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"I spent this past summer in the D.R. of Congo with eleven amazing people that I call a part of my family. The best experience I had there was during a church service. It was amazing worshiping God with the people we were serving. We listened to a message in another language and one of our own guys gave a sermon to them! It was incredible to be given the opportunity to serve and live life with our Congolese brothers and sisters. I made many friends over there and made even better ones that returned to America with me."

-Matthew Meldrum

"The fact that I get to come to a Christian school and study what I love is absolutely amazing to me. I am so blessed by the love of Christ in my life."

-Lateefah Williams
“Sometimes you find beautiful leaves that just happen to match your sweater, life is beautiful.”
-Megan Hendrickson

“The unexpected opportunity to go to India was the coolest thing to ever happen to me. It was such a beautiful life changing experience.”
-Austin Siscoe
Elizabeth Lamszus
Barry Lee
Amber Leffel
Gregory Long
Jennifer Love
Kevin Lowery

Amanda Luby
Samuel Lyle
Allyssa Macari
Joseph Makarewicz
Britney Marko
Jean Martin

Stephanie Matthews
Daniel McDonald
Lisa McGrady
Heather McLaughlin
Neal McMullian
Douglas Meister

Paige Meister
Kathleen Meleskie-Lippert
Poppy Miller
Jean Milton
David Morris
Kathryn Morris

Mark Mountain
Angela Muhlstadt
Kashama Mulamba
Connie Murphy
Larry Murphy
Tammy Mylcraine

Ann Nagi
Mindy Nelson
Dale Newsome
Lauralee Nothstine
John Nutter
Beth Olney
It’s a weird feeling, getting older. I know that I’m still young, but I feel like I’ve been living forever. I can’t remember a time when I wasn’t alive, and I can’t imagine a time where I won’t be. Despite this, I know that my time here is finite, and that one day my story on this Earth will end... But the greater story of the Lord, of His Holiness, and of His love and mercy for His creation will continue. Being able to take part in the telling of that story, no matter how small, is a blessing— and it’s that blessing that keeps me going."

—Colin Schoonover

“Nevertheless; this is the word that comes to mind when I think of love. The Lord loves us despite every flaw and mistake we make. His covenant to us is ‘nevertheless.’ In spite of our sin He freely offers His love and grace. We are called to love others with the same kind of unconditional love. Love is sacrifice, but it is also the greatest gift.”

—Madalyn Booher
"Olivet Nazarene University has been the biggest blessing ever. To think that this was my last choice in colleges amazes me because this place has become my home away from home. It’s crazy to think how fast four years have gone by. For those who still have years left: work hard to prepare yourselves for your future career, put your full trust in God and all he has to offer, and cherish each and every moment spent with countless others. Before you know it you’ll be heading out to the real world and the memories will be what you take with you. Thank you Olivet Nazarene University for your support and encouragement through Christ, for being a place where meaningful and lasting relationships were found, and for providing endless opportunities in ways I could have never imagined. I am one blessed and lucky person to say I attended such an incredible university with such incredible people."

-Kacey Richman

“I’m not a quotable guy.”

-Ralph Kalfas
Paige McCririe
Athletic Training

Holly McDonald
Athletic Training

Michael McFerran
Psych Philosophy-Religion

Katlin McHenry
Social Work
Intercultural Studies

Megan McKinley
Christian Ed
Intercultural Studies

Ashley McKnight
Exercise Science

Katie Megyesi
Sport Management

Gabriella Mejia
Business Admin

Katelynn Meli
Elementary Ed

Brianna Meyers
Psych Child Development

Jessica Middleton
Criminal Justice

Ron Milbocker
Biology

Ciaira Miles
Psych

Danielle Milner
Fashion Merchandising

Daniel Mitchell
Pastoral Ministry

Vittoria Miulli
Art Ed

Becca Mooi
Social Work

Jessica Moore
Multimedia Studies

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Lindsay Morr
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Jamie Neven
Dietetics

Amanda Nowman
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Biology

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Preston Shelton
Engineering

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Kelli Siebersma
Nursing

Bethanie Sills
Intercultural Studies

Nadia Skrzecz
Psych

Billy Slager
Exercise Science

Kyle Slek
Elementary Ed

Audrey Smith
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Bethany Smith
Psych Sociology

Courtney Smith
Dietetics

Elizabeth Smith
Criminal Justice

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Dietetics

Jill Youngquist
Nursing

Caleb Yourdon
Business Admin

Olena Yousif
Child Development

Matt Zajchowski
Accounting Business Admin

Tom Zidek
Marketing

Amanda Zoladz
Actuarial Science
Congratulations, and welcome to the Olivet Nazarene University Class of 2016. We are thrilled to welcome you to the ONU family and are anxiously awaiting your arrival on campus this fall. We know your time here will stretch and shape you in ways you never dreamed possible, and we are excited to accompany you on this journey.

Over the next four years, you will find out what makes Olivet so very special. You will encounter moments of joy and disappointment. You will be challenged in many ways, and over these years, you will grow to be a person your current self may hardly recognize. You will be given thousands of reasons to laugh, cry, and smile. As an Olivet student, you will meet friends who will quickly become as close as your family. You will dream of plans for the future knowing it is just around the corner. You will develop a loyalty for the deep purple and shining gold of your alma mater. This place will soon become your home away from home.

You may struggle from time to time, but you will also thrive. You may trip, but you will soar. Like a balloon, you will be filled: filled by the experiences you have, the knowledge you gain, and the opportunities you are given. Then, after four years, we will let you go. Like a balloon floating brilliantly towards the clouds, you will fly. This will be your greatest adventure of your life up until now.

What is going to happen over the next four years will enable you to soar, and without noticing where it went, your college career will have slipped through your fingers. On May 7th, 2016, you will walk across the stage in Centennial Chapel and be handed a diploma you worked tirelessly to receive. You will be an Olivet graduate.

As an incoming freshman, this graduation moment feels years away. And you’re right: it is. But there is so much time between now and then. These years will pass quickly and prove to be the most formative of your life. So, what are you going to do with them? What do you hope to accomplish? What friends will you have? What memories do intend to make? And how will you let the Lord work in and through your life? How will you let Olivet fill your life?

Don’t blink; you don’t want to miss a moment. It will be gone before you know it, so make the most of your time here. You never get these four years back. Make sure they are worth remembering.

Have a great rest of your summer, and we will see you very soon.

Sincerely,

Dr. Bowling

-written for the Ollies Follies Variety Show by Kara Hewett, with contributions from Joe Mantarian and Michaela Maris
“Never stop caring...for yourself, for your loved ones, for the broken, lonely, and hurting people. Let us live a life so focused on caring for others that we forget what hate or selfishness feels like.”
-Laura D’Angelo

“I met Ben Carson, and when I shook his hand, he looked me in the eye and said, ‘You have a bright future ahead of you son’. He also had very soft hands.”
-Joe Kuschman
Olivet has blessed me with amazing friends, in so many ways that I can't comprehend.
- Ben Prince

“The scariest things in life are usually the most worthwhile.”
- Grace King
Juniors

Aaron Abrassart
Destiny Adkins
Tyler Alcazar
Mattie Alexander
Samantha Alfirevic

Nate Allen
Spencer Allen
Sarah Allison
Rachel Anderson
Seth Anderson

Tamareia Anderson-Wilson
Lily Arroyo
Brooke Bachhold
Madison Badiac
Brandon Baker

Luke Baker
Abby Balducci
Careena Barker
Mady Barker
Jenna Battiato

Hannah Beals
Kristin Beatty
Connor Berg
Diana Bilea
Amy Binnendyk

Rachel Blunier
Nicholas Borger
Caleb Bower
Kylie Bradley
Mercy Bray
Kirsten Cornella-Carlson
Kristen Coser
Hannah Covert
Ashley Crawford
Dylan Creger

Laura D’Angelo
Madison Davis
Lynnae De Jong
Autumn Deacon
Leandra Decatoria

David Decker
Joe Decker
Cody Deffendall
Trevor Delgado
Jackie DesLauriers

Spencer Dexter
Stacie Dexter
Nathan DiCamillo
Christine Dorband
Caleb Drake

David Druse
Jennifer Druse
JD Dulinsky
Alexandra Duncan
Celia Durazo

Reagen Dykhouse
Rachel Elder
Tyler Ellis
Megan Elmer
Rachel Elson
Terriana Gregory
Andrew Grosch
Elizabeth Grove
Taylor Grover
Matthew Haerr

Kayla Hallstrom
Kristi Hamachek
Abi Hancock
Holly Harlow
Jon Harman

Lisa Hartman
Andrea Hay
Brooke Heaton
Bailey Heemstra
Libby Hein

Jessa Hendricker
Megan Hendrickson
Cassandra Hendrix
Lyndsey Herndon
Emily Hess

Victoria Hess
Ethan Hiles
Kollin Hiles
Helena Hill-Schaeffer
Sydney Hilst

Lara Hoagian
Elisabeth Hobson
Hannah Hockemeyer
Grace Hohn
Sydney Houzenga
Allison Howell
Sarah Hudi
Christina Huebner
Kristen Hung
Alexander Hunt

Neil Ipock
Baylie Isaacs
Jacari Jackson
Elizabeth Jenkins
Rachel Jirik

Elizabeth Johnson
Heather Johnson
Rachel Jones
Dalton Jordan
Madison Karrick

Andrew Kelly
Ryan Kennell
Kate Kettelkamp
Grace King
Sam Kleindienst

Dasan Klingenberg
Jamie Kraus
Karlin Labenske
Stephani LaCasse
Karah Lain

Caleb Lankford
Renee Layman
Bryce Leatherman
Carrie Leato
Kaity Legg
“First time I had Lima beans in preschool I realized I don’t like Lima beans.”
-Daniel Kurz

“They say that it only takes a couple muscles for you to smile, and that’s my goal. Smiling can help brighten anyone’s day, and that’s why I try to make others smile as much as possible. Whether it’s a joke to lighten the mood, or a compliment when I sense insecurity. One smile can change the way you see yourself.”
-Becca Williams
I have such a heart for children, & I hope to be a Godly influence in the public school system. I have a pretty rough past, & I went to a very diverse high school & I know how hard it can be. I hope to be a light for those children that need it.

-Paige Nesemeier

"One time I walked around the ledge of Chapman."

-Brody Schweigert
Andrew Aardema  
Linda Aguilar  
Lexi Aguilera  
Gloria Aguirre  
Sarah Albertson  
Kaleigh Allen

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

Taylor Anderson  
Callie Archer  
Natalie Armstrong  
Olawummi Babalola  
Felicia Baer  
Jake Barcroft

Rachel Barnitz  
William Bates  
Emily Baylor  
Natalie Beckman  
Alexa Beezhold  
Trisha Belgrave

Emily Belschner  
Teagan Bencsics  
Austin Bennett  
Kathleen Berns  
Bridget Beyer  
Margaret Blake

Carly Blystone  
Tyler Bogaard  
Lindsey Bohl  
Ryan Bohl  
Lucas Bolt  
JP Bopp
Anna Kuechenberg
Bob Kuhn
Nathan Lain
Kellen Lake
Connie Lapinski
Madeline La Sota

Ashley Ledbetter
Emily Ledford
Kaley Ledford
Chandler Lefever
Drew Leman
Jocelyn LeSage

Monica Lewis
Nick Lewis
Sierra Lewis
Tori Lilly
Ciara Lindgren
Caitie Lindquist

Caleb Lingle
Andrew Logan
Christina Long
Abby Loughran
Edwin Ludwig
Jacob Ludy

Liz Luginbill
Guilherme Magnoler
Jonathan Magry
Danielle Maranion
Brittany Marquardt
Lauren Matson

Katie Maurer
Katy Maurer
Collin Maxon
Catherine Mazur
Jesse McBeath
Quincie McCalla
Abby McGinnis
Tanner McLain
Shannon McLaughlin
Mike McNamara
Matt Meehan
Jill Meier

Allie Melton
Bethany Metzler
Erin Meyers
Katie Miller
Madeline Miller
Paul Miller

Victoria Monakhova
Jared Monsma
Emily Monterroso
Kevin Montes
Dakota Moon
Hope Morris

Michaela Morris
Maria Munoz
Macy Myer
Marcos Navarro
Ethan Nelsen
Madison Nelson

Paige Nesemeier
Shelby Newberry
Hoa Nguyen
Katie Nicholson
Carrie Nicodemus
Alyssa Nordmeyer

Steven Nowinski
Kayla O’Donohue
Megan O’Rourke
Samuel Oberholz
Katie Obi Obasi
Eddie Ochoa
Jessica Tarchala
Ryan Thompson
Parker Tibbs
Debora Timmer
Alex Tolley
Alexis Trevino

Jacob Tripp
Emily Troemel
Amanda Van Houten
Shannon VandeBunte
Kimberly VanderPloeg
Jacob Vangore

Christina Vaughan
Emily Veach
Michael Vega
Daniel Villagomez
Alexis Wade
Cameron Walker

Jamal Wallace
Michael Warner
Tori Watland
Gabby Weitzel
Baxter White
Sarah White

Shaelynn White
Ciara Wichtner
Joe Wickes
Hannah Williams
Jayna Williamson
Connor Willis

Jenelle Wilson
Noah Wilson
Seth Wilson
Joy Wilson-Muncie
Summer Wooden
Staci Woolley
Logan Wright
Isabella Zach
Allie Zalinski
Jonathan Zatorski
Brianna Zehr
Raegan Zelaya
Sophia Zelenka
Jasmine Zenobia
Sarah Zornes
Pola Zuniga
Rachel Zwartz
“Meeting one of my best friends is the best thing to happen to me so far.”

-Adalyn Moorehead & Alyssa Adams

“I believe that everyone teaches and learns. I know that we meet the right people at the right moment for a right reason. The timing of God is perfect, and there is a purpose. When we are done teaching and learning we have to move on, but if we have something new to teach and learn we will always come back to the same place and people. My advice would be: Achieve your dreams, do not let anyone or anything stop you - work hard and even harder in order to get them. Even if you have conquered them, keep succeeding. Have big dreams, full dreams, not half dreams. Make the smallest decisions with your head and the big decisions with your heart. Live with no regrets, and simply be happy! God loves you!”

-Misael Jovany López Garcia
When I was fourteen years old, I was asked to lead a group of candidates for the Boy Scout honor society on a trip into the woods for a night. They handed me a tiki torch, a map, and pointed at a path. So I set out into what seemed like the darkest night, and led this group of about forty people of varying ages to our first stop of the night. I looked down at the map, and realized I had led these people twenty minutes in the wrong direction. My heart sank down to my stomach. I turned around and reluctantly and embarrassingly let everyone know that I had made a wrong turn. Even though the candidates were not allowed to speak, I heard some words that I wouldn’t ever repeat let alone write down. Some say you can learn a lot from people who are really good at leading, and that’s true. However, I think that you can learn way more from a terrible leader. Learning what not to do is just as important as learning what to do. I learned a lot from that experience and while it was awkward and embarrassing, it was valuable nonetheless.

-Tommy Lambrecht

“Live as simply and with as much optimism as you can. Having the right mindset and attitude is critical when it comes to living joyfully.”

-Jenna Wiggins
FRESHMEN

Zach Ackerman
Jessica Ackman
Alyssa Adams
Ellie Adamson
Jake Adkins
Anastasia Admussen

Junior Alcala
Aimée Allcock
Sarah Alvord
Anastasia Andersen
Adrienne Anderson
Lexi Anderson

Josh Anderson
Kaitlin Anderson
Konnor Anderson
Caroline Andrade
Carolina Archer
Christina Armbrester

Samantha Arnhold
Jasmine Arreola
Christine Ayabe
Zachary Bachman
Hannah Bacon
Meghan Bader

Savaun Badiac
Brooke Bahr
Emily Bahr
Grant Bailey
Richmond Bailey
Jaylah Baker

Kristen Baker
Sarah Barker
Austin Barron
Solomon Barwegen
Devin Battice
Mallory Bauer
Austin Denning  
Morgan Depatis  
Evan Dexter  
Alexander DeYoung  
Benjamin DeYoung  
Alexis Diaz  

Haley Dickey  
Christina Dingman  
Amelia Discher  
Matthew Doherty  
Cole Doolittle  
Jennifer Doran  

Conner Dowd  
Hannah Drewes  
Jennafer Drohan  
Katherine Druse  
Sara Duncan  
Christian Dunning  

Caleb Durbin  
Molly Dwyer  
Colton Ebbens  
Stephanie Eby  
Nichole Edwards  
David Ellis  

Matthew Ellis  
Drew Else  
Christina Elwood  
Haley Emmert  
Alyssa Engel  
Karianne Engels  

Stephen Erutti  
Samuel Eutsey  
Jamey Evans  
Hannah Everson  
Alex Ewalt  
Hannah Ewoldt
Hannah Martin
Landon Martin
Abel Martinez
Alfonso Martinez Garcia
Josue Martinez-Santa
John Mathy

Joey Matrisciano
Cheyenne Mau
Camrie Maxon
Alisa Maxwell
Donaven Mayer
Timmy Mayotte

Karissa McBride
Savannah McCafferty
Hannah McCall
Jordan McCool
Dovie McCorkel
Erick McCree

Sydney McCright
Hannah McDivitt
Grace McDonough
Meghan McGowan
Tommy McGuire
Kyle McNamara

Nicole Medina
Mackenzie Mehaffey
Meghan Meiner
Micah Melton
Alexis Meridith
Jacquelyn Merki

Maria Meyer
Ali Mickelson
Charles Miller
Faith Miller
Jake Miller
Jamie Miller
Sarah Parkison
Olivia Parks
Carlie Parpart
Lindsay Parpart
Olivia Parrott
Michael Patterson

Justus Pedrero
Emma Peebles
Sophia Perea
Eunice Perez
Hailee Perkins
Brock Perry

Ashley Persinger
Connor Pestka
Kenneth Peters
Makaila Peters
Luke Peterson
Madi Pettet

Brian Pfaff
Tanner Philipps
Taylor Phillips
Jenna Philson
Megan Pichaske
Charles Pickett

Melissa Pickett
Nicole Pilbeam
Stephen Plopper
Cheyenne Ploskonka
Nicole Pope
Suzanna Postma

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