geo-science department has been organized into a society called the Olivet Geological Society, or OGS,” President of OGS, Andrew Klauba said. “As far as Geo-science majors go, anyone who could be considered an earth science major has been welcome.” Though the program was small this year, it did not lack character.

Physical Sciences classes have also been known for travelling to explore the world that they are studying first-hand. This includes field trips often, even sometimes outside of the state. When asked about this, Gambill said, “I really enjoy the fact that Geology is one of the few majors that has field trips...lots of field trips. We went on a lot this year. We could collect all the rocks we wanted, and at the same time we developed strong friendships amongst ourselves.” When asked about the community, junior Environmental Science major Kristina Chisolm said, “I feel like most of the other Physical Science people know who I am, and that makes me feel good about asking for help or talking about classes with them.”

Because of the sense of community felt within this small concentration this year, the relationships formed by those in the Physical Sciences programs will be rock-solid for years to come.
Compassionate hearts and open minds came together to help those in difficult situations in the Social Work Department. Thorough coursework and hands-on experience built up the department and provided students with opportunities to find their passions within the field. “I would say a common trait amongst all people in the department was the desire to come alongside those who are hurting and assist them where they are at,” said junior Marissa Degroot. “The ways that the love of God was shown through this department are comparable to the compassion of Christ, as they find ways to be helping hands to the world.”
**DIAKONIA**

As Diakonia aimed to serve the Social Work department, the club also provided service to the surrounding community whenever possible. A new project for the club this year was helping the citizens of Pembroke by chopping wood for heating during the winter months. Diakonia’s continual goal of service was carried out regularly as they supported each other in "a leadership position to promote growth, community, and camaraderie amongst the Social Work Department in order to further education and future social work practice," said president Marissa Degroot. The club worked hard to build relationships while serving each other as well as they could.

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**CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT**

Those who were driven to improve society and seek justice could be found in the Criminal Justice Department. As they moved toward futures in law enforcement and government work, students listened to guest speakers from the Kankakee area and participate in field placement to get a feel for the workplace before entering the workforce. "A lot of people ended up doing internships with police departments," said junior Jake Wagner, "which was easy to do over the summer, especially at home with a local department."

These experiences were invaluable to those who were pursuing work in the area of Criminal Justice. Leadership qualities are a must for those in the department in order to produce students that are prepared for everything that lies ahead. "Professors asked us the important questions to make sure that we actually understood the things that we were being taught so that we will be able to utilize the lessons from the classroom," said junior Logan Cooper. "They set the bar very high and they expected nothing but absolute professionalism from us all the time."

With high expectations and successful field placements under their belts, students graduating from the Criminal Justice Department were confident in their knowledge and ability to do everything that they had been prepared to do.
Caring for the sick, elderly, wounded, and so much more—not many people can deal with what a nurse faces every day. It takes real dedication. Nursing is not just a job; “it’s a calling,” said Professor Deb Wright. Wright’s favorite part of her job was her students.

“I love that I am able to share with them (and hopefully demonstrate to them) what it means not just to be a nurse but more importantly to be a Christian nurse,” she said.

Wright prayed for and with her students. She enjoyed sharing her knowledge and passion of pediatric nursing with her students.

“I think it is most rewarding to see the students have ‘aha’ moments in the classroom and clinical setting,” Wright said.

She loved seeing the students’ faces when they realize that they are able to help a patient. She enjoyed seeing them thrive and being independent in clinical settings. Wright had a major impact on the students’ lives, and the students have a major impact on hers. After graduation, many students have contacted her and told her something that she taught them that greatly aided them in their careers. That was an amazing feeling for Wright.

Current nursing student Rachel Zwartz was hospitalized many times as a child, so she knew from a young age that she wanted to become a nurse.

“I realized I have a compassion for people and children,” Zwartz said. She wished to help people like nurses helped her as a child.

The nursing department also sponsors the blood drive each year. In addition, they had a senior poster/project fair where the senior nursing students presented their research. They also had the Nurses Pinning ceremony for the graduates, and also the inductions of students into the national nurses honor society, Sigma Theta Tau. The nursing students believed that even though it took a lot of hard work and dedication to be a nurse, those who were called to do it would thrive.
We believe. You belong here. A phrase heard commonly among Olivet students. It is at the heart of Olivet—education centered on a common faith. This philosophy permeated through all of Olivet's departments, with faithful professors and curriculum taught with a Christian mindset. But what of the department that truly embodies that philosophy? Tucked away on the third floor of the Burke Administration Building were Olivet's Theology and Ministry students: individuals who had found their purpose in life through the school's mission statement. These students, training to be the next generation of leaders for the church, were what made ONU's Theology and Ministry department one of its most crucial departments. The department focused on cultivating its students into strong leaders and servants who are ready to bolster the church.

"There are a lot of classes about how to interact with people and how to meet the needs of the people," said senior Ministry major Kristy Kjell. The department's Christ-centered curriculum provides its students with practical as well as conceptual knowledge that they will be able to apply in their individual ministries. Aside from academics, the department serves as a community for fostering the growth of faith first and foremost.

"The department challenged my way of thinking," Sophomore Youth Ministry major David Spear said. Though the department teaches the Nazarene doctrine, students may come to find that faith, like many other aspects of humanity, is subjective. "Many of the professors think differently about faith and the church," Spear said, "and that is important in helping students to grow in their worldview. Getting to talk to professors who think differently than I do helps to strengthen what I believe."

Not only were students challenged to strengthen their beliefs and worldview, but they were also strengthened by the community of fellow believers they found among their classmates and professors. "The faculty is spectacular," Spear said, "because I have yet to feel neglected. Never once have I felt like my time is being wasted, the professors genuinely care about whether or not I am learning." Kjell, in agreement, spoke of her own experiences. "I love how the professors cared about me and my well-being," Kjell said. And who could expect anything less from men and women who have made it their purpose in life to teach about the love and ministry of Jesus Christ? Students in the Theology and Ministry department felt the full impact of Olivet's mission statement in a department so Christ-centered.
PASSPORT TO ADVENTURE

STUDY ABROAD

Many people dream of foreign lands and adventures in exotic locales. Those who do say their lives are forever changed. Study abroad students are among the few brave enough to leave the familiar behind, at least for a time, in the pursuit of knowledge. Olivet offered diverse study abroad programs that gave students the opportunity to travel to England, Japan, Ecuador, China, India, Costa Rica, Spain, and more. “I grew up hearing about how much my mother regretted not studying abroad while she was in college,” said junior Emily Lohr, “and knew before I even applied to Olivet that would not be making the same mistake.” Lohr traveled to Japan during the fall semester of 2015. “The East Asia Institute program at Tokyo Christian University was amazing for so many reasons,” Lohr said. “In the EAI program, you experience full integration with Japanese and other international students. All of the classes were dual language, with Japanese students studying alongside me and completing group projects with me.” Lohr was just one of many people who have taken advantage of Olivet’s study abroad programs. Many students found themselves in unfamiliar countries learning not only for their concentration, but for the enrichment of their lives in general. “I met with students upon their return,” said Nancy Bonilla, the study abroad coordinator for the Spanish program, “and all of them have given me feedback about how much they have learned and have enjoyed their time abroad. Students said living in another country was not easy, but it was rewarding when they saw that after having spent years studying, they are truly able to connect with others.” Many people who have studied abroad have returned reporting a broadening of their worldview. “Not only do they learn the language and culture, but they also learn about themselves, how to interact with people of a different culture, and what God is doing in other countries,” Bonilla said. Students that took this opportunity said it allowed them to see how people from distant parts of the world live and think, giving the individuals a new context for life and culture, a context they said will surely carry with them for the rest of their lives.