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# ASK SEEK KNOCK

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In your hands is a reminder of another year passed, one filled with triumphs and failures, joys and regrets. It takes belief in yourself and in your ideas to find what you are looking for. It is not drive alone, but a desire and a passion for something greater than just pulling through.





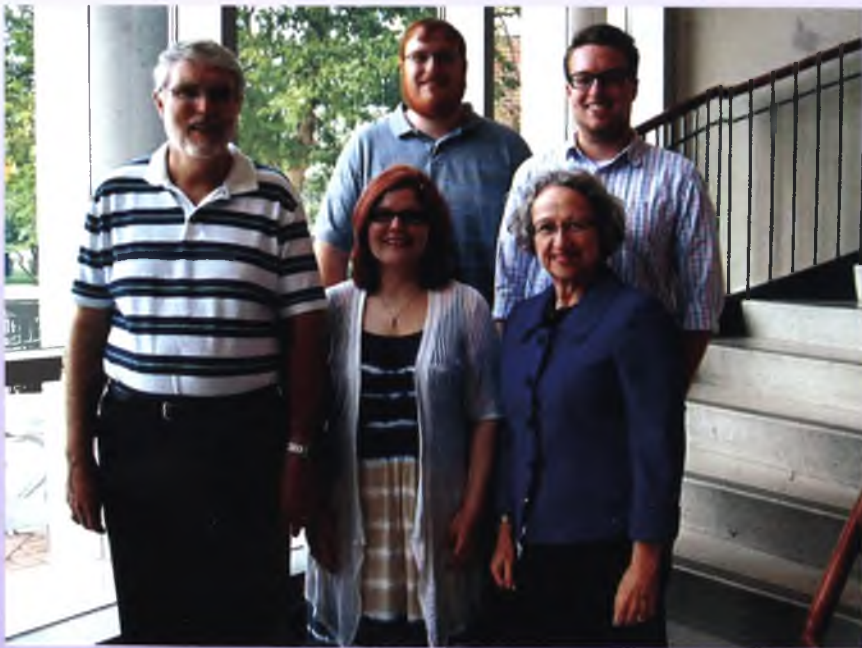
and it will be given to you;

and you will find;

and the door will be opened.

Here we remember the friends we made and the ways we furthered our understanding in the 2014-2015 academic year. For some, it is the first year of college; for others it is the last. For all, it is a step closer to a life as more than a student.





“He has a gentle heart; a character  
based on wisdom.”



“He’s an outstanding professor and  
has a brilliant mind.”





# Dedication

{Paul Koch}

Ask anyone about Dr. Paul Koch and the word “brilliant” quickly comes up. “He is an outstanding professor, and has a brilliant mind,” said Dr. Glen Rewerts, head of Olivet’s Department of Business where Dr. Koch works. “He’s very well-rounded; he’s brilliant too,” said his colleague Dr. Lynda Allen. “He’s always learning,” said Dr. Koch’s wife, Debra, “He reads constantly. He reads newspaper in print and online... and he’ll have five books going at a time! Constantly learning, searching for more. He has a memory that is amazing.”

Dr. Koch has used his brilliant memory both to teach and to connect with people. “[Dr. Rewerts] really appreciates his memory,” Mrs. Koch said. “He will go to Paul and say, ‘When did this happen?’ and Paul can tell him.” Dr. Allen commented on Dr. Koch’s ability to create relationship with students: “He knows everyone’s name...I am amazed by how often we’ll be walking down a hallway together to classes, and how many names Paul can call out personally. It could be a student he had in Principles of Economics three years ago. I think that says something about his investment in students.”

Dr. Koch is an only child and grew up in the San Diego area of California before moving to McMinnville, Oregon when he was eleven. Church was and continues to greatly influence him. His early view of the world was greatly impacted by his Sunday School teachers. He graduated from high school at the early age of sixteen. “He was going to be a pastor,” Mrs. Koch said. He spent a year at Liberty Baptist University, and it was there that he realized he was called not to pastor, but to teach. He ended up enrolling in George Fox University, where he took economics. His studies eventually led him to the American Studies program in Washington DC, where according to Mrs. Koch, “He took a liking to pursuing economics as a career.”

Though a West Coast native, Dr. Koch has spent more of his life in Illinois than out West. He moved to Illinois to receive his masters in Economics, and eventually earned a doctorate in curriculum and instruction. “If he had not been accepted into the master’s program at Illinois State, we never would have met,” Mrs. Koch said. She described their meeting at a young adult gathering at their church in Bloomingdale. “Paul is very tall,” she said. “It was a big group...and a very small apartment. The only place for him to be was in the hallway. I had to go from one room to another and step over his feet and legs—that made a huge impression—for someone’s legs to be stretched out that long!” As of June 1st, 2015, the two will have been married for 30 years. They have two sons, both college graduates, one of which is an Olivet alumnus.

Although Dr. Koch has been teaching at Olivet since 1992, his experience extends beyond the walls of ONU. Every year he teaches Comparative Systems in Eastern Europe at the International Business Institute, traveling between different countries with students from the program. In addition, Mrs. Koch is the coordinator of 4H youth development, and Mr. Koch volunteers regularly and acts as a judge for the fair. He’s also been involved with theatre. Through it all, he shows a commitment to knowledge and to the people around him. Dr. Rewerts observed of Dr. Koch, “He has a gentle heart; a character based on wisdom.” “He bothers to get to know students and still remembers them, even years later,” said Dr. Allen. Dr. Koch may be a teacher, but he certainly has a pastor’s heart.

“He’s always learning.”

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# Seek First...

{Dr. John Bowling}

Earlier this year I was copied in on an email from one professor to another. The subject of the note was a routine matter, and I was copied into the message just to keep me in the loop. There was nothing memorable about the email exchange other than a quotation appearing in the signature line of one of the professors. It caught my attention. I wrote it down and have thought about it often. It was a statement about education often attributed to William Butler Yeats: "Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."

Those words express, in part, our educational philosophy at Olivet. We do not ask students to "sit still while we instill." Rather, we seek to gather kindling and encourage students to play with matches. Our desire is for students to learn how to learn, to foster creativity and to become lifelong learners. We also believe that higher education ought to have a higher purpose, so we seek to help students learn how to live, as well as how to make a living.

In her book, *The Defining Decade: Why Your Twenties Matter--And How to Make the Most of Them Now*, Meg Jay builds a compelling case for how important these college years are. She says that "... as we leave home and become more independent there is a burst of self-creation, a time when what we do determines who we will become."

University students are in the beginning years of that "defining decade" as they make the journey from late adolescence toward maturity. What happens during this time sets a trajectory for the rest of a student's life.

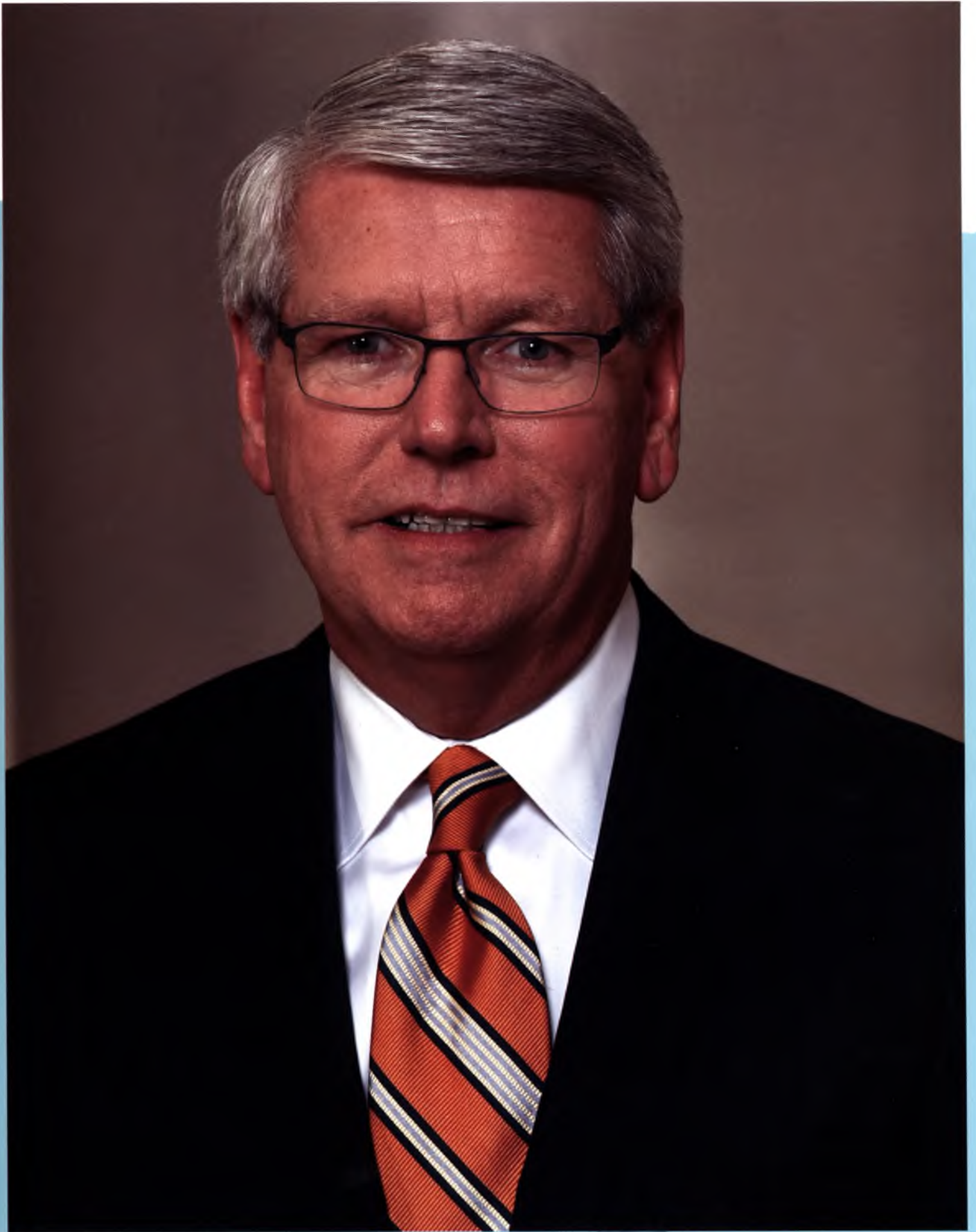
The theme for this year's edition of the *Aurora* is a challenging one for those living in "the defining decade." The call to ask, seek, and knock implies a sense of personal responsibility. We are to actively pursue life's opportunities and objectives by taking the initiative to seek. This theme flows from Matthew 7:7 - "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. "

The years one spends in university life are filled with many doorways of opportunity, promise and invitation. These are doorways to learn, to travel, to serve, to build new relationships, and to develop one's personality and character. Through such doors one's future unfolds.

Seeking is an active pursuit. Not much of value comes to those who sit and wait. To be at our best we must seek the best. Jesus strikes at the heart of this in his words from the Sermon on the Mount where he says, "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

One of life's great lessons is that if we put God in His proper place in our life, everything else has a way of finding its proper place as well. However, if we fail to seek first his kingdom, nothing else will reach its full potential. The *Aurora* reminds us that we are all seekers and cautions us to seek first things first!





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# {Student Life}

Seek and you will find. Your life is a story, and it is up to you what adventures you will fill it with. Each weekend at Olivet offers new events, ways to learn and to be entertained. Each event has a premise that draws us, but what we remember is time with friends, inside jokes, and memories that come back to you in the most unexpected of moments, leaving a smile on your face.







# Life in Color

## {Rec City Color Run}

When asked what she was looking forward to the most about the Color Run, Senior Emma Wright laughed and said, "Walking."

This year's Color Run took place on an unseasonably mild day, a hint of the autumn chill lingering in the air. Matt Smith hosted the run with his typical humor and charm. The event was bookended by celebrations on the lawn outside of Weber; Zumba in the beginning, impromptu line-dancing at the end. The main event, of course, was the run: a 5K trek through campus, onto the track, and back onto campus again.

Intermittently, runners found checkpoints populated by Residential Life staff who sprayed them with colored chalk—either blue, yellow, orange, green, purple, or pink. Students wore white shirts, bandanas, and sunglasses that gradually become more and more colorful as the race continued. These checkpoints kept runners energized. "You're running, and you're tired," said Junior Jacob Mellinger, "but something about getting to the colors just revitalizes you." Things ended with everyone tossing their color packets into the air. "The color was almost like smoke, it was so thick," Mellinger said.

People began the run in the sequence of how much running they planned to do. Some, such as Senior Caleb Burkey, ran the whole way, but cheered on those who walked or jogged. For seniors, such as Josh Ewing, it was about making the most of their final year. "It's my last semester at Olivet," said Josh, "and I figured if I was ever going to do a 5k, it would be a Color Run because it looked like a lot of fun...It was really for the memory."









**Right:** Taylor Schott and John Hand helped students and their families carry various items up to their dorm rooms. Many students brought carpets and rugs to make their new living quarters feel more like home.

**Below:** New this year, each incoming freshman class will receive a word to describe and motivate the students. This year, "Exemplary" has been chosen for the class of 2018, and it is quite fitting for this outstanding group of students.



**Above:** Thomas Georgakopoulos and his family took a break from moving-in and stopped at Ludwig. They had time to rest, chat, and eat before saying those difficult goodbyes.

**Right:** Freshman Connections Mentors Thomas Fazio and Sarah Ready waited at their Jumpstart table to greet their students and answer questions.

**Far Right:** The move-in process was grueling, but fortunately, ROTC and student leaders were there to offer assistance.





# Welcome Back!

*{First Week and Move-in}* Every year, Olivet welcomes a new group of students, fresh out of high school and eager to see what the year will hold for them. These students are about to embark on a journey to gain their independence, while learning to become academics along the way. Some of the freshmen, like Kayla Wilson, were excited about “the experience and not being at home.” There were others who said they were looking forward to an upcoming sport, or simply finding their place here at Olivet. Overall it seemed that this year’s

freshmen are ambitious, stepping onto campus with a major already decided and a mini fridge fully stocked with their favorite goodies (thanks to Mom and Dad). It’s important to remember that in moving towards one place, you have to move away from another. Freshmen move from everything they have ever known to a new and unfamiliar place. So here’s to the freshmen: the ones who come here not sure what to expect and leave at the end of their first year having developed a solid foundation of who they are and what they are called to do.



**Far Left:** As students arrived on campus, they unpacked their vehicles and moved their belongings onto the lawn before carrying everything to their room. Devin Kirkland appraised her stack of belongings before beginning the long process of moving it into Williams.

**Left:** Williams Hall Residents and roommates Jessica Tarchala and Jayna Williamson shared that they were both excited for new classes, new environments, and new friends on their floor.



**Left:** Jordan Fry and Aaron Sutton, both from Martinsville First Church of the Nazarene, were excited to be on campus and start a new semester.

**Above:** Resident Assistants Grace Sauers, Sonia Smith, and Megan Barnhart greeted the new students and families with smiling faces and helped the girls fill out paperwork to receive their room keys.



# Bringing it Back

{Block Party}

At Olivet we celebrate new beginnings with our annual school-wide Block Party. Despite inclement weather approaching, the Block Party went on inside the Perry Center field house. All of the finest elements of a carnival were present, and students spoke out about what got them most interested in the festivities. Brooke Fraley, a sophomore, expressed that she was more than happy to get a day off from running around and getting her “class stuff together.” She really enjoyed the petting zoo and spending time with her friends who have slowly settled into the pace of the school year. At the start of school, students not only prepare for their classes, but also for a semester without home cooked meals readily available.

Junior Garrett Muhlstadt shared, “Food’s what I look forward to the most!” Many students over the years come to the block party in hopes of filling their bellies with free food, and this year’s event did not disappoint.

Summer lived on for a little while longer as students participated in the various games, conquered inflatable obstacle courses, and—of course—lined up in full force for the cotton candy stand. Some traditions of the block party never change. Senior Sam Emaus explains that he comes in hopes snagging some pizza and, “Every year, I end up getting a lot of Papa John’s.” When it comes to the block party, Olivet knows how to kick the year off right.

**Right:** Bella Jiyeon Lee waited patiently as one of the vendors painted a rainbow on her cheek.



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**Above:** Courtney Crawford spun cotton candy for students to enjoy.

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**Far Left:** There were many different activities available for the students at the Block Party, and many joined in on a spontaneous dance party.

**Left:** The Block Party was planned and executed by the Associated Student Council. VP for Student Relations Tiara Long and VP for Women's Residential Life Michaela Maris were two members of the Council who gladly pitched in to make the Block Party a success.

**Below:** Due to inclement weather, the festivities were moved from the Weber Lawn to the Fieldhouse in the Perry Center.



**Left:** Jenelle Wilson and Kendra Leimbach raced each other through an inflatable obstacle course.

**Far Above:** Destiny Paden and Austin Kelly stopped by the annual Block Party to relax and have fun.

**Above:** Students enjoyed the snow cones made by Sweet Street, a local store offering candy and various other treats.



**Right:** With “bombs bursting in air” the senior class erupted with patriotism and class spirit to kick off their final Wacky Games.

**Below:** In the Ollies Follies Athletic Competition, Frank Tapia went up against Morgan Bundenthal in the annual soccer game.

**Far Below:** While the seniors make their grand entrance, Caleb Duffy stopped in the madness to blow one of the many noisemakers.



**Above:** Intently watching the game, emotions ran high for the sophomore class as they took on the juniors for Ollies Follies soccer.

**Right:** Drinking up a delicious concoction, juniors Breanna Greer and Andrew Fischer did their best to earn points for their class.

**Far Right:** New to the Wacky Games, the freshmen tried their hardest to keep up with the experienced upperclassmen.





# All in Good Fun

## {Wacky Games and Sports}

As you entered the field by the Warming House for the 2014 Ollies Follies Wacky Games, you were surrounded by seas of yellow, blue, green, and orange shirts. Competitors played hard in attempts to help their class achieve victory. The sound of cowbells came from every side of the field as well as from team huddles while spectators shouted support to their teams from the bleachers. This year's theme of Seasons was represented by the seniors as summer, juniors as winter, sophomores as spring, and the freshmen as fall.

It was difficult to decide which game was the most fun to watch. Tug of war, bobbing for apples (and gummy worms), and an eating game honoring the seasons all deserved honorable mentions, but the classic "chugging" and "tube" games drew the loudest cheers from the onlookers. In the chugging game, players had to finish a concoction of lemonade, juice, milk, and apple cider before the other teams. Exclamations and spluttering came from the players as they were encouraged by yells from their classmates. Everything else was forgotten though, as preparations for the tube game began.

The sight of large black inner tubes being dragged onto the field received shrieks of excitement

from students. The tubes were soaped up and the game began! Matt Smith, host of the games, commended the girls for their determination as they fought for possession of the tubes. The sophomores held their own, and the juniors and freshmen struggled to keep up. However, players scrambling for the tubes discovered early on that the seniors were a force to be reckoned with. The seniors ultimately came out on top and became the 2014 Ollies Follies Wacky Game champions!

## Ollies Follies Sports Final Scores

Seniors 10,000  
Sophomores 7,500  
Juniors 5,000  
Freshman 2,500



**Above:** With one last chance to win it all, seniors Hunter Jacobs, Loren Shattuck, Jake Friesen, Bryce Goldade and Charlie McNulty led the class in cheering on their friends to victory.

**Left:** In the ever-popular tube game, competitors were splashed with water, making the contest even more of a challenge. The classes battled it out in this Wacky Games favorite.



**Right:** In their tribute to the summer MIA trips, Seniors donned tribal wear and danced to multicultural music.



Junior Levi Himes



Sophomore Lisa Hartman



Freshman Jonathan Ruby



Sophomores Kaylee Brown and Sebastian Ha



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# Tis' the Ollies Follies Season

## {Ollies Follies Variety Show}

Ollies Follies Variety Show 2014 – an event current Olivetians will never forget. This year marked the first year the variety show was held in Centennial Chapel, emceed by Late Night Talk Show Host Matt Smith. Jiggly Azalea A.K.A Joey Ramirez, debuted his Flabby music video featuring “Smitti” on the big screens shortly after Matt Jones took the stage as Maleficent. The night was jam-packed with laughter, nervousness, and emotion.

The freshmen gave the upperclassmen a run for their money, the sophomores were right behind them, the juniors did everything they could to keep up, but the seniors put on their best show yet. “It was definitely a blast working with the Class of 2015 to put on one last Ollies Follies Variety Show together,” said senior Daniel Going.

In their video, Dr. Bowling gave the Senior Class Council a list of tasks to do in order to “save summer.” The tasks included going on MIA trips, to a wedding, a beach party, a baseball game, a Fourth of July parade, a county fair, and stargazing. The last task on the list was to win Ollies Follies, and the Seniors, impressively, did just that.



**Far Above:** Up to his old tricks, Matt Jones had the audience rolling with laughter with his portrayal of “Maleficent.”

**Above:** Sophomores smoothly ended their part of the show with a “Very Sophomore Spring” finale!

**Left:** The Junior Class brought everyone’s favorite winter characters to life including Dan Berkiel as the Grinch.

**Far Left:** Freshmen showed a huge amount of enthusiasm for their first Ollies Follies variety show and wowed the crowd.





**Right:** Alana Steward is an Accounting major and Spanish minor from the wonderful state of Kansas. At Olivet, she has been involved in varsity track and field, Enactus, and intramurals. She has served as a resident assistant in Williams and the Oaks, an accounting tutor, and Ludwig Center student manager. After graduation, Alana dreams of finding a job and using her vocation to serve in ministry.

**Below:** The coronation festivities were hosted by chaplain Mark Holcomb and his wife, Teri.



**Right:** Haley Carroll is majoring in Elementary Education with a minor in English as a Second Language. Throughout her time at Olivet, she has grown tremendously in her walk with the Lord and has made many meaningful relationships. Her favorite memories of her time at ONU include spontaneous trips to Chicago, late night talks with her roommates, and, of course, Ollie's Follies. To finish out her last year as a student, Haley is on Senior Class Council for ASC, a freshmen connections mentor, and works in Admission. Haley has been blessed to serve as an RA in Grand for two years and has been given the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ in Thailand and Cambodia the past two summers. She has also been a part of Women's Residential Life, SOS, Kappa Delta Pi, and Sister 2 Sister. After graduation Haley plans to be obedient to the Lord in his calling on her life, using the gifts and passions given to her. She has a passion for women and children being trafficked around the world and hopes to take part in the movement to help protect and encourage them. Her desire is to love Jesus tenaciously, and her favorite Bible verse is Joshua 1:9!



**Right:** Susan Morrill is pursuing a bachelor of arts in Music Ministry. In the past three years, she has been blessed to participate and invest in several on-campus ministries: D-Groups, Party With Jesus, Prayer Warriors, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Chrysalis Choir, Orpheus Choir, jazz combo, chapel band, and class chapel. Additionally, she has spent the past two years investing in local churches by means of music ministry, traveling as a Music Ambassador and a member of Ministry Teams. Her life was forever changed this May in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, on a two week MIA trip. After graduation, Susan will be co-leading the MIA trip back to the Congo as well as completing her supervised music ministry internship requirement. God has given her a heart for people and a heart for Africa. She cannot wait to see what He has in store for her next!





# It's Coronation Day!

{Homecoming Coronation}

While Olivet's annual Homecoming Week is marked by many on-campus events, Homecoming Coronation is the crowning jewel.

The coronation ceremony is planned, coordinated, and executed entirely by Women's Residential Life(WRL), while also working in combination with other campus organizations. One such partnership led to the unveiling of three beautiful chandeliers gracing the stage of Chalfant Hall.

"We began planning for this event in April," stated Michaela Maris, Vice President of WRL. "It bridges the gap between alumni and students by being able to show how we're proud of our students."

The theme of coronation this year was "Blessings." The ceremony began with Maris reading a portion of Proverbs 10:6, which says "Blessings crown the head of the righteous." After her introduction, Chaplain and Mrs. Holcomb introduced the parents of the Homecoming court.

The five women and their escorts were then introduced and interviewed, and as the women walked

the stage, they were able to hear a special message from their parents.

Kathryn Schrader, the Homecoming Queen of 2013, was then announced and given the opportunity to crown this year's queen, Alana Steward.

"Coronation is a great reminder of how much of a community is here at Olivet," shared Steward. "It was such a humbling experience being nominated and crowned. I kept thinking about the four other women on the court and how they deserved it just as much."

"Alana is such a genuine person," said her escort, Phil Caffee. "She is wonderful to be around. It was nice to see her be crowned, as she really deserved it."

While the ceremony aimed at honoring Steward and her court as blessings to Olivet's campus, Steward felt that she has been blessed in return.

"It was such a privilege to be able to participate in the court. I seek to do God's will in my everyday life, and the morning after, I kept thinking about how I have been honored for the things that I have done. Now, I keep asking myself how I can continue seeking God's will in my life."



**Above:** Sarah Fox has traveled all the way from California to study music and enjoy the wonderful community of Olivet! During her time at Olivet she has been blessed to have served as an RA for two years, as well as travel with the ministry team The Narrow. She has been in Orpheus choir for the past four years and currently serves as the Orpheus Chaplain. After graduation, Sarah hopes to enroll in an Accelerated Nursing program to become a nurse. Her favorite verse is found in Philippians 3, "But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord."



**Above:** Loren Crawford is an Engineering major with a concentration in Mechanical Engineering. While at Olivet, she helped found the first Society of Women Engineers chapter for Olivet. Loren is also a teaching assistant for the Engineering Department, involved in intramurals, and part of a mentoring program for freshman engineers. Other than the stellar people Loren has met, her favorite thing about Olivet was getting to travel to the country of Swaziland twice with MIA to help design and install irrigation systems. After graduation Loren plans to work for Dow Chemical Company and keep pursuing opportunities to serve others. In the meantime, she is currently working on a design project to make modifications to a hand-peddled trike for disabled people in third world countries. She desires to cling to the second name she was given in Swaziland, Hlengiwe Dlamini, which means God redeems.



# Purple and Gold Pride

*{Homecoming Week}*

Homecoming week is one of the busiest weeks of the year for Olivet students, a close second to finals week. Senior Heather Rossner shared the following story which conveys the Homecoming spirit here at Olivet. "On the Wednesday of Homecoming Week I was running late to work, low on sleep, and in need of some fuel from Common Grounds. Because a lot of the visitors for Homecoming hang out in the coffee shop, there was a large group of alumni in front of me in line. At first I was a little irritated. Here I was struggling to keep my eyes open and these people were laughing and enjoying themselves. It must have been obvious how stressed I was because one of the alumni in front of me asked if I wanted to go ahead of them in line. I immediately thanked her, to which she replied, "No problem, we've all been there."

Heather made the connection that this attitude is why Homecoming is so important here at Olivet. Homecoming is all about returning to a place that helped shape who you have become. At the Homecoming chapel, Dr. Bowling presented the young alumni award reminding us all that, "you don't have to wait to make a difference." The group of young alumni who let Heather move ahead of them in line were once students too, and now they had the chance to make a difference in another's life. Homecoming is celebrated with athletic games and awards, but the real reason people return to Olivet during this time is to be reminded of who they have become and how they can use their experiences to be the hands and feet of Christ.

**Right:** Nate Killion, a member of Spoons 4 Forks, used a cup as a prop in their Homecoming week skit.

**Far Right:** Spoons 4 Forks, the campus improv group, performed a special show where S4F alumni joined this year's members.



**Above Left:** On the line, the juniors were ready to make a play in the annual Powder Puff competition.

**Above Right:** The next rotation anxiously watched their teammates, ready to go in and do what they could for the Lady Tigers in their Homecoming basketball game.

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**Far Left:** Raising a fist in victory, Heidi Schoenbein and her teammates celebrated the point in the Homecoming Volleyball game.

**Left:** Going up against his opponent, Zach Wagner (45) contributed to the Tiger's huge victory over Silver Lake, 111-65.

**Below:** Smiling with their "breakfast," seniors Joy Jenen and Haley Carroll enjoyed the "Occupy Ludwig" annual Pancake Breakfast hosted by ONU alumni.



**Far Above:** Dr. Bowling introduced the Homecoming Chapel speaker Ben Zobrist who was inducted into the Olivet Athletic Hall of Fame.

**Above:** Michael-Andrew Spalding performed on stage during the Homecoming Chapel as a member of the Olivetians.

**Left:** At one of Homecoming Week's biggest events, John Litrenta (29) led his teammates as they faced off against William Penn University.



**Right:** Students on the orange team charged forward to reach the sponge dodge balls before their opponents.

**Below:** Hannah Schmerschneider shared that, "paint wars was to dye for."

**Far Below:** An Olivet favorite, the inner tube game, was modified for this event. Instead of soap, the tubes were coated in paint.



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Paint Wars with these lovelies!  
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**Above:** The rules of dodge ball were slightly changed for this event; you could not catch the ball to get the thrower out. Any contact with the ball resulted in elimination from the game. Samantha Sanders took aim and threw the paint soaked dodge ball at her target on the opposing team.



# This Means War!

{Paint Wars}

On this hot September day, Olivet's students piled into cars or took the walk to Fortin Villa. Their objective: these white shirts better look a lot different when they arrive back on campus. Paint Wars is a celebrated, widely anticipated event of playing games such as Capture the Flag and dodgeball while smacking white t-shirts with paint-soaked socks. It is a time to get away from the books and the cramped living quarters and get out and have fun with paint and friends.

The sound system blared "It's Always a Good Time", and students got in their color groups marked by bandanas. Sophomore Reagen Dykhous was all ready to go, "I am #psyched." Nothing would stand in his way as he was prepared to "destroy people." Sophomore Nathan DiCamillo added, "This is what makes college, college." No one can deny that. Students type, write, and read, but most everyone will put aside

all homework plans to go crazy and throw some paint around. Shouts erupted as each field got called off for "role-call." Some fields were timid to make that first move, others not so much. Dodgeball paint balls went flying, splattering paint all over the students below.

As Senior Carolyn Horne left her field for a quick swig of water, she said, "I have done this every year, and this year the paint has not disappointed. My only wish is to have my death by Paint Wars."

She lived to tell the tale, and Paint Wars 2014 was certainly a hit. Huge groups rounded up at the photo booth at the end to forever remember the day they got soaked in paint by their friends. As students headed back to campus, smiles and laughter flooded the area. College needs a little more than just athletics, clubs, and books. It needs energy, life, and vigor. Thanks to events like Paint Wars, we can always have a fresh supply of those things on hand.



**Left:** Austin Davis refilled his sock for the next round of Capture the Flag. The objective was to use the tube sock and tag opposing players before they could steal your flag.

**Far Above:** The inner tube game was played with a new twist. In addition to the tubes, pool noodles were added to the mix in the fight for points.

**Above:** As their numbers were called, five women from each team raced to the middle to retrieve tubes.



# All Dressed Up



**Above:** The William's RA team dressed up as "Life at Olivet." They personified different aspects of campus life including Mac-n-nugs, Ollies Follies, Joey Ramirez, Ring by Spring, the Olivetians, Purple and Gold Days, ONU squirrels, Solomon, the new Jesus statue, and the Tree of Knowledge.

**Right:** Dressed in costume as well, the ONU Jazz Band provided music for the event.



## {Candy Costume Fest}

A herd of Olivet students wearing masks huddled outside the doors of the auditorium. As the doors opened, they flooded into Chalfant to enjoy some doughnut holes and get a glance at the other contestants. Students could barely hear themselves think with all the noise and colors floating around the room. Laughter ensued when Matt Smith invited various students onto the stage to debut their costumes. The lineup included a bee and beekeeper, Paula Deen and her trusty stick of butter, and Jesus and his disciples at the Last Supper. So many contestants

entered the competition that they were instructed to move the line to the floor in front of the stage.

The first place winner for the singles competition was dressed as an anemone from the Pixar movie *Finding Nemo*; She took up the entire backseat of the car with all of the balloons attached to her! Two Jazz Band love birds led the couples competition dressed as Link and Zelda. And the large group winners put together an ensemble representing Life at Olivet. In the midst of all the candy and costumes, even the media students working the event were dressed for the occasion!





**Far left:** Brendan Shea and Arika Schmitt caused many laughs by wearing "Taco Belle."

**Left:** The Parrott RAs and RD participated by bringing back the Magic School Bus.

**Below Left:** A group of students constructed a live version of the famous "Last Supper" painting.

**Below Right:** Hannah McNaught, Claire Barber, and Laura Trosien dressed up as the infamous Olivet squirrels.



**Left:** Tammy Chalikian, Eva Winters, and Amy Brenner are the painter Bob Ross and his famous painting "Happy Little Trees."

**Far above:** Cassandra Petrie and Katie Reed supported their favorite coffee, Starbucks!

**Above:** A group of students got clever with their costume and portrayed a literal representation of Dr. Bowling.



**Right:** A talented group of girls performed “It’s a Hard Knock Life” from the popular musical *Annie*.

**Below:** Jessa Hendricker was overly excited to portray Alice in “Welcome to Wonderland” from the musical *Wonderland*.

**Far Below:** Madie Bloom participated in the 2014 Broadway Revue.



**Above:** From the popular musical *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*, this handsome group of men performed the song “Sobbin’ Women.”

**Right:** The cast decided to spice up the night by performing the song “You Can’t Stop the Beat” from the popular musical *Hairspray*.

**Far right:** From a musical based on the book of Genesis, a part of the crew reenacted “Children of Eden.”



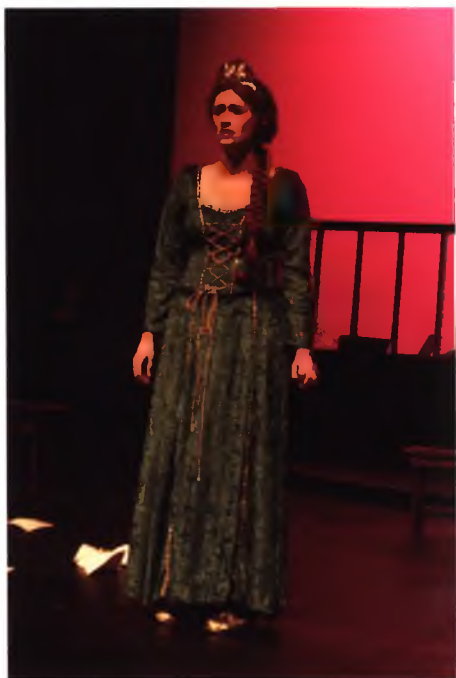


# You Can't Stop The Beat



*{Broadway Revue}* The audience settled down in their seats, ready for a relaxing show. Then, out of the sides of the stage student performers poured in. The energy was extrinsic and enticing. Cast member Kaity Legg said, "Welcome to Wonderland is my favorite because it's our opener and it's so in your face and quirky [that] it just reels you right into the show." This production was far from ordinary. With so many talented performers bringing the audience's imagination to life, this year's Broadway Revue was something beyond everyone's wildest dreams, fulfilling the revue's theme, "In Your Dreams."

The second act opened with "A New World," really capturing this year's production which held a lot of new elements, new directors and new cast members. It may have been a new world of talent, but this crew was still as close as ever. Legg shared, "The Greenroom community is a really great one. I feel like we are this one big musical crazy family. They're really supportive too, which is great!" With a closing performance of "You Can't Stop the Beat," it was clear that nothing could ever stop the beat of these talented performers.



**Far Above:** Jackie Clark was raised up at the end of the song "Just Can't Wait to be King" from *The Lion King*.

**Above:** Brandon Burchfield was the center of attention during the performance of "Live in Living Color" from the musical *Catch Me If You Can*.

**Left:** Lillian Guenseth channeled Princess Fiona when she sang "I Know It's Today" from *Shrek the Musical*.



# The Boys Next Door

{Fall Play}

Olivet's Theater Director, Jerry Cohagan, once again assembled a unique, very talented cast to put on the show "The Boys Next Door." Cohagan ended up at Olivet after traveling the United States performing original comedy routines with a Christian focus along with his "longtime comedy partner," Stephen Hicks.

Cohagan has written over 25 books filled with ideas and one-act plays and has also directed and performed in over 40 productions. He co-wrote the musical *Sweet River County*, which is currently on tour, and was invited to perform at the Orlando Repertory Theatre. Cohagan has also received an honorary Dove Award from the Gospel Music Association.

"The Boys Next Door" is a two-act comedy-drama about four intellectually disabled men who live together in an apartment. Jack, their social worker, is the glue that holds the group of guys together, but he is also on the verge of career burnout. In the production, the guys grapple with the ups and downs of everyday life.

The cast was phenomenal in their roles, leaving the audience feeling the genuine aura of the work. Matthew Jones graced the audience with his humorous mannerisms, Nick Allen's true talent was beautiful and overwhelming, Cody Curtis' rawness allowed the audience to feel his pain, and Brady Bettis' entrancing frantiness was a job well done. Newcomer Hope Morris wowed the crowd with her role as Matt Jones' love interest, Sheila. The audience truly enjoyed the show – Olivet's Theatre program did not disappoint.

## Cast:

Lucien P. Smith – Nick Allen - Senior Multimedia Studies Major  
 Arnold Wiggins – Brady Bettis - Sophomore English Education Major  
 Barry Klemper – Cody Curtis – Junior Criminal Justice Major  
 Norman Bulansky – Matthew Jones – Pastoral Ministry Grad Student  
 Jack – Miles Kolby Meador – Senior Multimedia Studies Major  
 Sheila – Hope Morris – Freshman English Education Major  
 Mr. Klemper – Joe Brunker – Junior Ministry Major  
 Mr. Corbin – Dan Flynn – Junior Philosophy and Religion Major  
 Mrs. Warren – Jessa Hendricker – Sophomore Corporate Comm. Major  
 Mr. Hedges – T. Paul Hubbard – Freshman English Education Major  
 Senator Clarke – Logan Clarke – Senior Philosophy & Religion Major  
 Mrs. Fremus – McKenzie Smith – Junior Corporate Comm. Major



**Above Top:** Arnold Wiggins (Brady Bettis) claimed a rat made its way into the group apartment.

**Above Middle:** Norman (Matt Jones), Arnold (Brady Bettis), Sheila (Hope Morris), and Lucien (Nick Allen) put on a puppet show at Jack's (Miles Kolby Meador) going away party.

**Above Bottom:** Lucien P. Smith (Nick Allen) convinced Arnold (Brady Bettis) to look at the books he had just checked out from the library with his new library card.





**Far Left:** Barry (Cody Curtis) discussed his golf career with Mrs. Fremus (Mackenzie Smith).

**Left:** Norman (Matt Jones) had Sheila (Hope Morris), his love interest, over to his "pad."

**Below:** Norman (Matt Jones) and Barry (Cody Curtis) invited Mrs. Warren (Jessa Hendrick) to sit down and have a conversation about her son's missing hamster, which they had mistaken for a rat.



**Far Above:** Jack (Miles Kolby Meador) contemplated his job as the leader of the group home.

**Above:** Sheila (Hope Morris) gave Norman (Matt Jones) a kiss on the cheek as she said goodbye.

**Left:** Norman Bulansky (Matthew Jones) caught the "rat" by smothering it with a pillow, before flushing it down the toilet.



**Right:** Orpheus Choir performed classic pieces from "Handel's Messiah."

**Below:** Emily Fernette sang a solo during the production of "Handel's Messiah" and wowed the audience with her vocal talents.

**Far Below:** Sarah Mowry performed treasured Christmas songs with the Olivetians in "Sounds of the Seasons."



**Above:** The band displayed their musical abilities and played a wide variety of songs for "Sounds of the Season."

**Right:** The School of Music was recently recognized as a top program by the Apple company, and the students in the School of Music used this technology during their performances.

**Far Right:** Matthew Cockroft played his cello during the performances and added depth and a unique sound to the band.





# Season's Greetings

{Sounds of the Season and The Messiah}

The arrival of the Christmas season makes way for two popular annual events on Olivet's campus: "Sounds of the Season" and "The Messiah." These two concerts showcase the talent of Olivet's School of Music while also spreading Christmas cheer across campus and among the community.

These two performances mark a very busy time for members of the various ensembles. "Rehearsals are a mess," explained violinist Amelia Claus. "They are wonderful, hilarious, and filled with pain and chaos, but everyone is a good sport."

"Having the multiple performances helps people get into the Christmas spirit, even amidst the busy schedules," said Seth Lowery, member of the Orpheus and Apollo Choirs and Concert Singers, as well as the tenor soloist in "The Messiah." "[The shows] are well attended by the community, which allows the most visibility of the School of Music outside of campus. It's a great way to see what goes on here and for students to see what their friends are doing."

"Sounds of the Season" always contains an array of popular Christmas tunes intermixed with a wide range of unique pieces. Large campus ensembles such as Orpheus Choir, Apollo Choir, Concert Singers, Jazz Band, and Orchestra are featured individually as well

as in a large combined group. Other ensembles such as The Olivetians, Harp & Bronze Ensemble, Sound Foundation show choir, Proclamation Gospel Choir, and the Overtones Flute Choir also make appearances throughout the show.

"I think that "Sounds of the Season" freshens up the classic Christmas songs that we all know and love," shared Katelyn Oprondek, alto member of Apollo Choir. "We sing different arrangements and mash-ups that are surprising and add that much more enjoyment to the show."

"The Messiah," on the other hand, is a performance of George Friedrich Handel's master oratorio. The combined choirs and orchestras come together to perform Handel's musical representation of the complete story of Jesus Christ.

"The Messiah" does a wonderful job of connecting with the listener during the season of advent," explained Andrew Moore, member of Orpheus Choir and Concert Singers as well as trumpet player for the orchestra, and the bass soloist of "The Messiah." "It draws attention to the bigger picture - the coming and purpose of Christ as well as the redemption story."

As a whole, these two musical benchmarks during the Christmas season give the campus of Olivet and the larger community a chance to relax and reflect on this wonderful time of year.



**Above:** Andrew Moore sang a solo with power and strength during "Handel's Messiah."

**Left:** The ONU jazz band contributed a rich sound to the musical selections in "Sounds of the Season."



# Reason for the Season

**Right:** Spoons 4 Forks graced the stage during the festivities and put on a show centered around the holidays. When asked about his experience, Daniel Eccles stated, "The Christmas party is a great event that we were happy to be a part of. We always look forward to performing in front of our peers."

**Below Left:** Students enjoyed a buffet of finger foods including nachos, chicken wings, mac-n-cheese, and much more. There were also cookies to decorate and fondue available.

**Below Right:** Victoria Knight and Brooke Shepherd decorated ornaments and enjoyed conversation at the event.



{All-School Christmas Party} Christmas is the season for warmth and cheer, friendship and family. Olivet's campus-wide Christmas party was filled with all these things. Students were staying warm and cozy in their Christmas sweaters while they enjoyed Christmas cookies, ice cream sundaes, and nachos (all provided by Sodexo). Destiny Mitchell, a member of ASC who helped with the event, said, "I had been on my feet for hours, and when I finally got to sit down and eat it was wonderful! I consider myself a buffalo sauce aficionado so the fact that it was waiting for me in the buffet line was perfect. Also, I really loved the cupcakes. All the food was delicious!" Students and faculty got their creativity on upstairs decorating cookies and ornaments, while some even went downstairs to let their competitive nature take over in a game of Bingo or to show off their dance moves.

There were even free massages for students, which was a helpful option leading into the stress of finals week. Nathan DiCamillo stated, "My favorite part was the massage. It was really relaxing during a stressful time in the semester and a cool addition to the Christmas party. I got lucky and only had to wait 10 minutes and others had to wait like 40 minutes because the line got really long."

Christmas is also the season for miracles. This year it was a miracle that the fire department was able to help two Olivetians who were stuck in the Ludwig elevator. The Christmas spirit was alive and active throughout the entire evening. Students and faculty who attended the party ended up leaving with full tummies and the joy of a child on Christmas morning; there was something in the air that called out, "Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"





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Santa Dash at Olivet, selfies with Dr. Bowling, and the all school Christmas party. Day made ✓🎅🏻  
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**Left:** Krista Postell showed off her incredible gingerbread house building skills by turning the simple snacks into a recreation of Snoopy's doghouse.



**Far Above:** Esther Paek and Ellie Clarke got crafty and decorated their ornaments using ribbon, glue, and other supplies.

**Above:** Jennifer Buhr showed off the fun shirts that were distributed for the Santa Dash.

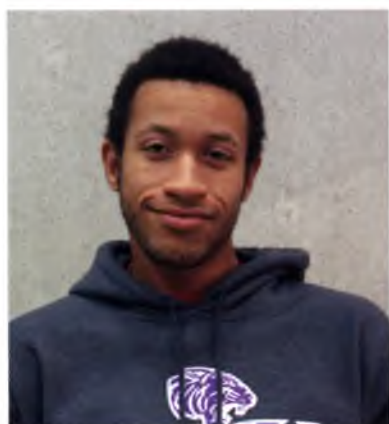
**Left:** After completing the Santa Dash, students posed for a photograph and enjoyed delicious desserts as a reward for their accomplishment.



**Right:** The Parrott RAs bond as they have a photoshoot at Perry Farms. Some would say the best thing about being an RA on Olivet's campus is the fellowship.

**Below Left:** Chapman RAs gather around Chapman's RD, Blake Spencer, to take a selfie.

**Below Right:** Grand RAs, Caitie Johnson, Brooke Smith, Rachel Pasch, and Kristy Kjell, get together during the Student Leadership Retreat.



David Gardner Jr.  
- Chapman RA

**Q: Why is the RA role important to you?**

A: The role is important to me because it is a way to speak truth into lives of guys that may have come from situations that weren't so great. Whether that is something bad happening at home, personal problems, or even girlfriend issues, this ministry has allowed me to speak truth in different ways that I would find harder to do without being in this position.

**Q: What's your favorite part of being an RA?**

A: My favorite part of being an RA. Do I have to choose? I love everything about being an RA! From staying up late just goofing off with my guys or to just talking and getting to know more about their lives, I love being an RA. I say if you love life and want to speak truth into the lives of guys or girls, then you should consider becoming an RA.



Rachel Jensen  
- University Place RA

**Q: What would you like others to know about the RA role?**

A: RAs are not cookie cutters. There is not a single mold that makes a person a good RA. Every girl on my wonderful University Place RA team is so different, but our common goal is to glorify God and accompany our residents.

**Q: Why is this role important to you?**

A: You only get a college experience like this once. Yes, you can go to school later in life, but this experience, especially at Olivet, is unique. These years are so shaping as to the person you are becoming and so many life-altering decisions are made. I love what I do because I get to love these girls for who they are, where they're at. I love being involved in each girl's journey through these years.





# Leading & Loving

{Residential Life}



Bethanie Sills  
- University Place RA

**Q: What does the RA role do for our campus?**

Q: This role is vital for the campus in general. If there weren't people who cared deeply about upholding the rules of campus, there would be a lot of craziness we would have to watch out for. One of the biggest reasons this role is important to me is because it means investing in the lives of many women. You never know what people's backstories are, and sometimes it means so much to them just for you to be there. So if I can be that person who points towards Christ when no one else does, then I will have done my job right.

**Q: What's your favorite part of being an RA?**

A: My girls! They are so great, and I LOVE having the chance to invest in their lives, even if it just means being that person that is consistent when no one else is. Some days are really hard, but one interaction with a resident can turn my entire day around. I love them all so much already!



Daniel Going  
- Olde Oak RA

**Q: Why did you choose to be an RA?**

A: I chose to be an RA because I wanted to be able to connect with other guys on campus and walk alongside them spiritually. I want my RA role to be one of ministry to my residents. I wanted to share life with these gentlemen and help them to grow and bring them from

where they are currently into the next phase of their life past college.

**Q: What's your favorite part of being an RA?**

A: My favorite part about being an RA is getting to interact with the residents on a daily basis. Passing by them on campus and getting to say hello and just getting to share in these pivotal college moments and memories with them is incredibly rewarding.



**Above Left:** Grand and Howe RAs strike a pose during the RA training. Danielle Branham, RA for Grand, states her favorite part about being an RA is that she gets to build great relationships with some wonderful girls and not only encourage them but be encouraged by their lives.

**Left:** Williams RAs soak up the sun by representing their hall on the beach. From friendship to family, RAs get to bond with their fellow sisters and grow together.



# Men in Uniform

Michaela Maris @michaelamaris



Thanks to everyone who came out to Mr. ONU tonight! It was truly a blast! And of course, congratulations to @nate\_allen1 our 2015 #mronu #lifeatolivet #onuyearbook



**Right Above:** Drew Frey impersonated Batman during the entire performance complete with a facemask and raspy voice.

**Right Below:** In their opening number, the men of Mr. ONU revealed that being a manly man can include choreographed dancing.

**Mr. ONU** Nothing brings about the winter semester quite like a group of eight Olivetian men parading across the Chalfant stage in short shorts.

Women's Residential Life continued to bless Olivet's campus with this year's Mr. ONU pageant - A Man In Uniform. The pageant included a Chipotle worker, a male cheerleader, a luchadore, a male model, a hipster pastor, the eternal flame caretaker, a mall cop, and Batman. After the careful process of nominating and voting for the eight contestants, the men were able to begin working on their respective videos and talents.

"I chose my 'uniform' based on what I felt fit best and what I like doing the most," said junior contestant Jordan Lingle, Mr. ONU's hipster pastor. "My video was a parody of the 'Stuff Christians Say' videos. I wrote the script for the video before coming up with my talent. For my talent, I wanted to do what goes with my personality. I almost went serious with my Spoken Word, but then decided that I wanted to make people laugh."

Other contestants agreed that their video was their first priority. Freshman Micah Forshee, the Chipotle worker, stated that his video was the "focal point," from which the rest of his act developed.

"I wanted to have a theme that as many people as

possible could relate to, while also making people laugh," said Forshee.

Nate Allen, the luchadore and this year's Mr. ONU, states that his staged rivalry with Mitchell Moon drove their acts. "Mitchell and I decided to pick fun at each other before the theme was decided," Allen shared. "We tied together the theme with the rivalry. We decided to have the same person interview us in our videos and find random things to blame on each other. We were goofing off so much that I thought there was no way I would win." According to the contestants, the staged antagonism between the sophomores was the only competition existing amongst each other.

"All of the guys that I got to work with were absolutely hilarious," said senior Daniel Going, the mall cop. "It was such a joy to be around them and see how much fun they were having with being a part of this show. We definitely all bonded over going through the process of the show. We came as contestants and left as friends."

"This event is the funniest thing that our school puts on," stated Lingle, reflecting on the pageant as a whole. "We as contestants get to entertain and be entertained. It's a great experience."

40 Mr. ONU





**Far Left:** Brandon Maranion gave a shout out to the show "New Girl" by using the title song during the shorts competition but tailored it to fit his persona of the eternal-flame keeper.

**Left:** Mike Warner, a member of the cheerleading team, performed a remixed version of the "12 Days of Christmas" where the cheerleading team did many tricks and he was called "The kid who doesn't know anything."

**Below:** Mitchell Moon channeled Zoolander and displayed his many outfits with gusto including the white winged number he wore for the talent section.



**Far Above:** ONU's resident mall cop, Daniel Going, entertained the audience with his jokes for the talent section.

**Above Middle:** Micah Forshee celebrated his love for Chipotle by impersonating a Chipotle worker and singing a song about his love of burritos.

**Above:** Jordan Lingle got in touch with his inner hipster pastor during the show and revealed his talent for preaching.

**Above:** Nate Allen, the winner of Mr. ONU 2015, embodied a luchador, a Mexican wrestler, and sang a song, in Latin, about his hate for Mitchell Moon. By the end of the show, the made-up conflict between the two was resolved in a friendly manner.



**Right:** The senior women and the retreat speakers gathered together in one of the cabins to discuss real life topics like graduation, careers, family issues, and other things that they will encounter during life after Olivet.

**Below:** Sarah Fox led the senior women in worship during the last session of the weekend.



**Above:** The women had the opportunity to submit questions anonymously to the panel of guest speakers who shared their own experiences and answered those burning questions.

**Right:** The women at the retreat worshiped together on Sunday morning before hearing a devotional.



**Above:** Robin Gerboth, Janice Burneson, and Haley Carroll shared a laugh and good conversation over the wonderful food that was served at the retreat.



# Preparing for Life After Olivet

## {Senior Women's Retreat}

Alyssa Keuther attended ONU's annual senior

women's retreat, a time for senior ladies to get away from school and bond with each other at Inspiration Wood Cottage Inn & Conference Center. The speakers included: Mary Schweigert, Diana Bartling, Jeannette Martinson, and Faith Newman.

lot of fear and uncertainty. This speaker encouraged us, in this scary time of life, to seek first the Kingdom of God and to put our eyes on Jesus. She encouraged us that if we are filled with the Holy Spirit, then we are within His will and that He will guide us in the next step. And if we do not know what is next, just simply take the next step we know to do. This was very encouraging for me, and many other girls that I talked with this weekend.

### **Q: What was your favorite memory?**

A: My favorite memory from the trip is probably just spending time with my three roommates in our nice, cozy cabin room. The very first night, the four of us all just stayed on the couch squished together enjoying talking to each other about life--everything that we are thinking, experiencing, going through, etc. We were able to have some significant conversations, be sources of encouragement to each other, and spend quality time as good friends. It was a really great time.

### **Q: Did any of the speaker's impact you? If so, what was it they said?**

A: I think that each speaker in different ways said something that spoke to me--they each had a significant message that we needed to hear, and I certainly was able to get something out of every session. The most significant message for me was probably on the topic of fear. In my current stage in life, less than two months until graduation, student teaching ending in just twelve days, and absolutely no idea what's coming next, where I am going, or what I am going to do/want to do, there is a

### **Q: Did you enjoy going on the retreat?**

A: I thoroughly enjoyed going to the retreat, and I would go again! It was such a refreshing time away from all of the chaos, stresses, and struggles that are constantly surrounding us. It was at the perfect time in the semester when we all really needed a break, and God did some truly incredible things in my life--He reassured me, gave me peace, and reminded me of His goodness and love that is unfailing and constant even amidst my doubt, uncertainty, and fear. He is sovereign and never fails. These were words and reminders that I needed to hear during these days.

### **Q: Did the retreat challenge you spiritually?**

A: Yes, I certainly felt challenged spiritually. There were so many pertinent topics that were presented that were in somehow relatable, whether directly in this present stage of life, or will be in the future. God was present amongst these women and it was very refreshing to be in His presence and to have serious and necessary conversations about the work that He is doing and will do in the coming days.



**Above:** The retreat allowed the senior women to escape their busy schedules for a couple of days and spend time in fellowship and grow individually by listening to the guest speakers.



# The Spitfire Grill

## {Spring Musical}

A young woman recently released from prison enters into the real world by way of a little town named Gilead. Percy, played by Reilly Roberts, was inspired to start her life anew in this little town from a picture she has kept with her for years. Once she makes her way through town, Percy finds herself working at the only decent restaurant in town: The Spitfire Grill. The musical of the same title explores small town life, giving insight to the various characters one might find: a rough-and-tough woman with a secret; a cop looking to settle down; a young man bravely taking on the role of protector; and a young wife desperately looking for something more in such a lonely place. Through each character's background, *The Spitfire Grill* demonstrates to the audience the power of redemption. In the end, Percy transforms from a mysterious criminal into a shining beacon of hope for a town digging itself out of the wreckage of loss.

In the audience program, director Jerry Cohagan explained a little bit about the history of the play itself. He wrote, "*The Spitfire Grill* was first released in 1996. Later, it was performed as a musical off-Broadway just after the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center. Using a folk and bluegrass score along with a homespun philosophy, the simple yet compelling story hit home with America at a time of national doubt and fear." This story has a rich and important history and a message that touches every member of the audience. Olivet's rendition was a fantastic retelling of this moving story, and the cast and crew did a phenomenal job.

### Cast:

Caleb Thorpe - Joe Bruner - *Junior Communication Studies Major*

The Visitor - Cody Curtis - *Junior Criminal Justice Major*

Sheriff Joe Sutter - Paul Davison II - *Freshman Film Studies Major*

Shelby Thorpe - Selina Gaines - *Senior Music Major*

Percy Talbott - Reilly Roberts - *Sophomore Music Major*

Hannah Ferguson - Ashley Sarver - *Senior Journalism Major*

Effy Krayneck - McKenzie Smith - *Junior Corporate Communications Major*



**Above Top:** Shelby Thorpe's (Selina Gaines) glow showed the pride of a life filled with purpose.

**Above Middle:** Sheriff Joe (Paul Davison II), Hannah (Ashley Sarver), and Caleb (Joe Bruner) discussed the fate of the beloved Spitfire Grill.

**Above Bottom:** Customers dished out some small town gossip at the grill.





**Left:** Percy Talbot (Reilly Roberts) quickly learned life is tough on the outside.

**Below:** When his role as protector of the town was questioned, Caleb Thorpe (Joe Brunker) showed the audience how a real man gets angry.



**Far Above:** At it again, Hannah Fergusen (Ashley Sarver) endured Effy Krayneck's (McKenzie Smith) endless nosiness.

**Above:** Working together, Percy (Reilly Roberts) and Sheriff Joe (Paul Davison II) found freedom and beauty in the forest.

**Above:** The cast rolled out their reward - hundreds of letters sent from across the nation.







A close-up photograph of a wooden door with a brass handle and a keyhole. The wood is a warm, reddish-brown color. The handle is a polished brass, curved downwards. The keyhole is a simple, round, brass-colored metal. Overlaid on the keyhole is the word "People" in a large, black, cursive font, enclosed in curly braces. The background shows the texture of the wood and some white, peeling paint or plaster on the right side.

# {People}

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.**



# A Direct Impact

{Jerry Cohagen}

## 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?

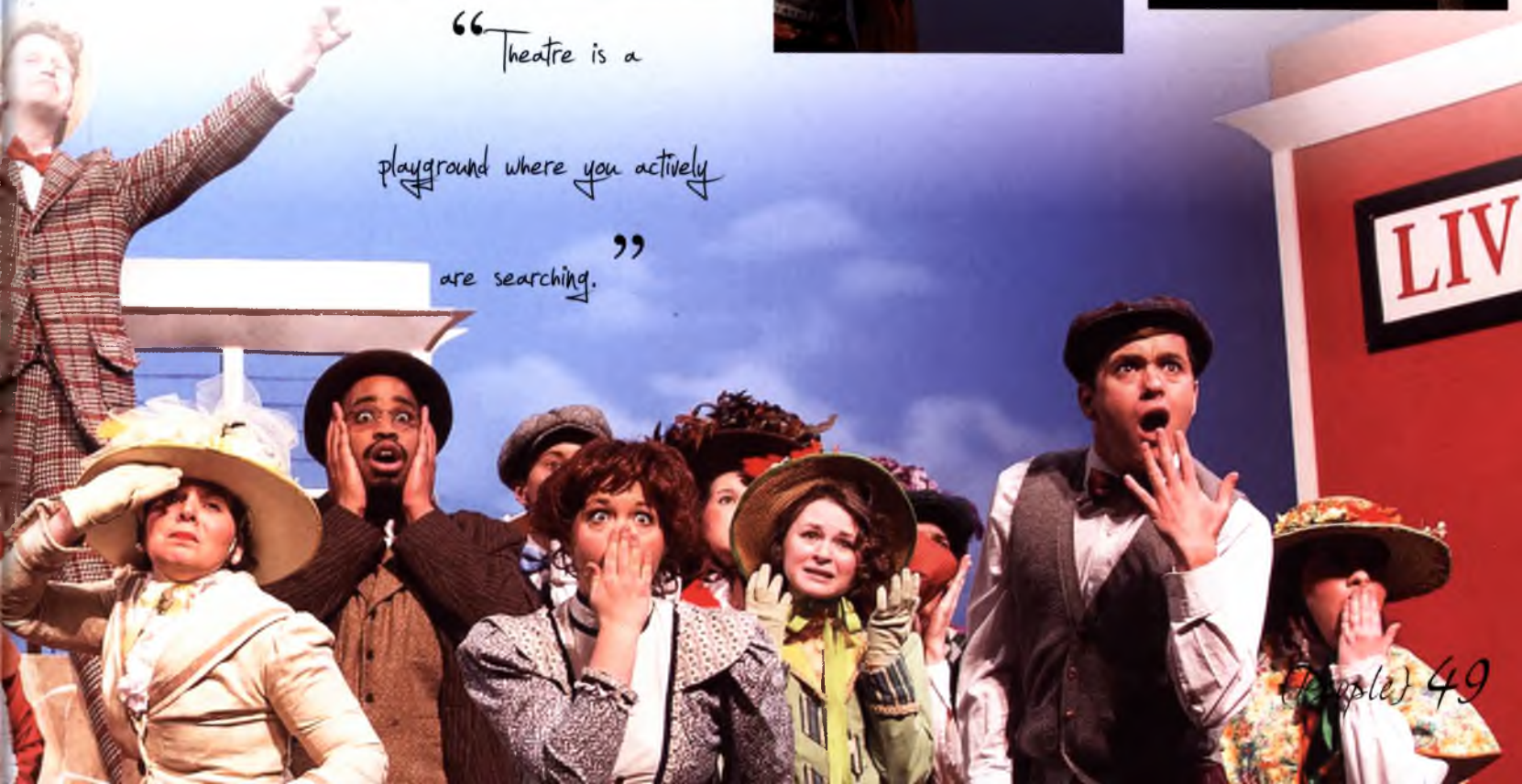
I hope a theatre-goer is entertained, but my definition of entertainment goes beyond what pop-culture would probably call it. For Aristotle, entertainment was engaging the mind. That was the highest form of entertainment—to think. I hope audiences think about the productions they've seen. I hope they're 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

*Pam Whalen*

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.

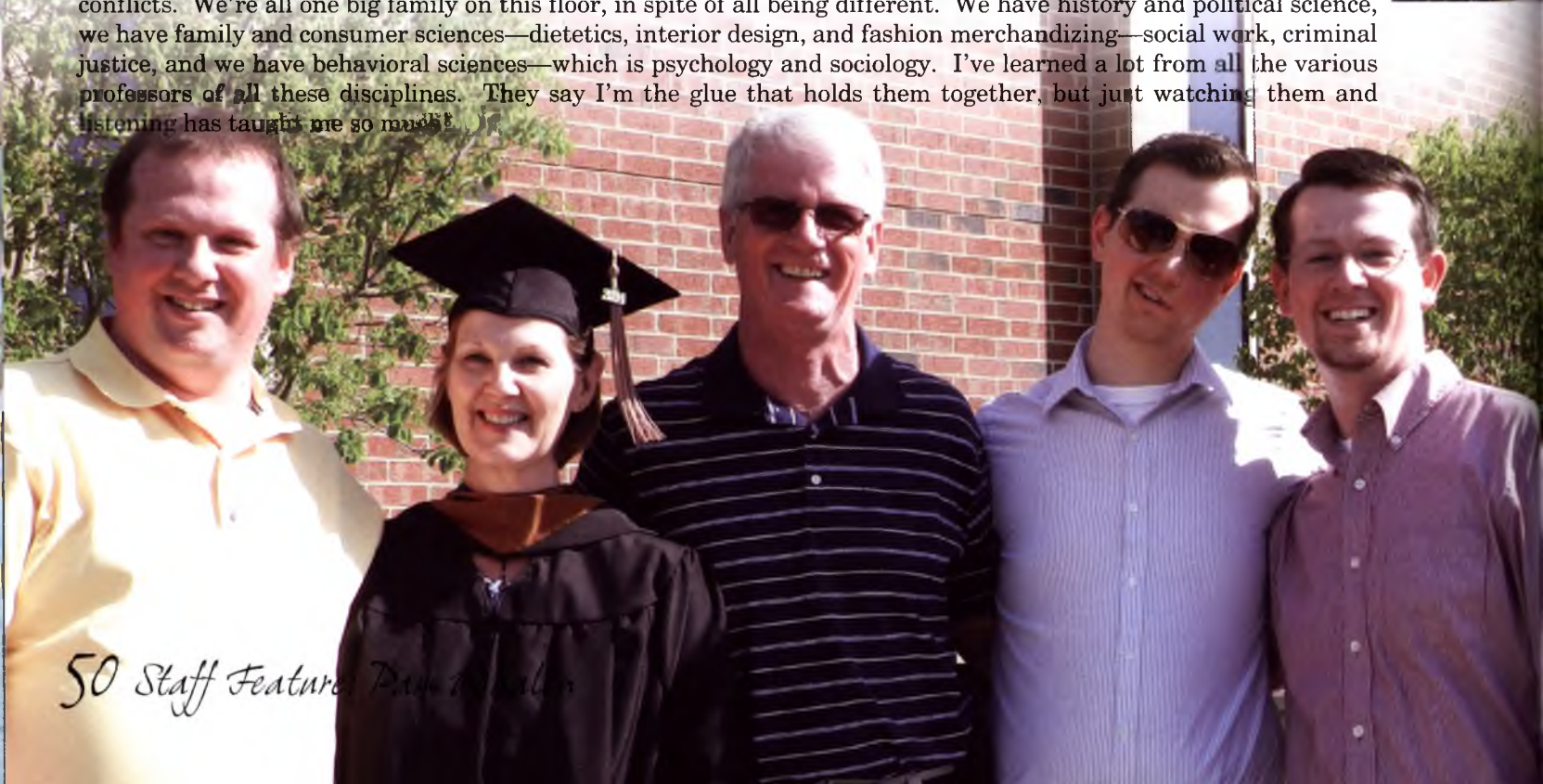
I love the people I work with; the interaction with professors and students. I have been known as the ‘mom’ on the floor. When we built this building, and they gave me this great big desk, I joked, “All we need is to put some barstools here, so people can pull them up and sit a spell and talk.” That 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 isn’t 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 of 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



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{Dr. William Dean}

"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."







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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!"



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{Judson Strain}

"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."





# Professor Kristy Ingram

"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."



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{Dr. Johana Barrero}

"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 esto 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 la 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 su vida."

"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."

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{Dr. Dave Claborn}

"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."



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"My favorite book as a child was *A Fly Went By*. My mother used to read it to me."



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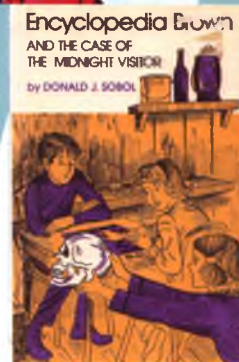
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"My dad and I would read *Encyclopedia Brown*. We loved trying to solve the mystery together."



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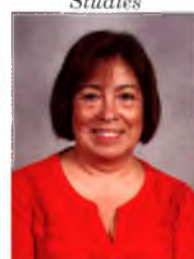
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# Worship in Excellence

{Enos Hershberger}

## 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 Frankin 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.





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# {Seniors}



## Who's Who

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 students photograph identifies an exceptional GPA, leadership ability, and community involvement.



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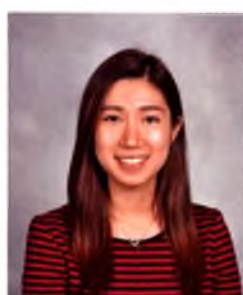
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"I wish that  
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told me that  
when your  
workload starts  
to become  
hectic, especially  
after your



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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."

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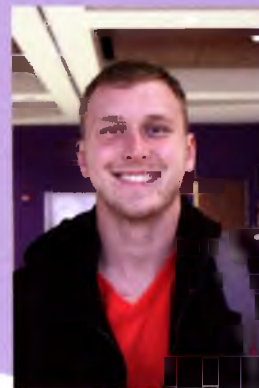
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"My first impression of college was intimidating. I didn't know what to expect or how to handle things at first, but once I found a routine,

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."



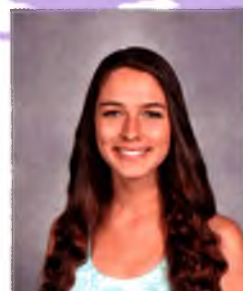
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"One thing I've noticed over the course of this year is that you know you're a senior at Olivet when you refuse to talk or think about the fact that you actually are a senior at Olivet because thinking about joining "the real world" is just too much 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."



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**Q: Tiger Den or Red Room?**

A: Tiger Den

**Q: Favorite movie quote?**

A: "Even miracles take a little time." The Fairy Godmother in Cinderella.

**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!



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# Lights, Camera, BRI

{Briana Horneman}

## 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?

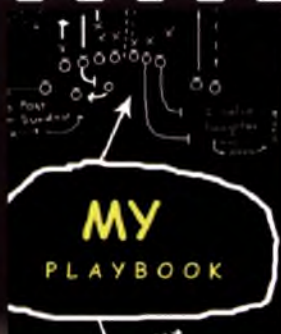
Before I attended Olivet, I don't know, I thought I would have a hard time making friends or asking the professors for help on things. I'm generally a very quiet, introverted and shy person, and I think my "resting face" looks mean or something because I've always had a hard time making friends, especially 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!

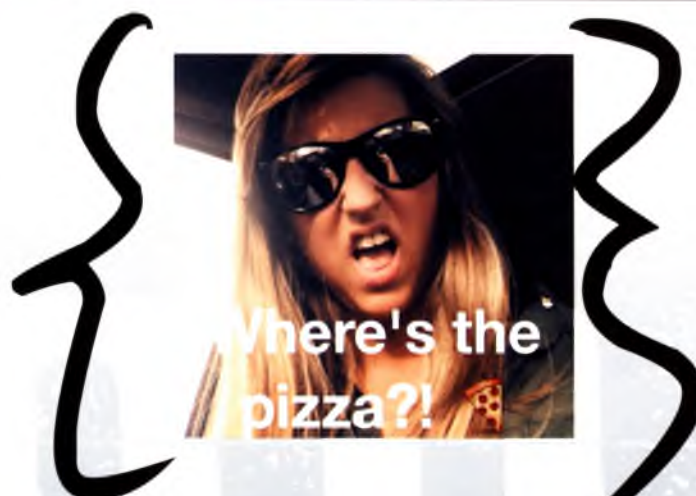






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Elisa Caballero  
Brittlee Cadle  
Madison Caise  
Annette Carr  
Hardy Carroll



Megan Casali  
Chandler Casten  
Tamara Chalikian  
Scott Cheek  
Jaimie Chen  
Justin Chrastina



Ryan Clark  
Matthew Cockcroft  
Breanna Coffman  
Elise Colclasure  
Stephanie Collier  
Alissa Combe



Brandon Conrad  
Sam Cooper  
Hannah Cora




Caleb Cornell  
Sydney Couch  
Daniel Couchenour



Jonathan Couchenour  
Hannah Crothers  
Brittany Daugherty

*Lauren Kasler*



English Major &  
Business Minor

**Q: What was the last TV show you watched on Netflix?**  
A: *Doctor Who*

**Q: What is your favorite flavor of ice 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!"



Kirsten Davenport  
Alyssa Davis  
Hannah Davis  
Noah Davis  
Zane DeBeck  
Adam Deckard



Shelby Delaney  
Rebecca DeRuiter  
Colton Diaz  
Jessica Dirkse  
Brandon Divan  
Liza Dollenbacher



Eric Douglass  
Molly Dragoo  
Kyle Ducharme  
Daniel Eccles  
Nathan Ennis  
Aaron Evans



Megan Eylander  
Reid Farchmin  
Calli Fast  
Shelley Fellows  
Matthew Ferris  
Andrew Fischer



Austin Fischer  
Brittany Fischer  
Jada Fisher  
Kelsey Fisk  
Mark Fleschner  
Daniel Flynn



Tyler Ford  
Laura Fosnaugh  
Megan French  
Lucas Fritch  
Keila Galloway  
Jillian Gardner



Charlton Garr  
Daisy Garrison  
Andrew Gaskill  
Aimee Gauss  
Richard Givens  
Michael Gonzalez







Jacob Gouge  
Laura Graven  
Tayler Graver



Sara Gray  
Breanna Greer  
Jasper Griffith



Mikayla Griwac  
Curtis Groover  
Lydia Grosse  
Whitney Grossman  
Margaret Gutwein  
Melissa Hale



Jonathan Hand  
Neely Harris  
Shelbi Harris  
Aaron Hartke  
Lindsay Hathaway  
Robert Haworth



Jordan Hayes  
Alea Heck  
Travis Heinrich  
Cole Heinz  
Mary Heinz  
Karalyn Hewett



Luke Hiatt  
Levi Himes  
Nicholas Hinrichs  
Heather Hoffmann  
Natasha Hojnicky  
Alina Holliday



Austin Holton  
Alissa Homoelle  
Austin Hoppe  
Molly Hotle  
Ryan Hull  
Megan Huschen



Isabelle Huyck  
Rachel Jensen  
Benjamin Johnson



Andrew Fischer

English Major &  
ESL Minor



Caitlin Johnson  
Joshua Johnson  
Kaila Johnson



**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!"

Kyle Johnston  
Christian Kalfas  
Emily Kane



Lauren Kasler  
Jonathan Kee  
Angela Kellar  
Danielle Kensinger  
Brittany Killion  
Kristine Kjell



Andrew Klauba  
Kellie Klumb  
Aaron Knettle  
Sylvester Knight  
Whitney Knox  
Courtney Kodat



Jace Kost  
Michael Krebill  
Natalie Kreun  
Lindsey Krippel  
Brianna Kulhan  
Samuel Kwak



Jacqueline LaPash  
Aaron Larson  
Matthew Larson  
Madalyn Lathrop  
Wesley Lau  
Renee Layman







Blake Leander  
David Leman  
Michael Leppin  
Kayla Lewis  
Andrew Lindell  
Jordan Lingle



Stephanie Linquist  
Brian Linsner  
Crystal Loera  
Taylor Logan  
Pamela Loitz  
Tiara Long



Ashley Longnecker  
Ian Lopshire  
Derek Love  
Melissa Luby  
Hannah Luginbill  
Kaitlyn Lukhard



Ryan Lutz  
Andrea MacDonough  
Alexandra Mahaffey  
Kasey Main  
Joseph Mantarian  
Brandon Maranion



Hayley Marcordes  
Andrew Marcotte  
Michaela Maris




Keren Marsh  
Hannah Martin  
Kimberly Maue



Kara Mayer  
Morgan McCormick  
Christina McCoy

*Cara Chauplin*



International  
Business Major  
& Writing Minor

**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."



Paige McCririe  
Holly McDonald  
Michael McFerran  
Kaitlin McHenry  
Megan McKinley  
Ashley McKnight



Natalie McManus  
Katie Megyesi  
Jacob Mellinger  
Ronald Milbocker  
Ciara Miles  
Danielle Milner



Vittoria Miulli  
Rebecca Mooi  
Jessica Moore  
Lindsay Morr  
Garrett Muhlstadt  
Bethany Munroe



Ryan Muzjakovich  
Sierra Navarro  
Jamie Neven  
Bennet Nygaard  
Oluwaseun Ogunbameru  
Johanna Oksnevad



Katina Oksnevad  
Chad Olds  
Whitney Olson



Heather Orseno  
Elizabeth Ostrowski  
Lauren Palmer



Rebekah Parker  
Gwendolyn Payne  
Damaris Perez



*Kimberly Mave*

Elementary  
Education Major  
& ESL Minor



**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."





Genesis Perez  
Christopher Peterson  
Haley Peterson



Bethany Pilat  
Gregory Planck  
Micah Plank



Logan Pollei  
Kelli Poole  
Matthew Posladek

*Emily Perkins*



English  
Major

**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."



Renee Poucher  
Calvin Price  
Sarah Putman  
Jessica Putnam  
Sarah Quealy  
Catherine Reed



Hannah Reister  
Meredith Rennewanz  
Asha Reynolds  
Kacey Richman  
Chelsea Risinger  
Rebekah Rivers



Zachary Rivett  
Joshua Robinson  
Nathan Romanowski  
Heather Rossner  
Leah Roth  
Clara Ruegsegger



Emily Rush  
Annika Schmitt  
Arika Schmitt  
Ashley Schmitt  
Nicholas Schoon  
Collin Schoonover



Taylor Schott  
Cameron Schultz  
Katelynn Schurman



*Alex VanDehey*



English Major  
& Philosophy  
Minor

Alyssa Secor  
Coleman Sesson  
David Shaffer



**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!"

Nicholas Shaffer  
Edward Shilka  
Katarena Shiner



Lindsey Shirk  
Charity Shonamon  
Amanda Siciak  
Bethanie Sills  
Elizabeth Siron  
Kyle Sleik



Audrey Smith  
Bethany Smith  
Jeffrey Smith  
McKenzie Smith  
Kassandra Spinnie  
Maxwell Stabile



Monica Stamper  
Joseph Stella  
Maria Stevens  
Rebecca Stolberg  
Luke Strasser  
Ashlee Sullivan



Kariana Sunnarborg  
Kirsten Sutton  
Etienne Swanepoel  
Emily Swartzwelder  
Chelsea Thacker  
Erik Tharp







Alexander Thorson  
Margaret Tidrow  
Rachel Troyer  
Taylor Tucker  
Briana Turner  
Christopher Umphryes



Evelyn Unti  
Dustin Vail  
Marissa Vander Ploeg  
Corey Vinson  
Justine Von Arb  
Robert Wagner



Elisabeth Wahl  
Joellen Wainwright  
Jamie Walker  
Natalie Wangler  
Seth Ward  
Troy Watson



Kelsey Weener  
Shelby Wegforth  
Holly Weitzel  
Ethan Weniger  
Nathan Weseloh  
Brendan Wheeler



Leslie White  
Nicole Whiting  
Bailey Wilmot



Kristin Wodka  
Bridget Wolff  
Morgan Youman



Mateusz Zajchowski

Caleb Gullede



Biology Major,  
Pre-med

**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."



# Making Bank

{Daniel Reinke}

## 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 half way 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 *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.



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fostered personal and professional growth,  
something I have come to appreciate.”





# {Sophomores}

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







Brennen Bollinger  
Nicholas Borger  
Kylie Bradley  
Mercy Bray  
Micaela Bright  
Marisa Brooks



Sophie Brooks  
Jared Broom  
Emily Brown  
Wanzie Burden  
Haley Burge  
Anna Burkey



Madeline Buseth  
Cara Butler  
Tung Anh Cao  
Ryan Carl  
Spencer Carpenter  
Jocelyn Carrillo



Katelyn Carroll  
Drew Cary  
Benjamin Cataldo  
Meghan Cauley  
Samantha Chavez  
Kristina Chisolm



Louisa Clarke  
Peyton Close  
Erin Connelly  
Logan Cooper  
Kirsten Cornella-Carlson  
Kristen Coser



Hannah Covert  
April Crangle  
Ashley Crawford  
Laura D'Angelo  
Riley Dale  
Paul Dasilva



Matthew Daugherty  
Madison Davis  
Lynnae De Jong  
David Decker  
Joseph Decker  
Cody Deffendall



Trevor Delgado  
Daulton Depatis  
Jacqueline Deslauriers  
Adam Dettman  
Spencer Dexter  
Melissa Diaz



Nathan Dicamillo  
Brenna Dohm  
Christine Dorband  
Caleb Drake  
Jennifer Druse  
Jonathan Dulinsky



Alexandra Duncan  
Celia Durazo  
Tyler Ellis  
Megan Elmer  
Rachel Elson  
Michelle Erickson



Kara Evans  
McKenzie Evans  
Cole Evenson  
Sarah Faivre  
Ashleigh Fedei  
Michael Fiene



Jacob Finn  
Joseph Finn  
Bryan Fladseth  
Aaron Flemming  
Morgan Fly  
Jacob Ford



{Sarah Faivre}

**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."







{Grant Penrod}

**What is #1 on your bucket list?**

"It my 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."



Cheyanna  
Foster-Edington  
Brooke Fraley  
Alynn Franklin  
Marta Franseen  
Ashley Freeman  
Tierney Frey



Shealeigh Funni  
Genesis Garcia  
David Gardner  
Mariah Garratt  
Kelsea Gerler  
Jeffrey Gerstenberger



Andrea Gibson  
Alex Gill  
Samuel Glover  
Ramon Gonzalez  
Tatiana Gonzalez  
Hannah Gorecki



Alexandria Grady  
Miya Graham  
Shannon Grant  
Shanon Gray  
Erika Grossi  
Elizabeth Grove



Taylor Grover  
Matheus Guimaraes  
Elaine Hackney  
Matthew Haerr  
Erica Hall  
Kayla Hallstrom



Kristi Hamachek  
 Kyle Hamrick  
 Abigail Hancock  
 Holly Harlow  
 Jonathan Harman  
 Lisa Hartman



Andrea Hay  
 John Hayes  
 Brooke Heaton  
 Bailey Heemstra  
 Elizabeth Hein  
 Tiffany Henderson



Jessa Hendricker  
 Megan Hendrickson  
 Cassandra Hendrix  
 Hannah Henry  
 Rachel Hensley  
 Joicelyn Hereford



Lyndsey Herndon  
 Emily Hess  
 Victoria Hess  
 Ethan Hiles  
 Kollin Hiles  
 Travis Hill



Helena Hill-Schaeffer  
 Sydney Hilst  
 Lara Hoaglan  
 Elisabeth Hobson  
 Grace Hohn  
 Alexander Hottle



Sydney Houzenga  
 Allison Howell  
 Taylor Hudelson  
 Sean Hudgens  
 Sarah Hudi  
 Christina Huebner



Kristen Hung  
 Alexander Hunt  
 Rebecca Hunt  
 Neil Ipock







Baylie Isaacs  
 Brandon Jackson  
 Elizabeth Jenkins  
 Rachel Jirik  
 Amanda Johnson  
 Elizabeth Johnson



Heather Johnson  
 Jessica Johnson  
 Jessica Johnston  
 Rachel Jones  
 Dalton Jordan  
 Rhani Jordan



Madison Karrick  
 Joy Katenkamp  
 Austin Kelly  
 Ryan Kennell  
 Cody Keppner  
 Colin Keppner



Celina Kilhefner  
 Grace King  
 Wanjiru Kinuthia  
 Brianna Kirby  
 Samuel Kleindienst  
 Justin Kollar



Joseph Kuschman  
 Kari Kwiatkowski  
 Karlin Labenske  
 Karah Lain  
 Mitchell Lamb  
 Caleb Lankford



Justin Lautermilch  
 Carrie Leato  
 Jennifer Lee  
 Victoria Lee  
 Kaitlynn Legg  
 Rebecca Lemke



Tyson Lersch  
 Marissa Lester  
 Ashley Lindman  
 On Ling



{Hannah Zobrist}



**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."

Jocelyn Lloyd  
Emily Lohr  
Jordan Loudermilk  
Kyle Love  
Isaac Luginbill  
Brandon Maatman



Gunther Maddock  
Ryan Marcotte  
Kristen Markech  
Brianna Marshall  
Hayley Martin  
Joshua Martin



Alyssa Martinez  
Erica Matheis  
Sarah Matyskela  
Auriana Mayer  
Hanna McBroom  
Matthew McDivitt



Ian McGuire  
Samantha McLain  
Spencer Meador  
Angela Meier  
Vaughan Meiss  
Joseph Melsha



Jacob Mettillie  
Brianna Meyers  
Jessica Middleton  
Kaleb Miller  
Abigail Mills  
Emily Mills







Cheyenne Miotti  
Trevor Moberly  
Sanni  
Mohammed-Haruna  
Mitchell Moon  
Sarah Moon  
Taylor Moore



Brendan Moorehead  
Samantha Morey  
Sarah Mouaraki  
Macy Murray  
Chloe Myers  
Martika Nance



Jacob Neal  
Nathaniel Nelson  
Ashley Nogoda  
Lauren Nygaard  
Ashley Oosterhouse  
Destiny Paden



Esther Paek  
Nicholas Paquet  
David Park  
Jaron Parke  
Troy Parsons  
Rachel Pasch



Seth Peachey  
Grant Penrod  
Faith Pepper  
Olivia Perea  
Haley Peterson  
Hannah Petraitis



*Tyler Lingle*

**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."

**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!**

"9 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."



Paige Phillips  
Drew Philson  
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  
Jacquelynn 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  
Shannyn Santos  
Grace Sauers  
Paige Schaefer







Julie Schaver  
Hannah Schmerschneider  
Andrew Schneider  
Bethany Sebastain  
Hunter Selby  
Megan Semro



Grace Sennese  
Gabriel Sevigny  
Kristina Shahan  
Brendan Shea  
Dominique Shepherd  
Evan Sherar



Brittany Sherwood  
Tyler Sherwood  
Henry Shuler  
Kyndall Singletary  
Kaitlyn Sladek  
Allison Smith



Anna Smith  
Brooke Smith  
Nathanael Smith  
Sonia Smith  
Erich Sneideraitis  
Lauren Snow



Hannah Sohl  
Jenna Souhrada  
Carlee Sprecher  
Jessica Springer  
Samuel Sprunger  
Courtney Spurgeon



Emily Spychalla  
Savannah St John  
Aubrey Stafford  
Shannon Steffen  
Caitlyn Stevenson  
Rachel Stidham



Sarah Storm  
Caleb Strand  
Jonathan Suominen  
Katie Tabisz



Kelly Tabisz  
Jennifer Taylor  
Shelby Taylor  
Jordan Terbush  
Grace Tervin  
Ryan Totsch



Jacob Tripp  
India Tuff  
Blake Uhlman  
Hayley Uhlman  
Kiara Valenzuela  
Ashli Voeller



Jacob Wagner  
Emilie Walder  
Sarah Walmsley  
Jordan Wanner  
Lacey Ward  
Jacob Warfle



Matthew Warren  
Andrew Wenz  
Whitney Whitehead  
Laura Willging  
Jessica Williams  
Mylana Williams



Emily Willis  
Kayla Winter  
Christian Wizeck  
Andrea Wojciechowski  
Curtis Wolfe



## {Carolina Campos}

### 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."







Anna Wolford  
 Jeff Woodward  
 Nicholas Woodward  
 Trevor Workman  
 Catherine Wright  
 Tyler Yager



Connor Zehr  
 Hannah Zobrist



{Aaron Abrassart}

**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)."

{Lisa Hartman}

**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."



{Luke Vinnane}

**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."





# New Experiences

{Liana Chirkina}

## 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.

“Don't let fear stop you from  
doing what you love.”







# {Freshmen}

Andrew Aardema  
Linda Aguilar  
Alexis Aguilera  
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  
Kaira Barnes  
Rachel Barnitz  
Brandon Barrows



William Bates  
Emily Baylor  
Lanee Bechtold  
David Beckberger  
Courtney Becker  
Natalie Beckman







Alexa Beezhold  
Brigitte Beggs  
Danielle Bell  
Emily Belschner  
Teagan Bencsics  
Jatupat Benjasiriroj



Charles Bennett  
Haley Beno  
Kymberly Benton  
Kathleen Berns  
Jesse Beutler  
Margaret Blake



Josiah Blian  
Mariah Blue  
Carly Blystone  
Tyler Bogaard  
Lindsey Bohl  
Ryan Bohl



Lucas Bolt  
JP Bopp  
Taylor Bordewick  
Austin Borop  
Joshua Bouma  
Jeremy Brassard



Maranda Brattin  
Dylan Brink  
Zachary Britt  
Jefferson Britton  
Ryan Brodien  
Garret Bronkema



Sydney Brookshire  
Anne Brown  
Kari Brown  
Madison Brown  
Erica Browning  
Maxwell Buche



Sarah Buffa  
Haley Buhler  
Ryan Burch  
Austin Burdine  
Tyler Burgess  
Erin Burton



Morgan Bvers  
Emma Cadle  
Jenna Cain  
Nicholas Campe  
Christine Cano  
Caleb Casad



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Natalie Cash  
Madison Castle  
Jonathan Catlett  
Erica Cebulski  
Ryan Champlin



Liana Chirkina  
Capriana Christian  
Alena Christopherson  
Paris Clyburn-Paytes  
Taylor Coble  
Vanessa Cohn



Taylor Colby  
Malik Cole  
Sarah Collalti  
Danielle Conrad  
Anna Cook  
Parker Cook-Weeks



Mikaela Coose  
Quinton Costner  
Grant Cox  
Jonathan Cramer  
Abigail Crane  
Jara Crawford



Lauren Crawford  
Molly Crawley  
Aaron Cunningham  
Rebekah Curtin  
Brandi Curtis  
Jonathan D'Avello



Brynden Danner  
Clay Dargert  
Levi Darnstaedt  
Jay Davidson  
Alexander Davis  
Imani Davis







Jasmine Davis  
Paul Davison  
Alondra De la Torre

{Colton Martin}



Major: Engineering

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.



Autumn Deacon  
Breanna Dean  
Joel DeArmond



Caylee Deaton  
Karissa Dees  
Rachael DeGraff



Nathaniel Delgado  
Rebecca Dembkowski  
Chase DeMott



Amelia Denison  
Anthony Deutsch  
Taylre Devine  
Devlin DeVore  
Edwin Dewerff  
Alexis Diaz



Marlene Diaz  
Stephanie DiLeonardo  
Joshua Dille  
Trevor Dillman  
Thomas Dinkleman  
Sarah Dirkse



Amanda Doherty  
Erin Doherty  
Kyle Dwyer  
Nathan East  
Ethan Eisenbeis  
Rebecca Eller



Shauna Elliott  
Trevan Ellis  
Blake Elmer  
Corey Elrod  
Rebecca Elvert  
Carissa Engelsman



Sarah Eslinger  
Marcy Evans  
John Falco  
Julianna Falvo  
Erin Farley  
Thomas Farmer



David Faux  
Destinee Ferguson  
Carlie Fernandez  
Shane Ferris  
Andrew Fey  
Briana Fisher



Bradley Fitzgerald  
Sabrina Flemming  
David Flores

{Ellie Krumseig}



Major: Math Education

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."

Sarah Fosnaugh  
Laura Foster  
Amy Fotopoulos



Gabriella Fowler  
Hannah Francis  
Kelley Franck







Trevor Franklin  
Tyler Gabriele  
Evangeline Gaikwad  
Julie Gant  
Rebecca Garcia  
Lydia Gardner



Hannah Gee  
Thomas Georgakopoulos  
Anna George  
Deirdre Gerke  
Andrew Gertsch  
Jenna Geyer



Alexandra Giampapa  
Katherine Gibson  
Carolyn Gillespie  
Phillip Glover  
Mikaela Goetz  
Lauren Gomer



Erika Gomez  
Jocelyne Gonzalez  
Hannah Goodrum  
Haley Goodwin  
Mitchell Gorman  
Joseph Gosnell



Nichole Goumas  
Cleda Grammer  
Mark Gredy-Myhre  
Christopher Green  
Jordan Green  
Meredith Green



Kaitlyn Griffith  
Jessica Grimmatt  
Rachel Grimmatt  
Brian Gross  
Christina Grosz  
Caleb Guio



Daniel Gustas  
Justin Haddad  
Sara Hajduk  
Meggie Hall  
Heather Halverson  
Brittany Hanenburg



Robert Hannah  
Alejandra Haro  
Calvin Harris  
Colleen Harris  
Dylan Harris  
Sydney Harris



David Hathaway  
Rachel Haworth  
Brittanie Hayes  
Kayla Hedgren  
Jill Height  
Jessica Hemmer



Cassidy Henning  
Christian  
Henock-Berhanu  
Jonathan Hentschel  
Lindsay Hentschel  
David Herder  
Magdalena Hernandez



Sakina Herron  
Nathan Hess  
Collin Hewett  
Isaac Hibdon  
Aidan Hill  
Benjamin Hill



Jada Hill  
Savanna Hillegass  
Zachary Hir  
Elizabeth Hissom  
Emily Hiter  
Jacqueline Hobbs



Julie Hogan  
Dana Hojnacki  
Joshua Hojnacki  
Priyanka Holkar  
Katrina Hollins  
Zachary Homco



Melissa Homman  
Jacqueline Horwood  
Jordan Houser  
Courtney Howard  
Noelle Howard  
Timothy Hubbard







Zachary Hulliberger  
 Joshua Hammerickhouse  
 Erin Ifft  
 Lauren Imhoff  
 Ryan Irons  
 Carly Jackson



Shelby Jensen  
 Shannon Jirik  
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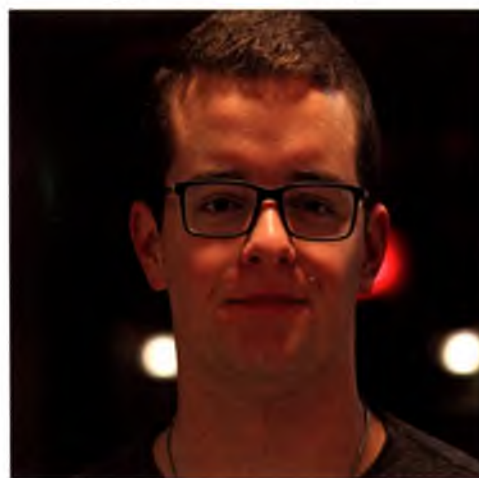


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{JP Bopp}

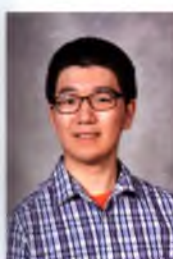


Caleb Kauth  
 Hayden Keifer  
 Anne Kennedy



Jamie Kiefer  
 Robert Killion  
 Heather Kim

Major: Youth Ministry



Paul Kim  
 Cody Kinstner  
 Felicia Klingenberg

"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.



# {Nicolette Roache}



Major: Nursing

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!"

Casey Koerner  
Jared Kok  
Mikaela Komp



Shiloh Koyl  
Nathan Kraiss  
Benjamin Kratz



Jordyn Kroesch  
Joseph Kronewitter  
Elizabeth Krumsieg



Anneliese Kuechenberg  
Robert Kuhn  
Daniel Kurz



Jessica Laidler  
Nathan Lain  
Kellen Lake  
Connie Lapinski  
Rachel Le Beau  
Lori Leach



Ashley Ledbetter  
Emily Ledford  
Kaley Ledford  
Stephen Lee  
Chandler Lefever  
Kendra Leimbach



Drew Leman  
Mason Lemay  
Victoria Lemke  
Jocelyn LeSage  
Monica Lewis  
Nicholas Lewis







Sierra Lewis  
Abrianna Lewis-Britton  
Emma Lilley  
Ciara Lindgren  
Elise Lingenfield  
Caleb Lingle



Casey Littleton  
Mitchell Lockwood  
Olivia Loew  
Andrew Logan  
Elsy Lopez  
Rachel Losey



Abigail Loughran  
Kyle Love  
Bethany Luchtenburg  
Edward Ludwig  
Jacob Ludy  
Jacquelyn Luecke



Elizabeth Luginbill  
Morgan Luhman  
Michaela Lutz  
Guilherme Magnoler  
Jonathan Magry  
Danielle Maranion



Tess Marcordes  
Brittany Marquardt  
Leeanne Marshall  
Colton Martin  
Sean Matay  
Lauren Matson



Katherine Maurer  
Kathryn Maurer  
Collin Maxon  
Alicia May  
Catherine Mazur  
Jesse McBeath



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Emily McCann  
Hannah McCarrell  
Cammi McClurg  
John McCormick  
Brishan McCowan



Matthew McCoy  
Tanner McLain  
Shannon McLaughlin  
Morgan McMullen  
Matthew Meehan  
Jill Meier



Matthew Meldrum  
Alexandra Melton  
Makayla Meredith  
Bethany Metzler  
Erin Meyers  
Lucas Miedema



Caroline Miller  
Katherine Miller  
Kelly Miller  
Madeline Miller  
Paul Miller  
Rebecca Miller



Tracy Miller  
Kurtis Minton  
Rebekah Molnar  
Emily Monterroso  
Dakota Moon  
Jerry Moreland



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Michaela Morris  
Maria Munoz  
Hannah Musselman  
Macy Myer  
Joseph Neely



Daniel Neil  
Madison Nelson  
Paige Nesemeier  
Shelby Newberry  
Hoa Nguyen  
Kathleen Nicholson



Carolyn Nicodemus  
Kathryn Nielsen  
Stephen Njoroge  
Alyssa Nordmeyer  
Steven Nowinski  
Kayla O'Donohue







Megan O'Rourke  
Kathleen Obi Obasi  
Eddie Ochoa  
William Okamura  
Matthew Oliva  
Hannah Ondrey



Bryce Osborn  
Jason Ottinger  
Cassandra Owens  
Victoria Owings  
Samuel Paek  
Geena Paoli



Charles Parker  
Raychel Parks  
Arizbeth Pastenes  
Abigail Pattara  
Sophia Paulose  
Marriah Peebles



Allison Peet  
Grace Pelley  
Samantha Pepper



Jacklyn Perez  
Amanda Peterson  
Nathan Peterson



Zachary Petty  
Kristofer Phelan  
Hannah Piatek



Hollyanne Pietra  
Francisco Pirela  
Kristena Poll

*Jeslyn Roatz*



Major: Social Work

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."



Nathan Powazki  
Elisa Powell  
Alec Provost  
Lydia Puentes  
Emanuel Purifoy  
Phillip Putney



Courtney Pych  
Genevieve Quell  
Chad Radford  
Emily Raduns  
Diana Raines  
Andrew Ramirez



Kelsey Rasmussen  
Nicholas Rasmussen  
Hannah Rattin  
Erika Ray  
Francesca Rebesco  
Jacob Rechsteiner



## {Jessica and Rachel Grimmatt}



Majors:

Jessica - Undecided

Rachel - Business Major with a Hospitality Minor

Twin sisters Jessica and Rachel Grimmatt 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. It's a bigger budget, more people, it's a whole new level, but I absolutely love it!"

Michael Reddy  
Kristin Reece  
Jake Reverts



Mason Reffett  
Isabella Reisen  
Nicholas Reynolds



Paul Reynolds  
Zachary Reynolds  
Tremaine Rhines



Amanda Rhoad  
Chelsea Rhodes  
Brandon Riedel







Cienna Riemersma  
Samuel Riggenbach  
Sarah Ritter  
Seth Rivett  
Terrance Robb  
Jonathan Robinson



John Rodeheaver  
Jonathan Rodgers  
Alondra Rodriguez  
Jena Rogers  
Bethany Romain  
Taylor Romano



Brianna Rose  
Ryan Rosenquist  
Jarrett Roskey  
Lauren Rouse  
Chesley Rowlett  
Jonathan Ruby



Olivia Ruhberg  
Emily Rull  
Katie Rummery  
Morgan Runge  
Rittu 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 Schuitema



Mitchell Schwarzkopf  
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 Stephen Schweitzer  
 Ashley Seay  
 Eugenia  
 Sebastiani Tofano  
 Valerie Seehafer



Stephen Seils  
 Clay Selby  
 Anamar Serrano  
 Darcie Sharrow  
 Spencer Shattuck  
 Katelyn Shaw



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 Morgan Sheldon  
 Hannah Shiner  
 Morgan Shride  
 Kevin Siciak  
 Luke Siefken



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 Breanna Sikes  
 Amarii Sims  
 Brianna Skelton  
 Cheyenne Skrbec  
 Matthew Slack



Shelby Small  
 Kyle Smeltzer  
 Benjamin Smith  
 Kaleb Smith  
 Reed Smith  
 Regan Smith



Marissa Smitherman  
 Amanda Snell  
 Alyssa Snodsmith  
 Bradley Soendlin  
 Lauren Soller  
 Kurt Son



Elizabeth Sonneveld  
 Kenneth Sons  
 James Southerland  
 David Spear  
 Matthew Spear  
 Shyanne Spence







Tyler Spotloe  
Naomi Springer  
Jared St Aubin



Marena Stair  
Chloe Stamps  
Lauren Stancle



Jeremy Stanton  
Taylor Stark  
Allison Steele



Philip Steward  
Austin Stillman  
Jessica Stone

{Emily McCain}



Major: Nursing

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."



Corinne Stout  
Kaitlyn Strand  
Sarah Struck  
David Studholme  
Preston Sullivan  
Jonah Sunderland



Todd Sutor  
Meghan Swanson  
Sara Swartwout  
Jeffrey Szubert  
Kelsey Tachick  
Honomi Takizawa



Keaton Taktarov  
Jessica Tarchala  
Jonathan Terpenning  
Grace Thomas  
Macy Thomas  
Paige Thomas



Ryan Thompson  
Zackary Thorson  
Debora Timmer  
Jacquelynn  
Timmerman  
Alexander Tolley  
Alexis Trevino



Austin Trevino  
Emily Troemel  
Amanda Van Houten  
Shannon VandeBunte  
Kimberly Vanderploeg  
Jacob Vangore



Charlie VanWatta  
Christina Vaughan  
Ursula Vaughn



{Micah Forshee}



Major: Engineering

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."

Emily Veach  
Michael Vega  
Benjamin Vertin



Daniel Villagomez  
Alexis Wade  
Cameron Walker



Jamal Wallace  
Bredt Warden  
Michael Warner



Gina Warren  
Luke Weaver  
Jacob Wehrmann







Gabrielle Weitzel  
Tyler Whitaker  
Baxter White  
Devante White  
Jack White  
Sarah White



Shaelynn White  
Claire Whitmore  
Joseph Wickes  
Brittany Widdowson  
Hannah Williams  
Monique Williams



Rebecca Williams  
Jayna Williamson  
Connor Willis  
Samuel Wilner  
Jenelle Wilson  
Kayla Wilson



Noah Wilson  
Seth Wilson  
Joy Wilson-Muncie  
Marcus Winters  
Adam Wirth  
John Witt



Alaina Wittrock  
Summer Wooden  
Staci Woolley  
Jonathan Wozniak  
Logan Wright  
Luke Wright



Samantha Wright  
Reise Wyatt  
Carissa Young  
Jessica Young  
Isabella Zach  
Allison Zalinski



Jonathan Zatorski  
Brianna Zehr  
Raegan Zelaya  
Sophia Zelenka  
Jasmine Zenobia  
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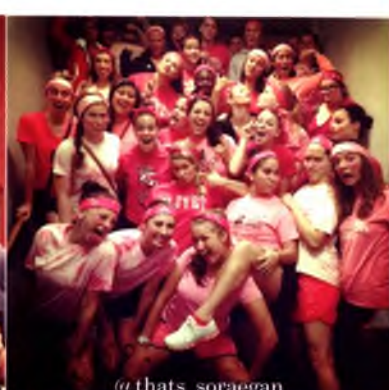
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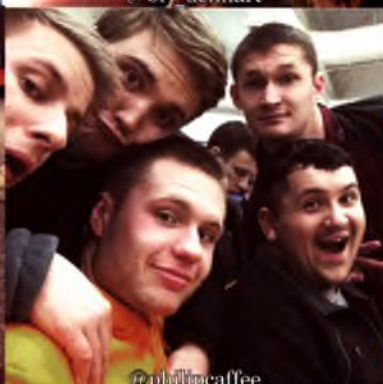
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# {Spiritual Life}

Knock and the door will open. You grow in knowledge, in height, in credibility with friends, and in your own abilities. So too, you grow in who you are with God. The Bible says, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength" and "Love your neighbor as yourself." Spiritual life offers a way to fulfill both these commandments within yourself and through other people.









I had no plans of being a part of student council until I saw a new flavor of Starburst on the council information desk. Chelsea Risinger, the Student Body President, told me I had to listen to what she had to say before I could have it. Once I heard about the chaplain position, I felt as though God wanted me to at least apply; whether I got the position or not was all a part of His plan. As to why the position is important, I would say it helps remind the class, as well as myself, that without God in our lives we are nothing. Christ is meant to be the center of our lives, but it is so easy to let other responsibilities get in the way of putting Him first. During my time as a chaplain I have been enlightened to the fact that people have the amazing ability to overcome. Classmates and friends have been through terrible things, and yet they still find joy in life. These were encouragements to me, reminding me that as bad as things may seem, it could be worse, and God is with us every step of the way. I have learned humility as well as furthering my leadership skills. I have been truly blessed to be doing this. I would like to thank my class for being transparent to me and allowing me to do the same. They are strong both mentally and spiritually, and I believe together we can further the Lord's kingdom one person at a time. Be bold for Christ. Know that He is in this earthly fight with us.

-JP Bopp, Freshman Chaplain



I thought class chaplain was a unique opportunity to serve my class and Spiritual Life Council. I was familiar with the position last year and wanted to do a better job this year. I love investing in Spiritual Life ministry leaders and my own class. I wanted to get involved and thought it was a unique opportunity to serve my class and the school. I enjoy encouraging and refilling their cups and being a part of student life, as well as praying for the student body. I like being a part of peoples lives and letting them know that I care. I try to write a card or give a call when there have been moments of grief or tragedy. If someone ends up at the hospital I try to give them a text or a note to let them know I care and if they need me, I will be there. I believe that the role of class chaplain is beneficial and is a spiritual input too.

-Esther Paek, Sophomore Chaplain



I applied for class chaplain because I just felt that it was something that I would enjoy and learn a lot from, and I have! We plan and usually speak in class chapels that are held once a semester and we also encourage the Spiritual Life leaders that lead the ministries that we have here on campus. The class chaplaincy really helps bridge the gap (if there was a gap) between the student body and our University Chaplain, Mark Holcomb. In the chaplain meetings we have every week, we, as class chaplains, get to meet with Chaplain Holcomb and talk about what the students are saying and other things of that sort. Y'all are awesome. I couldn't have imagined serving a better class than the Class of 2016 as class chaplain. Y'all are a blessing!

- Sayer Smith, Junior Chaplain

“Go forth and make a difference  
for the Kingdom!”



# On Our Behalf

{Class Chaplains}



**SENIORS!** Praise the Only One Who Saves that I am able to graduate with of you! So many of you have been an integral part of my story, and I hope can say the same about one another when this is all said and done here at Olivet. Do you remember how Dr. Bowling has always called this university a “sending place?” Well I hope you do, because guess what? It is time to be sent off and make a

difference in this broken world! Look at this apocryphal (I know, scary, but it is good!) quote:

*“What distinguished [Christians] from others was not their country, language or customs, but how they acted... for them ‘every home was a foreign land’, but... ‘every foreign land was their home’... they themselves perceived this to be ‘the remarkable and admittedly unexpected nature of their politeia’ (209).” - Epistle to Diognetus from Bruce W. Winter’s Seek the Welfare of the City.*

You will standout through your obedience. Take advantage of your immediate setting. Go mentor someone and be mentored. Seek the knowledge of how much God loves you which will dictate the strength of your faith and your contagious nature to others. And remember your identity in Christ and that you are a citizen of two worlds—heaven and earth, bringing the former to the latter.

Brothers and sisters, we are going to be scattered all over this planet, doing what only God can imagine. At times there will be trials and tribulations, doubts and worries, pains and sorrows, lies and deaths, but you already know what will remain and will be forever more constant than the temporaries I have listed above, that answer being our Savior. Jesus Christ reigns yesterday, today, and tomorrow and is the same forever and forever. Jesus, God in the flesh, came to fix and to redeem this little ball of soil. And not only the land, but the man He made from it. Jesus began to pray in the garden the night before His crucifixion, saying “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.” It is a sweet belief that in that moment, God revealed the faces, lives, and struggles of humanity, yours and mine, to Jesus and without another word He stood up and returned to committed to His death. He looked at YOUR LIFE and said I CHOOSE TO DIE FOR YOU! Praise the Lord for His eternal mercy. He will never forsake us. He will never leave our side. And we have never stood taller in the eyes of the Lord than we do today. Go forth and make a difference for the Kingdom!

-Addison Newell, Senior Chaplain





**Right:** Most chapel services begin with a student worship team leading the student body in song. Joey Ramirez, Olivet's worship coordinator, did a fantastic job both on stage and off as he prepared for and performed in chapel.



**Far Above:** Dr. James Diehl, the fall revival speaker, urged the student body to put Christ at the center of their lives.

**Above:** Winter Revival was led by Dr. David Sharpes, and he focused on the message of forgiveness and reconciliation.

**Right :** Susan Morrill led the student body into worship during the Fall Revival.



# A Joyous Journey

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## {Chapel and Revival}

The return to campus in the fall also marks the return to Chapel. This fall, parables were explored as “windows” into the heart of God. “I’m not certain that the way we see God is who He really is,” explained Chaplain Mark Holcomb. “It is my hope to view the theme of Windows as a corrective lens to see God the way that Jesus wanted Him to be known.”

Fall guest speakers included author and YouTube sensation Jefferson Bethke, Disney animator Mark Henn, former World Vision president Kent Hill, as well as many others. Fall Revival featured Dr. James Diehl as the main speaker. Dr. Diehl, a pastor and Nazarene general superintendent emeritus of extensive background, returned to his alma mater to deliver sermons centered around putting God first in life. Returning to Olivet’s campus brought “memories floating back” to Dr. Diehl. “There is a tremendous spirit on campus. It has a very optimistic tone; you don’t feel that everywhere. It is heartwarming to know that my alma mater has improved over the years,” he

states. Speaking to college students is exciting to Dr. Diehl because he can “see the potential of what they might do before life is over. That’s when I get paid,” he smiled, “when I can have a part in a life changing.” One takeaway that Dr. Diehl hopes that everyone can remember after revival is that “being a Christian is a journey, not a one-time event, and it is a joyous journey.”

Spring brought about the theme of Reasonable Doubt. Winter Revival, featuring speaker Dr. David Sharpes, focused on the topics of forgiveness and reconciliation. To explore these areas, Dr. Sharpes spoke from the stories of Joseph, Peter, and the Prodigal Son. His hope for Winter Revival was that the Church would be a safe and forgiving place, reconciled to God. “No matter where you’ve been, you can find yourself in the story of God. There is always hope, life, and possibility. What has been marred by sin is restored by grace,” shared Dr. Sharpes. “When hearts are right, God is already there.”



Above: Olivet is a unique place where the university president gets involved with the student body. Dr. Bowling was present at the revival services and prayed with students at the altar after the services.





**Above:** The Council spent time building community by going to a pumpkin patch together.

## {Spiritual Life Council}

Every year the Spiritual Life Council hosts a festival of ministries. The theme of this year's festival was "Poets" which is an acronym for "Put On Earth To Serve." Michael Poff, VP for Spiritual Life, spoke in chapel about some of the goals the council has for the year and what it means to be involved in spiritual life ministries at Olivet. Poff shared with the student body what being a poet meant to him: "A poet is someone who has a gift and uses it uniquely." He went on to say that it is important to "use your life as an eloquent expression of Christ."

Spiritual Life Council works to provide various ministries which give students the opportunity to serve Christ. In a way, the Spiritual Life Council is the pencil students use to write their poetry onto the blank pages of the community. The purpose behind this year's "Put On Earth To Serve" theme is for students to practice becoming first by becoming last and serving alongside one another as they serve Christ (Matthew 20:26-28).



**Above:** Ryan Lutz, co-leader of Hearts for Missions, showed that Spiritual Life Council works hard, but also plays hard.

"It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Matthew 20:26-28



# Put on Earth to Serve



**Left:** Kyndall Singeltary and Kellie Klumb enjoy frozen apple cider and good conversation at the pumpkin patch outing.

**Below:** Esther Paek, the Sophomore class chaplain, shared her silly side by hopping on a tricycle.



**Above:** Lindsay Hathaway, co-leader of HeART, showed off the cute little pumpkin that she chose at the pumpkin patch.



**Above:** The Spiritual Life Council traveled to the Michigan City Harbor beach to support the Water for People swimmers as they collectively swam over 40 miles.



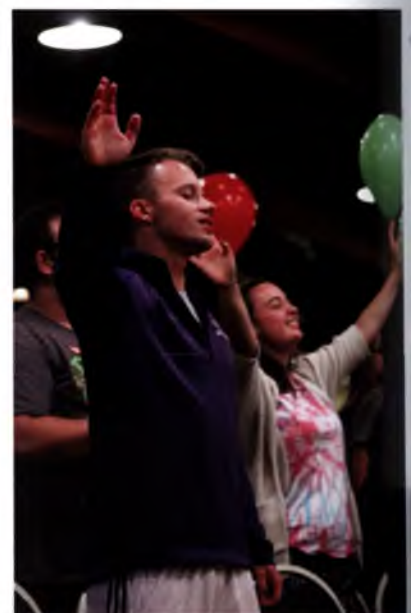


**Right:** Matthew Bieber, co-leader of Party with Jesus, shared his heart with the students and prayed before worship began.

**Below Left:** Wonder 630, a new program this year, brought in artists each week to share their music and lead the students in communal worship.

**Below Middle:** Along with musical artists, Wonder 630 also brought a variety of individuals, such as Dr. David Claborn to speak to the students.

**Below Right:** Party with Jesus offered a chance for students to come together and worship in an open setting outside of chapel.



# Campus Worship

*Party With Jesus and Wonder630* At nine o'clock every Monday night, music

starts playing in the Warming House and students gather to Party With Jesus. Party With Jesus is a campus ministry specifically focused on the needs of the student body. The theme for this year, according to co-leaders Matt Bieber and Lizzie Link, is Living Worship. This theme is meant to explore what it means to worship God in the large and small things that we do in our lives.

Anyone and everyone is welcome to join the party and be a part of the praise and time with God. Bieber, junior, says that Party With Jesus is worship and prayer time, for anyone and everyone, on campus set up to provide for the needs of the student body. Bieber says that the Monday nights have a message and worship but are not strictly regimented, so students can devote the time to God in a way that they best connect with Him.

"Growing together as a community is something that we are really passionate about," Link, senior, says as she explains how Party With Jesus would like to engage students in the worship provided. Since the focus of the ministry is on the Olivet campus, anyone and everyone who is interested in participating is welcomed with open arms and smiling faces.

Another campus worship opportunity, Wonder630 takes place on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm in College Church. Wonder 630 is an open space to express deep thoughts and discuss them freely. Artists come to share music before thinkers such as political science professor Dr. David Claborn and communications professor Dr. Jay Martinson give a message. Hannah Davis, a junior, says that she attends Wonder630 often and that her favorite part is listening to the speakers. Jonathan Burkey, associate pastor at College Church and coordinator of Wonder630, says that the event is an important part of the week at College Church because "it is an opportunity to seek truth and express the gifts that God has given them."



# A Tight Knit Group



{Lifesong}

Senior co-director of Lifesong, Dustin Dehart described the group as “a huge opportunity for very gifted people to come together to share the talents God has given them.” As a music ministry group, Lifesong is a way for the two bands to share profound experiences with others and worship with them in a way that may be new or different than what they are used to. Dehart says that the travelling aspect of the ministry is his favorite. Throughout the year, Lifesong visits nearby churches to provide music for services or various events. “There’s nothing like getting out on the road with these guys, bonding, meeting new people, and building relationships with pastors, youth, and congregations,” Dehart shares.



**Above Left:** When asked about why he enjoys Lifesong, Daniel Kwak stated, “I enjoy Lifesong because it reminds me that God gives us the ability to connect with not only our identities but also our gifts.”

**Above:** Lifesong allows students to express their talents and God-given gifts and also build relationships with other band members.

**Left:** Tate Garner and the rest of the Lifesong crew led worship during Jumpstart.





**Right:** FCA members played the trash can game to relieve stress from the week. The objective was to pull opponents toward the trash can. Unfortunately there weren't three strikes in this game--any player who touched the trash can was out.



**Above:** Simon Pheasant, one of the FCA leaders, welcomed everyone to their weekly meeting and explained that night's activities.

**Right:** Jennifer Buhr and Jessica Higer took athletic competition to the next level by playing Wii Sports at an FCA meeting.



# Fun and Fellowship

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**Below:** The members of FCA took a break during a finals study session to play a game. Everyone held hands in the middle and tried to transform the human knot into a circle without breaking the chain.



FCA

The Warming House gets sporty on Tuesday nights at 8:45 when Fellowship of Christian Athletes arrives for fun, worship, and discussion. Meetings consist of playing games, listening to the praise band and a speaker, and discussing the message in small groups. Yearly events include a Halloween party, a Christmas party, Field Day, and the Fields of Faith event for the South Chicago District. Fields of Faith is an event held for different FCA "huddles" to get together and encourage each other every fall.

FCA is a very motivated club that focuses on building each other up in a supportive and Christ-centered environment. Leaders Seth Erickson and Simon Pheasant mention that FCA's plans for the year include serving the community with other Olivet ministries and supporting the FCA huddle at Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School. Pheasant shares, "I want to help create an environment that allows God to move among us and help us grow into better servants of Christ." Erickson says that his goal is to build an environment that challenges athletes to live their lives and compete in their sports to bring honor to God. They agree that FCA exists to provide unique worship experiences to athletes and help them become "better equipped to spread the Gospel through [their] God-given physical talents."



**Above:** Huddled up for discussion, the FCA team devoted some meeting time to grow spiritually. Friendships and bonds were created as the club supported each other in their individual walks with Christ.



**Right:** Mission Possible met together to worship, pray and strengthen their bond with each other and Christ.

**Below:** Prayer is important in everything but when working with people such as the inmates of Jerome Combs Detention center, prayer plays a key role in the ministry that Mission Possible is a part of. Others might rely on their own strength, but when praying, God is involved in the process and can do many miraculous things.



{Mission Possible}

The members of Mission Possible work with the men and women of Jerome Combs Detention center, sharing the love of Jesus Christ with them through meaningful conversation. Leaders Chrissy Michaels and Courtney McGee focus on seeing these men and women come to believe in the healing powers of Jesus' love, and to begin to take their spiritual relationship more seriously. The group connects with the inmates through worship nights and holiday parties throughout the year. Courtney McGee says that Hebrews 13:3 and Matthew 25:36 inspire her most to be a leader with this group of people. She says that there have been many days she has gone down to the jail, feeling spiritually dry, and is reminded of the light and joys that are brought on by God through her time with the men and women they work with. Chrissy Michaels shares a similar experience, "I honestly never thought I could be a leader for this ministry ... to go into a place where most Christians would not even imagine stepping foot into. But the students involved in this ministry know that everyone deserves a chance to hear about Christ no matter their situation or background." Through it all, Mission Possible strives to bring light to the darkness, in the lives of both the inmates they work with and the volunteers who continue to devote their time to the ministry.



# Light to the Darkness

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# Sanctity of Human Life



*{Life Support}* Olivet's mission Life Support works at a women's health center, bringing comfort and assistance to the workers and the patients they encounter. Junior Liza Dollenbacher talks of events planned for the mission, including events planned in December for students to share stories of their experiences working in the health center. When asked what drew her to the mission, Dollenbacher says, "I just like the aspect of promoting life and helping in the background. We hear so many awesome stories. I enjoy leading people while at the same time using one another's talents to better the group." She loves working with the women at the health center, knowing that they have chosen to preserve the life of their child. Life Support hopes to use their events and fundraisers to promote awareness around the pro-life movement.



**Far Above:** The members of Life Support helped to collect and sort clothes for the babies.

**Above Left:** Service of this ministry did not just look like sorting clothes and spending time with the women who came into the women's health center but also being good steward's of the center.

**Above Middle:** Different clothes were gathered for different ages of the babies to help the mothers who came into the center.

**Above Right:** Kylie Bradley worked to serve the women and their babies by helping at the center and showing God's light.

**Left:** Liza Dollenbacher led Life Support and worked with other women from Olivet to serve the women at the center.



**Far Right:** Many students created signs to display while they spent the week homeless. Some were more humorous, but all encouraged students to donate money to Gift of God homeless shelter.

**Right:** The Warming House became a makeshift community where the students could warm up and spend the night.



**Above:** Students gather around the Warming House firepit in the evenings during Homeless Week to stay warm and build community.

**Right:** Trevor Speer passed the time spent outside between classes by playing his ukulele.

**Far Right:** Jason Ottinger sits in the quad with his sign that encouraged students to donate to Gift of God homeless shelter.



# Experiencing Homelessness



## {Save Our Streets and Homeless Week}

"Save Our Streets is just a name, just a specified focal area of our all-around service to the Kingdom of God," stated Levi Himes, co-leader of Olivet's homeless ministry. "We are called to love, we are called to serve the least of these, and we are called to take up the problems and struggles we all share as the Body instead of individually. We are not a ministry seeking to relinquish poverty all together, but simply a ministry seeking to lower ourselves and share our blessings."

Himes, along with co-leader Vittoria Miulli, work alongside Olivet students to serve the Gift of God Homeless Shelter and Street Church. In addition to their work at the shelter, Save Our Streets also takes monthly trips to Chicago in order to provide prayer, food, warm clothing, and conversation to the poor and impoverished of the city.

Not only does Save Our Streets work to serve and love people in these tangible ways, but the ministry also partakes in an annual Homeless Week event.

"Homeless Week is not simply to 'be homeless'

for a week," explained Himes. "The role play of the week is the smallest purpose that the ministry is seeking to pursue through the event. The past two years it has been used as a fundraiser for the Gift of God Shelter. Not only that, but the week is a time for students participating to drop everything in their lives, except classes and school work, and this allows times to meditate and count their blessings. It is a time to reflect on how easy they have it. It is meant to be a time of experiencing some form of hardship and stepping out of a comfortable life for a short time. It also lays the issue of homelessness on the table in front of the whole campus."

"Homeless Week was amazing," said senior participant Luke Kamely. "It was probably characterized by some of the most free-spirited fun I've had at Olivet, as well as some of the worst nights of sleep I've had at Olivet. But what's most important is that even though we might not be having a "true homeless experience," it has certainly started a bit of discussion about homelessness on the campus, and that's what it's really about: raising awareness and raising donations for the shelter."



**Above:** Students had to carry everything with them and were only allowed inside for classes. Students, such as Evan Sherar, spent all the rest of their time outdoors and even slept on the ground outside during Homeless Week.





*{Best Buddies}* According to Best Buddies leader Shannon Grant, the ministry's purpose is reaching out to and building friendships with individuals who have developmental disabilities. The ministry does so by forming one-on-one friendships with their Buddies, as well as building a community by planning events for everyone to come together once a month. As Jesus commands us to love one another, Shannon Grant and Sydney Houzenga encourage their ministry to create relationships with the Buddies that are rooted in the love and compassion of Christ. Their hope is that His name would be better known through Best Buddies!

Shannon Grant joined Best Buddies upon arrival to Olivet after the ministry "sparked" her interest and was something she felt called to, due to one of her greatest passions being spending time with and building relationships with people that have developmental disabilities. Grant grew up with an autistic cousin who has had an "incredible impact" on her life, and because of that, she loves showing the world that people with special needs are really no different than everyone else.

Grant developed a deep love for the ministry throughout her freshman year and decided that she wanted to be even more involved by becoming a leader. Grant's favorite part of Best Buddies is the dancing! The Buddies love dancing so much that it makes Grant love it even more. She also values getting to talk to her Buddy one-on-one because it's a "great opportunity to be able to try and have important conversations." Her



favorite Best Buddies event is the Halloween event, which has always been a huge success and is loved by the Buddies. Olivet students and their Buddies took part in a costume contest, Bingo, a donut eating contest, dancing, outside games, fun snacks, and awesome fellowship.

Grant says that she's seen God work through the ministry both in and through the Olivet members as well as the Buddies. She shared that God has brought so many incredible Olivet students with willing and passionate hearts for the ministry, and that it has been so sweet to see His faithfulness through providing for the ministry in that way. According to Grant, the ministry is "incredibly unique and offers a different way to both share and encounter Christ."



**Left:** Olivet Students visited a nursing home to spend time with the residents and invest in relationships and community with them.

# Love Thy Neighbor

## {Evangelists}

The Evangelists are a ministry on campus that brings together the elderly and college students by building relationships that are centered on Christ. The ministry's mission statement is based on Job 12:12 which states, "Wisdom belongs to the aged, and understanding to the old." Ministry leader Kellie Klumb explains that the purpose of the ministry is to "learn from and value the wisdom and understanding that the nursing home residents have to offer."

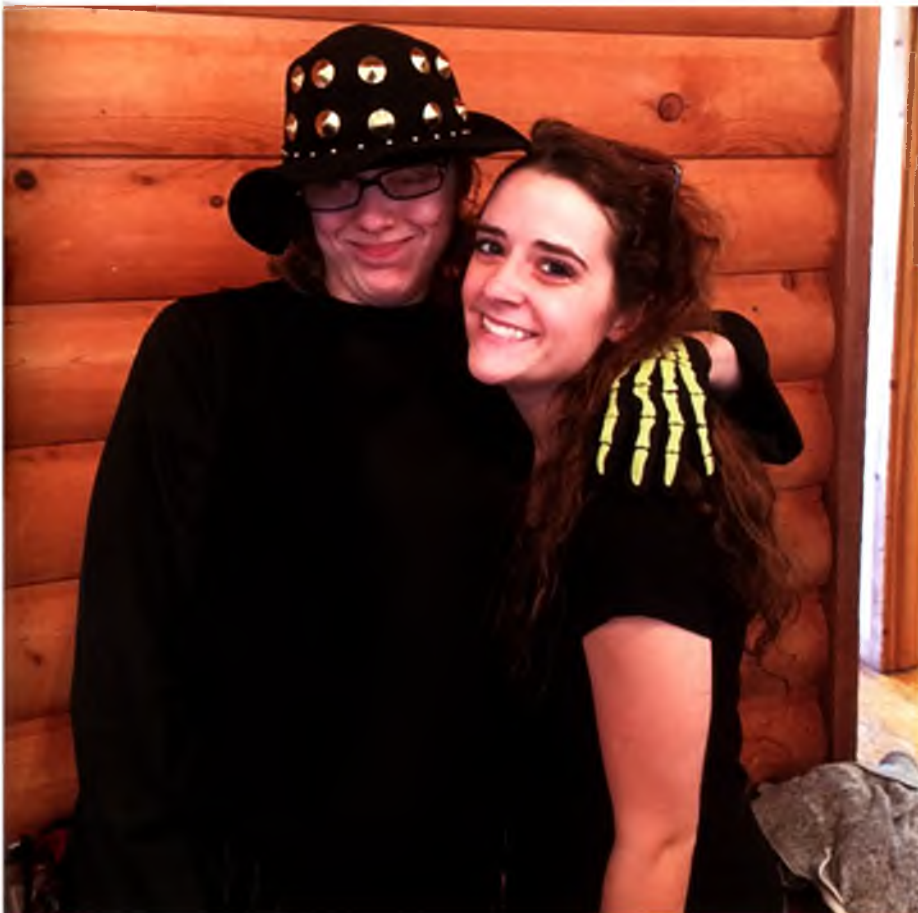
The students visit the nursing home twice a week to visit with residents, build relationships, and focus on God. There is an event held every month for the residents and the ministry members to participate in. In September, the group played Bingo, and in October, they watched a movie together.

Freshman Drew Leman felt called over the summer to volunteer in a nursing home, but didn't know when he'd have the opportunity. Upon arriving at Olivet, he discovered that there was a ministry that volunteered at the nursing home, and it became apparent that God wanted him to work with Evangelists. Leman's favorite part of visiting the nursing home is how "warm and welcoming the residents are. It's as if they're ministering to us as much as we are to

them." Leman also claims that seeing God work in the nursing home and through the ministry will help him in his ministerial career as a youth pastor. "I never really appreciated senior citizens, but God has shown me through this ministry that just by sitting down and having a conversation, that all people can bond in the name of Jesus."

Junior Becca Mooi also feels called to work with the elderly. Her favorite part of visiting the residents is hearing their life stories. "It's amazing to see the connections you can make with someone new," says Mooi. In the future, she sees "God using Evangelists to not only spread love to the residents, but to also have the residents teach the students about the lasting faithfulness of God." Mooi says she gets to meet a new resident every week and has even had a resident offer to teach her to knit.

Junior Greg Planck enjoys singing hymns with the elderly because even though many of them are not able to speak clearly, they are always able to remember the hymns they grew up singing. Grace Savage adds that she really loves "just sitting and talking. They've experienced so much more of life than I could ever imagine."



**Above:** Shelby Delaney spends time with her Buddy during the Halloween party. Olivet hosts several events for the members of Best Buddies on campus throughout the year.



**Far Above:** Students spend time listening to the residents of the nursing home and learning from their wisdom.

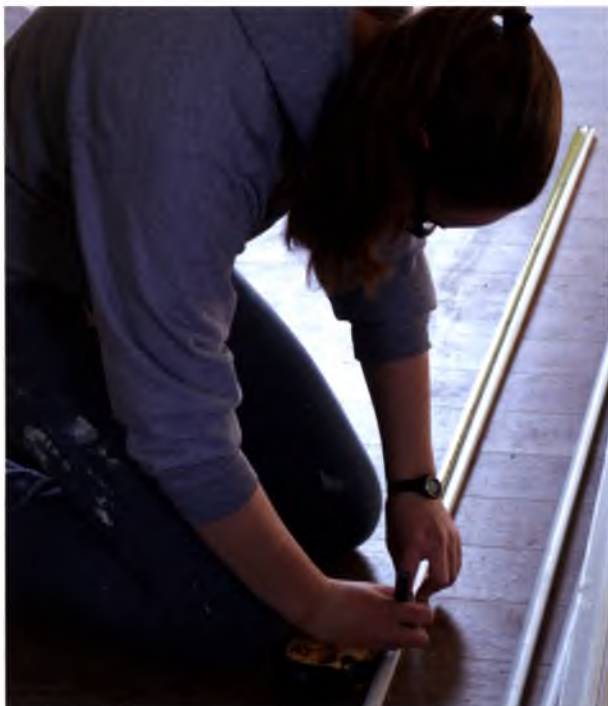
**Above:** Best Buddies offers students the chance to partner with a member of Shapiro's community. Ryan Degutis built a relationship with his buddy through events and visits throughout the school year.





**Far Right:** Kyndall Singletary was happy to lend a helping hand to Habitat for Humanity.

**Right:** Volunteering with Habitat for Humanity involves precise measurement, such as measuring the wood that will go into the window frame.



**Above:** Ryan Degutis got a handle on things while installing some shiny new door knobs for a house being worked on by Habitat for Humanity.

**Right:** Though the table saw might look easy to operate, the volunteers had to stay focused to make the perfect cut.



# Building Up the Community

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## {Habitat for Humanity}

Nick Geever, a leader in the Habitat for Humanity Ministry at Olivet,

shared what it means to be a member of the organization as well as some of the collective goals for the club.

Q: What is the purpose of Habitat for Humanity?

A: To provide a house for someone who doesn't have one, or use our hands and feet to in some way further the Kingdom by offering our time and services.

Q: Does Habitat for Humanity do any activities throughout the year? If so, what are they?

A: Yes, we serve the nonprofit Habitat for Humanity itself and build a house each year for someone in our community who does not have one, as well as help at other ministries doing similar work when possible. For example, we are partnering with Compassionate Ministries and serving out in Pembroke.

Q: What inspired you to get involved in Habitat for Humanity?

A: I just have a huge passion for helping people especially through providing for unmet needs. So this ministry was perfect. I have always loved building and working with tools and stuff, so putting it all together just made sense.

Q: What are this year's goals for Habitat for Humanity?

A: We have a few major goals, among which are improved methods of communication from previous years, utilizing more mediums of communication than just email, as well as getting more female participants involved with the ministry, and finding leaders to lead the ministry in future years.

Q: What are your personal goals for being in Habitat for Humanity this year?

A: I think my personal goal is to not only make an impact and some lasting relationships with people during my time at Habitat, but also to help other people to find their niche in the ministry.



Above: The progress and renovation that Olivet student volunteers made on this house would sweep you off of your feet!



# Visiting Hopkins Park

## {Disciplers}

Olivet's Disciplers take their mission off campus to serve the children of Hopkins Park. While there, student volunteers help teach the kids Bible verses and give them examples of what it means to be Christ-like. Leader Anthony St. Yves says he wanted to lead this ministry "because I felt like God put this as an opportunity to not only give me experience as a leader, but so I could also help further the ministry in its goal of helping kids LEARN the Bible." Through games and lessons, the Disciplers are giving the kids of Hopkins Park a deep understanding of what it really means to be a Christian.

**Below:** Students ministered to the children by teaching them about Christ. They showed His love to them with acts of service and the simple things like tying their shoes.



**Above left:** Student's who served in Disciples really enjoyed their time working with the children and with the others in the group.

**Above Right:** Hannah Gorecki, a freshman, jumped right in and served with Disciplers. In her first year she was able to work alongside other upperclassmen from Olivet.

**Right:** The children of Hopkins Park might not have always had the opportunity to be surrounded by positive, encouraging, Christ-like role models but when Disciplers came they devoted their time 100% to the children.



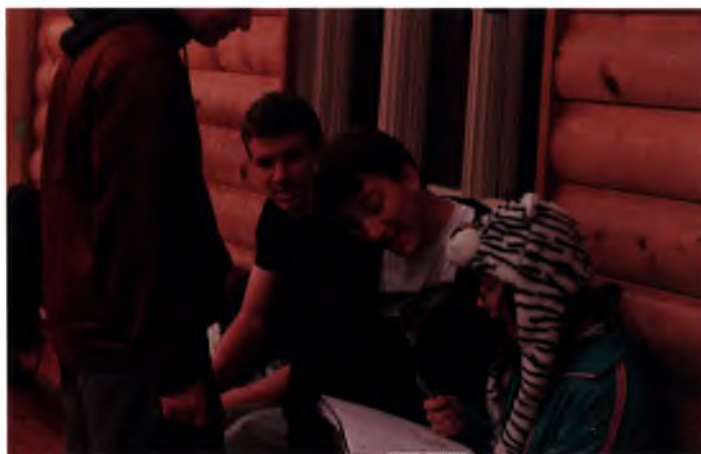




**Left:** Urban Children's Ministry meets in the Warming House where many students came to play, minister and work with the children from the community.

**Below Left:** Kyle Sleik spent time mentoring the younger generation.

**Below Right:** The students who worked with the children had a real heart and calling to serve in this way.



{Urban Children's Ministry} For students with a passion for working with children, Urban Children's Ministry is a perfect fit. As leader Stacey Knoderer says, the ministry's mission this year is "to serve children in the community and to teach them about Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior." The team sets up fun events for the kids to attend, such as trick-or-treating through Olivet's apartments and a Christmas party. The students involved in this ministry take personal interest in the children, and help them to develop personal relationships with Christ. Stacey says that learning the kids' backgrounds is a large motivator in wanting to help them strengthen their faith. On leading the ministry, Stacey says, "It seemed only natural to apply to lead it. I love hearing the stories from the college students about how much their buddies are growing!" She emphasizes that the focus of Urban Children's Ministry is really on the kids in the program. She hopes to continue finding new ways for the kids to be served and led by the college volunteers.

Wednesday is Kid's Day

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**Right:** Students cried out in prayer during a Prayer Warriors event.

**Below:** One of Prayer Warrior's main events this year was the 15 Hour Prayer. Students were continuously praying for a variety of topics, both personal and global, during this time frame.



**Right:** JD Dulinsky played his guitar to lead those who were praying into worship.

**Middle Right:** Lindsay Miller prayed scripture over the prayer requests.

**Far Right:** The Prayer Warriors group opened their meeting in prayer.



# The Power of Prayer

*Prayer Warriors*

Every Thursday night, this Olivet group gathers to take part in something that is quickly pushed aside in the fast-paced lifestyle of a college student: prayer. Junior Andrew Fischer, one of the Prayer Warriors' leaders this year, says that it's something so easily forgotten. "Prayer is something we don't do enough, myself included! It's definitely something that has been laid on my heart to focus on." Prayer Warriors hosts two large prayer gatherings each year that are 15 and 24 hour events

for people to continuously come in and pray. They have also teamed up with other groups in the past to gather more spiritual support. Fischer first learned about the group through an event connected with Compassionate Ministries. "I didn't even know what Prayer Warriors was, honestly! But once I heard about what they were doing, I got really excited to be a part of it." Although their meetings take place in Kelley Prayer Chapel, the group hopes that the power of prayer will be spread far and wide.

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# A Calling for Missions

## {Heart for Missions}

Throughout the year, Olivet's ministry group Heart for Missions has been prayerfully acting throughout our campus to support those who have a calling for missions. Junior Ashley Schmitt felt called to lead the group and inspire a passion for missions within its members. Schmitt says through the group, "We learn, grow, and encourage each other." One way the group has created a stronger bond was through

their hosting of both The Poverty Meal and a Thanksgiving meal for International students to attend. The group stresses that missions can be seen in all shapes and sizes and that it's important for our campus to be mindful about mission-centered opportunities. Schmitt says, "If we learn how to be globally and mission minded now, it will help us make a difference for Christ wherever we are."



**Above Left:** Jonathan Elliott and Luke Baker shared a little bit about their passions for missions at the Christmas event.

**Above Right:** Heart for Missions members posed for a quick group photograph after their Christmas event.

**Left:** All the members of Heart for Missions gathered around the table to share a meal together and talk about their passions for missions.



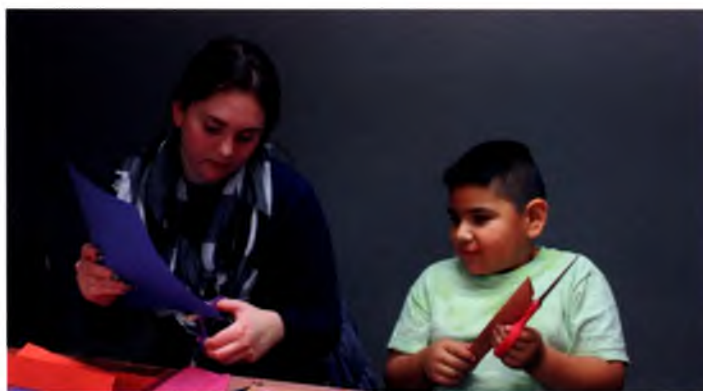
# Artistic Worship

{HeART}

HeART is more than a club. HeART is a ministry that focuses everything they do on glorifying God. Sophomore Joy Katenkamp says, "HeART gives people an outlet to worship God through arts outside of music." Anyone who has a passion for art in the pursuit of worshipping God is welcome to join the weekly meetings. HeART's goal is to "create a community of artists who work together with the community through art." This is done mostly through working on projects for other ministries to build up their work as well. HeART not only provides the campus of Olivet with God-praising art, but also reaches into the community to share God's love through their art. Katenkamp says that the ministry of HeART is focused on "improving the community on and off campus."

One way that HeART contributed to the Olivet community was by working on a piece of art each time Chaplain Holcomb spoke in chapel. The leaders of HeART, Joy Katenkamp and Lindsay Hathaway, would sit on stage and work on the painting during the sermon. A camera would occasionally show their progress on the piece throughout the message. At the end of the semester, the painting was revealed to be the face of Jesus. The piece was created by dripping ink and water to form shapes in specific locations on the canvas from the image. The combination of a meaningful sermon and eye-catching art during chapel services throughout the semester added a unique flavor and brought several expressions of worship together in one place.

**Below:** Rebekah Hernandez watched over as her little friend cut the base of his headband, offering a helpful hand when he needed it.



**Above Left:** Emily Lohr helped a child cut colored construction paper to create feathers for his Native American headband in celebration of Thanksgiving.

**Above Right:** The finished product of the semester-long HeART project created by Joy Katenkamp and Lindsay Hathaway was a portrait of Christ. The HeART leaders painted the piece with india ink during various chapel services throughout the fall semester.

**Right:** Lindsay Hathaway guided her focused friend as they cut their construction paper together. With teamwork on their side, a colorful Native American headband was created.







**Left:** Stacey Knoderer and her fellow Compassionate Ministry volunteers gathered around the table as they built friendships with children.

**Below Left:** Two pair of hands are better than one! Teamwork was essential during their volunteer trips to Pembroke, but it was rewarding once the work was accomplished.

**Below Right:** "Loving Like Jesus" can include a variety of activities from sharing the gospel to raking leaves.



# Empowered to Empower

{Compassionate Ministries}

"Loving Like Jesus" is the slogan of Compassionate Ministries this year. "Our goal is to be the hands and feet of Christ," says junior co-leader Katie Reed. Continuing Christ's service is an important aspect of Compassionate Ministries' work in the community. The focus of the service that they do is to follow Jesus' example and build relationships with the people around them. A motivating factor in the ministry is the belief that as followers of Christ, Christians are called to be like Him. Reed adds, "If we want to be like him, we have to follow His heart of compassion and service."

A major project of Compassionate Ministries this year is the development program in Pembroke Township. Every other Saturday, volunteers travel to Pembroke to support the community in the development process. The tagline of Empowered to Empower is evident in the building up of spiritual, physical, emotional, and socioeconomical aspects of the community. To battle illiteracy, Compassionate Ministries partners with Student Education Association, Kappa Delta Pi, and Enactus to promote professionalism within the township. Compassionate Ministries is also in the process of putting together a children's choir within the Pembroke community.

**Above:** Working together was a priority to finish all the hard work in Pembroke. As the Compassionate Ministries helped their community, they built friendships and created memories.





**Above:** Loren Crawford traveled with the MIA team to Swaziland, Africa as a part of the “Misioneering” trip.



*{Missions in Action}* Olivet has the privilege of housing our very own department devoted to missions – Missions in Action. Whether you’re looking for a short-term trip over spring break or decide to take a few weeks to work over the summer, MIA has opened up countless doors for students with a passion for serving in the mission field.

Senior Melyssa Fitzpatrick has certainly seen these opportunities open up for her. She was given the privilege of acting as co-leader for the Summer 2014 Honduras trip. She first went with the 2013 ONU team as a student team member. Since taking the role of leader, Fitzpatrick has learned to “step back a little, and learn to let other people do things.” She desired for her team members to experience the joy of serving just as she had first experienced it the summer of 2013. Her two trips have allowed her to create lasting bonds with the orphanage in Santa Barbara. She hopes she will see some of the older kids begin to take on more responsibilities, and start helping at the orphanage just as they were once helped by the loving staff. Fitzpatrick realizes that missions are not for everyone, but she encourages people to

remain engaged in the efforts being made. “Don’t let that stop you from caring about what’s going on around the globe, around your nation, or in your hometown.”

The MIA trip to Indianapolis is one example of Missions in Action right here in the United States. Junior Tiara Long was a team member on the Spring 2014 trip. “I got the privilege of working with students one-on-one with homework while watching them grow and develop their schoolwork.” Doing short term missions has allowed Long to reflect on all the ways she can be sharing God’s love. “I often forget that I’m a missionary, right here, right now. I’ve been overseas before, and it made me realize how much we need God here as well.” She acknowledges the importance of seeing cultural differences within our own country and hopes that others recognize the need to spread love in their every day lives.

Through all experiences represented in Olivet students’ mission trips, it is clear that God has moved in powerful ways. Whether working far away from home, or just a quick three-hour drive from campus, it is important to remember to keep our eyes open for the doors opened to us.



# Run to the Darkness



**Left:** Daniel Hegel traveled to India and poured into the lives of the members of the community.

**Below:** Jake Hileman traveled to Cambodia and got to see God's hand at work around the world.

**Far Below:** Jordan Lingle, Cal Samuelson, and Lucas Sorensen traveled to the Congo and acted as male role models for the children the team was working with.



**Above:** The team that traveled to Thailand experienced many aspects of Thai culture and even got the opportunity to visit an elephant camp.

**Left:** Melyssa Fitzpatrick was one of the co-leaders on the Honduras Trip.









# {Clubs}

To truly lead is to learn how to best serve. Part of this is finding your family; those with whom you find the most kindship. Another part is learning what within yourself needs to be maximized to help others shine. It is not about how the individual looks or what the individual can gain, but what they can share with others. It is about making the family your priority, even as you strive to represent yourself as a student. In this way, we all succeed.



(Photos below submitted)



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fun, relaxed environment where students are  
free to craft.”



# Keep Calm & Craft On



*{Craft Connections}* Craft Connections club is one of the newest additions to Olivet's roster of official student organizations. Club membership isn't limited to just art majors, but anyone is welcome as long as they have a passion to craft. Club member Katarena Shiner shared, "I'm a double major in Environmental Science and Geology and don't really get the chance to be creative. Craft Club lets me relax... and use the other half of my brain that isn't so analytical. It's refreshing!"

The main goal of the club is for students to feel encouraged to develop their creativity. Club President Asha Reynolds explained, "Our aim is to create a judgment-free, fun, relaxed environment where students are free to craft." Reynolds has been passionate about crafting since childhood when she would sew with her mother and grandmother. Her passion for all kinds of crafting has helped her as she leads the club. As president, Reynolds plans crafts for the members and gathers all the resources for the projects. Due to the fact that the club is still in its fledgling stages, they are provided with a limited budget. As a result, students often create their masterpieces out of recycled materials. The club also prides itself on creating projects that are primarily eco-friendly. So far this year crafters have completed projects such as coffee cup cozies, Christmas ornaments, and hand warmers.

Although members seem to obviously enjoy the crafting aspect of the club, they also find the fellowship to be important. "Being a part of Craft Connections has been a great way to relax and meet new people who enjoy the same activities as I do," said Shiner, "I get to interact with people I don't normally see or would otherwise not meet." Members also find the organization to be an escape from the stresses and pressures of the semester. Setting aside time to be creative and relax is sometimes the "best part of the day" for these ladies.

As Craft Connections plans its reappearance next year at Olivet, Reynolds has big plans for expanding the group's horizons. She shared, "I would like to have some guest crafters come in to teach the members more specialized crafts." The club's main goal for the upcoming school year will be to increase membership and build a solid base of regular attendees. While Craft Connections is wrapping up for the year, these creative women are sure to keep calm and craft on.



**Below:** Numerous games are played at the Tabletop Games club. Brian Shaw and Rebecca Stolberg had a hard time deciding what to play out of the many options.



# Generating Interest

## {Investment Club}

"Olivet's Investment Club is a learning ground for exploring the "life skill" of investing in stocks, bonds, and equity markets," said senior president, Michael Bork. Although the club is primarily made up of business majors, anyone with an interest in investing is welcome to join. As members, students are able to educate themselves about what really happens in the different markets. They can "put some of the stuff that they learn in finance and investment classes into play, while hopefully making some money," Bork explains. During meetings club members consider the possibilities that the club's small portfolio offers and make decisions on which holdings they would like to buy or sell. Discussions can become heated debates as holdings are examined and recommended companies' worth is examined. Bork says, "It's good to get different people's perspectives and hash through a company's finances, earning reports, or what they think the economy will do." Investment Club is an opportunity, like many others on Olivet's campus, for students to open the door to real-life applications of the things that they love.

**Below:** Investment Club required generating a lot of brain power when considering all the possibilities.



**Above:** Professor Dwyer, the club sponsor, led the debate about the possibility of buying a holding.



**Below:** Joe Bauer engaged in some friendly competition while playing Tsuro.

**Far Below:** Jake Finn focused in order to beat his opponent in chess.



# Your Move

## {Tabletop Games Club}

The Tabletop Games club thrives on Friday nights on the second floor of the SLRC. From seven until midnight, games such as Ticket to Ride, Resistance, Settlers of Catan, and Uno can be found in play around the room. Several new games have been added to the collection for the new school year and have done a great deal in adding to the fun to be had. Sophomore Levi Gambill says that the best part of the club is the fellowship shared among the members.

This club is a fun place to hang out with friends and enjoy games that you have played since you were a child or to try something new. Tabletop Games club is also a welcoming place to meet new people and make new friends that you may otherwise never know. The club is planning on developing an outreach program to visit surrounding schools or hospitals to play games with children in the area. These trips would be opportunities to minister in the community with other Olivet ministries. Although you may not be able to win every game that you play while you're here, coming at all is a win on its own.



**Above:** Senior Investment Club President Michael Bork took over a discussion as his fellow members turned around to listen.



# Bonded by Diversity

{MuKappa}

Although they come from various cultural backgrounds, the students of MuKappa have created a familial bond with one another, forming lasting bonds amidst their diversity. The club is open to both missionary kids and international students looking to feel welcomed in an oftentimes confusing culture. The club's most recently added event is their monthly "Dearly Devoted." Club president Calvin Price said, "This event focuses on thanking missionaries around the world by way of the simple yet elegant letter." Although the club aims to unite its members in their transition to Olivet, they hope to spread that strength

**Right:** The MuKappa winter formal brought a new twist this year; A Great Gatsby Murder Mystery event drew in a variety of students and many dressed up in costume. (MuKappa photos submitted)

and love across to global missions as well. Other events hosted by the group are the welcoming dinner hosted at the beginning of the year, a Halloween party, and a Great Gatsby murder mystery Winter Formal. The group will often gather together just to hang out or watch a movie together. When asked what brings the club together, junior Jaimie Chen said, "We are bonded by our vast culture, and our desire to form friendships and support others who have had to learn to adapt to a different culture." The club truly demonstrates a powerful strength through diversity.

**Right:** MuKappa held a Halloween event where students could come and decorate and carve pumpkins.



**Far Right:** Students came out to the Warming House dressed to the nines for the Winter Formal.







# Everyone is Diverse

{MERC}

Grace Amponsah  
- Multi Ethnic Relations Club  
Leader

**Q: What is the goal of MERC? What do you hope to accomplish this year?**

A: MERC stands for Multi Ethnic Relations Club, and our mission is to increase diversity awareness as well as unity on campus. This year we are looking to get as many people as possible to join our club and increase our mission.

**Q: What events do you have planned for this year?**

A: This year we have our annual kickoff event, Christmas expressions, annual service project, possible participation in this year's SUFACS fashion show, ONU's Got Talent, and something new this year is going to be our mini-outings for club members to enjoy (i.e. bowling night, out for DQ night, etc). We also help Mrs. Taylor, the Multicultural Campus Coordinator with various campus-wide events, specifically Unity Week.

**Q: What has drawn you to this group? What inspired you to become a leader?**

A: Being raised in a Ghanaian family has made me 1) super independent (my roommates can attest to that!) and 2) given me a broad sense of cultural awareness. I really have been blessed with a heart for diversity and LOVE learning about each and every one of God's beautiful creations. I have been in MERC for 4 years now. One day during my third year in MERC I just felt that I wanted to do more. I just had so many hopes and dreams for MERC and that is mainly why I wanted to lead it. MERC just makes me smile and I am thankful that I have this opportunity to do good things.

**Q: What makes MERC special out of all of the groups on campus? Why should it be important for students?**

A: It's MERC. This club is for everyone because everyone is diverse. It's important to celebrate diversity and unity because even though we may look different we are all the same through Christ.

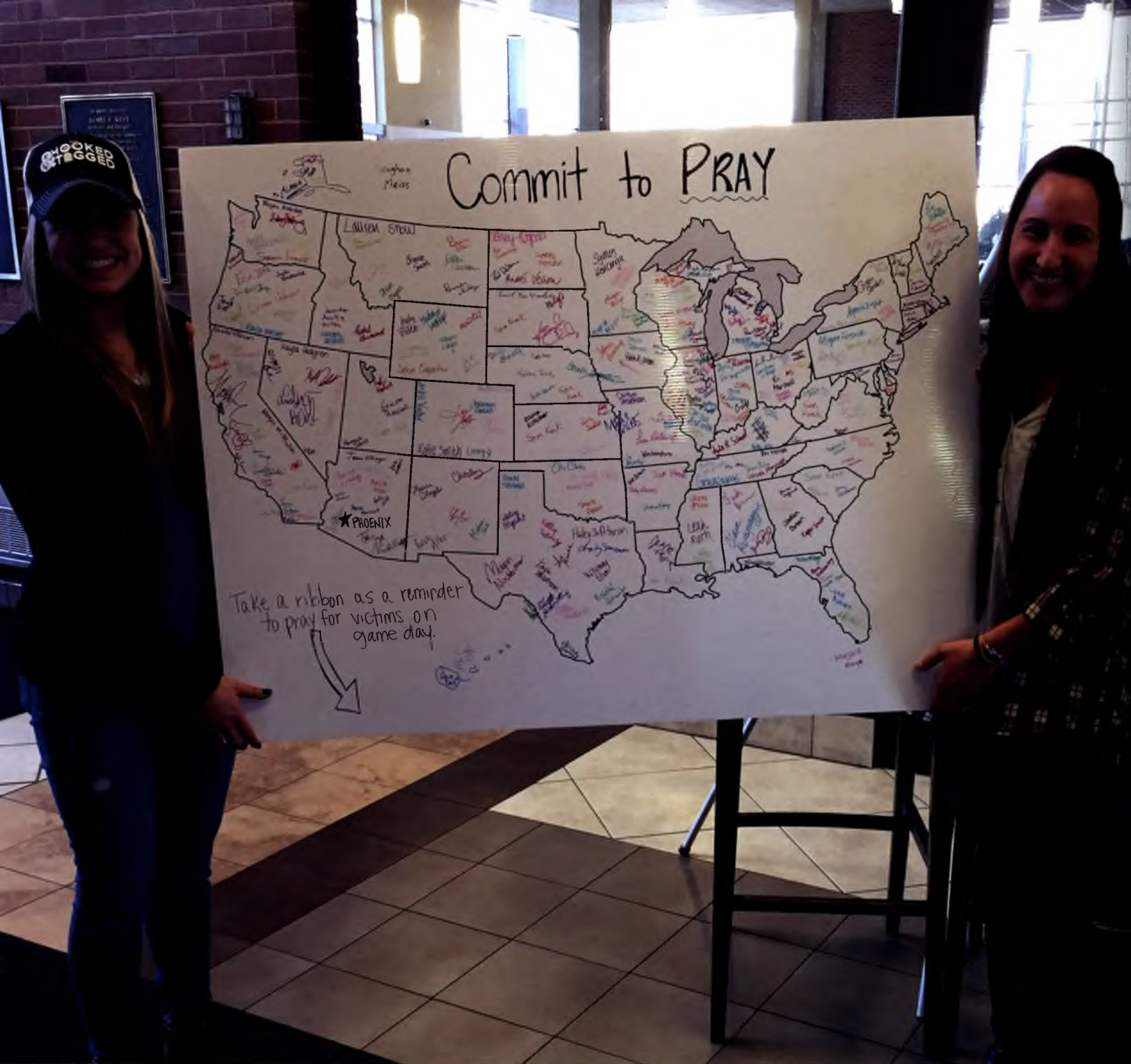


**Far Above:** Aaron Evans and Grant Penrod performed their trumpets together during Christmas expressions.

**Above:** Grace Amponsah led MERC this year and helped the club gain members and increase its mission.

**Left:** Sergio Parks performed during the Christmas expressions event.





**Above:** Laura D'Angelo and Clara Ruegsegger encouraged students passing through Ludwig to commit to pray for victims of human trafficking. The Super Bowl event allowed the members of Social Justice Club to raise awareness of human trafficking which is occurring here in the United States. (photo submitted)

**Right:** The Social Justice Club has a core group of individuals who help raise awareness and educate the students of our campus on topics related to social justice.





# Advocate and Educate

**Below:** Tyler Lingle committed to praying for the victims of human trafficking and Clara Ruegsegger tied a ribbon around his wrist as a physical reminder. (photo submitted)



{Social Justice Club}

Haven't heard of Social Justice Club? There's

a reason! The club was just re-started this year. The club is sponsored by Professor Craig Bishop and headed by students Clara Ruegsegger, Laura D'Angelo, and Cristen Seiders. It was established to provide educational, service, and outreach opportunities to students who are passionate about social justice issues both locally and globally. According to Ruegsegger, the club "hopes to eventually include numerous students who are not only social work or criminal justice majors, but students of all areas of study, because these social justice issues affect us all."

Social Justice Club meets monthly to discuss and educate themselves on current issues such as human trafficking, poverty, and lack of education. In the fall semester the club has focused mostly on human trafficking, but that isn't the only thing the group strives to advocate for, according to Ruegsegger.

The club has big ideas in the works for future activities and they are currently planning a Super Bowl Awareness Week for the spring semester. This event will take place in February, a week before the Super Bowl and will spread awareness of the reality of human trafficking during the Super Bowl. Ruegsegger said, "This will be an awesome opportunity to help educate our peers about one of the many faces of trafficking in the United States." The club is also hoping to gain more members after the event, as it will be a way to introduce themselves to the student body.



**Above:** Each signature on the map represents a student who committed to pray for human trafficking in the United States. (photo submitted)

**Clara Ruegsegger** @carueg



Beyond thankful for this beautiful girl and that I get to partner with her and many others to help spread awareness on our campus of social justice issues locally, nationally and globally. The event this week to help spread awareness of human trafficking in the US was an awesome success!!

Thanks to everyone who committed to pray!!!

#SocialJusticeClub #spreadawareness #partner-inpassion

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**Right:** Shayla Hancock pulled a student from the audience for a game. During the game, Shayla had to be moved like a puppet as the scene progressed.

**Far Right:** One of their skits required Nate Killion and Shayla Hancock were going to see the pizza squirrel, Jack White.



# Laugh Out Loud!

{Spoons 4 Forks}

It may seem cliché, but when it comes to being sick of academic stress, laughter truly is the best medicine. Attending one or more of the 6 on campus (or 3 off campus) Spoons 4 Forks shows a year is an excellent dose of laughter for any Olivet student. This well-chosen group of elite entertainers project their voices in a crowded lecture hall filled with laughter. There have been many performances where there are an overflow of audience members, and some students end up sitting on the stairs of the auditorium just to be involved.

The lone she-wolf on the team, Shayla Hancock, was able to share her experience being a part of Spoons 4 Forks:

**Q: What have you learned**

**from being a part of Spoons 4 Forks?**

**A:** Being a part of Spoons 4 Forks has taught me to not take myself so seriously. It is okay to laugh at yourself.

**Q: How would you describe a typical practice?**

**A:** Our practice runs about an hour and a half twice a week. We practice improv games, hang out, and sometimes get a visit from public safety.

**Q: What is the funniest thing that has ever happened during a show?**

**A:** This past show we played a game called Taxi Cab. In the game, I was portraying President Bill Clinton, and Matt, the guesser, guessed that I was Bill Gates.



**Far Above:** Brandon Barnard tried to give Shayla Hancock clues to the debate topic during one of their skits.

**Above:** The cast was joined by Matthew Jones, an alumni member who greatly added to the humor of the show.

Meet the Performers:

David Spear

Kyle Johnson

Joe Brunker

Matthew Blackwell

Daniel Eccles

Josh Ewing

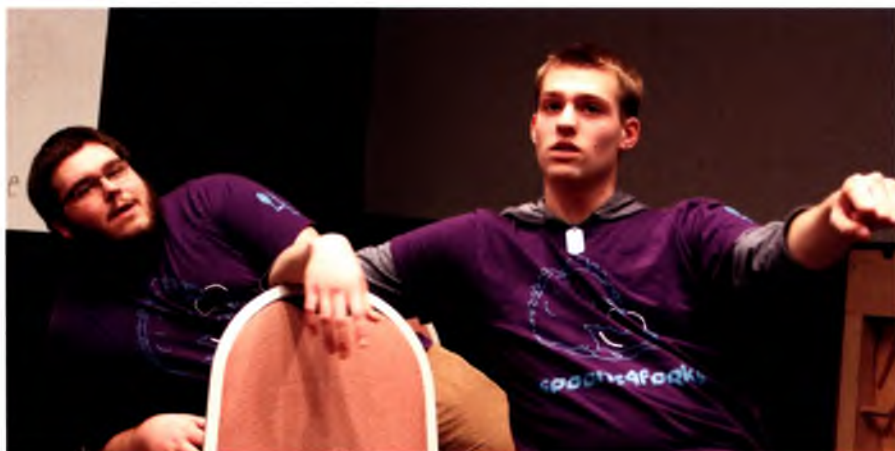
Nate Killion

Jack White

Brandon Barnard

Shayla Hancock





**Left:** In a game called Taxi Cab, Matthew Blackwell had to guess who was riding in his Taxi. Jack White was assigned the character of a “dumpling” and had to give Matthew clues to his identity.

**Below:** All the Spoons 4 Forks members joined in for a collective skit including two alumni guest stars Spencer Cook and Aaron Crane.







{Equestrian Club}

After a slow semester in the fall of 2014, the Equestrian Club is ready to have a heyday with trail riding, equine discussions, and horse-related movie nights. The Equestrian Club is unique on Olivet's campus as a club that celebrates an affinity for all things horses. President Elizabeth Johnson and Treasurer Jacquelyn Rhea agree that their favorite part of the club is "the feeling of community that it provides, knowing that there are other people who have the same passion for horses and riding that you have." The camaraderie felt by all is critical in the long hours of homework and studying that take place between opportunities to spend time with the mares, stallions, and foals.



**Far Above:** Jacquelyn Rhea and Elizabeth Johnson discussed future events with the members of the Equestrian Club during a group meeting.

**Above:** The Equestrian Club members gathered together with their faculty sponsor, Dr. Aggie Veld, to make plans for club activities.



# Exploring God's Creation

**Left:** Jon Robey, Lauren Palmer, Emilie Wiedner, Victoria Hess, Drew Benson, and Jon Croft enjoyed lunch on the Summit of Blood Mountain. (photo submitted)

**Below:** During their spring break trip, the students backpacked from Neels Gap to Flat Rock Gap on the Appalachian Trail. (photo submitted)



## {Outdoor Adventure Club}

The Outdoor Adventure Club is a new club this school year, but the group already has big plans for their future at Olivet. During this pioneer year for the club, members participated in events such as a skiing trip, a backpacking excursion along the Appalachian Trail, and a volunteer experience helping with the annual Kankakee River Cleanup. The club is the result of students deciding to pursue their love of the outdoors and the world that God created. President Blane Mowry said, "I love the community that we have been able to create, bringing together individuals from many majors and walks of life who all enjoy the outdoors." The dream behind the club was to provide a place for anyone to take part in unique events and be surrounded by people who share a passion for God's creation. Mowry concluded by saying, "This club is new, but we are excited for the future and being a permanent fixture here at Olivet."



**Above:** The members of the Outdoor Adventure Club gathered for a group photo at Desoto Falls, Georgia. Top row: Luke Baker, Jon Harman, Elizabeth Jenkins, Victoria Hess, Emilie Wiedner, Paul Wissmiller, Sydney Hunt, and Mariah Garratt. Bottom row: Miguel Varela, Jon Robey, Lauren Palmer, Jay Armstrong (photo submitted)





**Above:** Dan Flynn, the president of Greenroom, showed off his writing skills as well as his acting abilities during the 24-Hour Theatre.

**Right:** The 24-Hour Theatre consisted of several acts which were written by the members of Greenroom. In "The Midas Touch" the students acted out a new spin on the tale of King Midas.

**Far Right:** In "24-Hour Rehab" the Greenroom actors portrayed the struggles of putting on a production in 24 hours. The different characters, all with different illnesses and afflictions, checked into the 24-Hour Rehab facility.





# Students Take the Stage

**Below:** Marissa Vander Ploeg shook off the exhaustion that comes with working for 24 hours straight to wow the audience.



**{Greenroom}** On a campus filled with characters, Olivet's very own Greenroom gathers up students looking to make their mark on the stage. Freshman Hope Morris has had a great first-year experience with the group and has used it to ease into the busy life of a college student. Morris says, "It definitely introduced me to college life in full force: minimal sleep, maximal coffee, hard work, and crazy fun. Greenroom gave me an opportunity to meet people with similar passions and interests that I probably wouldn't know otherwise." Along with fun people and events, Greenroom presents opportunities for its members to fully experience its yearly productions. With each performance, Olivet's Greenroom provides invaluable experiences through theatre to members and theatre-lovers alike.

One of Greenroom's events is the 24-Hour theatre. This production is planned, practiced, and performed in a 24-hour period. In order to accomplish this daunting feat, the cast lives

off caffeine and adrenaline. At around 9pm on Friday, the student directors sit down and start writing their scripts from scratch. Then, after a long night of brainstorming and planning, the group comes together to bring the script to life with actors and sets. The cast is chosen, the lines are practiced, and the stage is set. After just a few short hours of rehearsal during the day on Saturday, the performance occurs at 8pm. While pre-performance jitters are understandable, the cast did a spectacular job during the event and showed off their true abilities. This performance allowed the students to think on their feet and work under pressure, two necessary skills to be successful in showbusiness.

Greenroom provides a wonderful opportunity for theatre enthusiasts to come together and share their passion for the stage and to build each other up in a community setting. These students are incredibly passionate about theatre, and it is quite obvious by the high caliber performances they put on year after year.

**Luke Baker @ewoek2**



Denny's all nighter for #24hourtheater.  
Be sure to come to Kresge tonight at  
8PM to see our hard work being paid off!  
#LifeatOlivet #onyearbook #Green-  
Room #Dennys #allnighter





# ASC Executive Council

Chelsea Risinger (Student Body President)



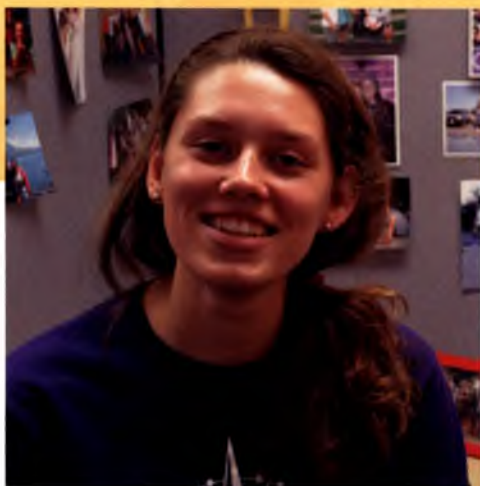
I love being surrounded with a group of people who are pushing forward to better the campus life and are also working to serve it. It's wonderful to help people who desire to grow in leadership and desire to serve. I'm extremely passionate about leadership and missions. This position is largely leadership development, and how I see this position is through a relational leadership lens. I feel like I can't effectively lead someone unless I know them first. I love caring for people, and in my major I'm learning to do that in a medical sense. Here I'm learning to do it in a spiritual and emotional sense. How you take care of your leaders here is how they will take care of those around them.

Cameron Mason (VP for Men's Residential Life)



Business is really my passion, and I have that entrepreneur mind and like to figure out how things can be done better. I get to plan events, I get to budget...it's kind of a miniature business. It's great experience to lead in this role. I love creating events for guys to remember.

Candace Baird (VP for Student Relations)



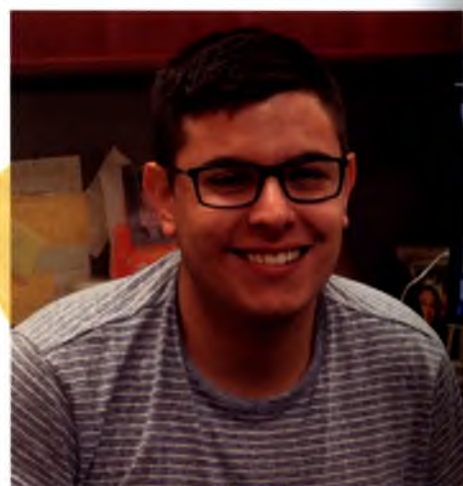
I love people a lot, and I love teaching. I think a lot of the job is teaching people, teaching them the process and encouraging them. One of my strengths is a "developer," believing everyone has potential, and I feel like I get to use that in this role.

Claire Barber (VP for Publicity)



I'm passionate about design and illustration, and I also love interacting with people. The body of Christ is such a diverse palette and it's awesome to learn from that and also help others by designing to help communicate and further the mission of various clubs and ministries across campus.

Michael Poff (Vp of Spiritual Life)



This position has been an amazing opportunity to serve the Spiritual Life council. It connects to my passion of making sustainable Christ-like leaders, and I believe that Spiritual Life is one of the best things for a student to become involved in.



Destiny Mitchell (Glimmerglass Editor)



I love people, I love writing, and I love people who write. I have a heart for unearthing realities (there are multiple) and dispelling the allusions of popular culture. I think that newspapers and the field of Journalism in its entirety is a great teaching tool as well as a venue for healthy, honest discussion. I have discovered much of who I am through writing, and I am grateful that I have the privilege of doing just that in my final year of college.

Jordan Horn (Executive Editor of the Aurora)



I have a great passion for yearbooks and the role they play. 30 years from now, people will be looking at this book to remember their years at Olivet, and I want that time of reminiscing to be happy. I want students to remember their time fondly and to enjoy looking at this book. My hope is that each student, whether they are super-involved or fly under the radar, will be able to connect with some aspect or page in this book and that our photographs and stories will include a variety of students and interests.

Michaela Maris (VP for Women's Residential Life)



I have a huge passion for ministering to women and youth, and I also love putting on events that help us bond as family in Christ. WRL lets me do both. I don't want to just put on events that are fun, I want to put on events that lead to long-lasting friendships; I don't just want to be a leader of women, but I want to be a leader of women that leads to the Lord.

Tiara Long (VP for Student Relations)



I love the atmosphere and getting to know people and encountering people that I never would have outside of ASC. It's fun to find new people and get more perspective. The position is a lot of what I like to do, and teaching is my passion. Here I am able to be a helper, answer questions, and be a motivator.

Jon Herndon (VP of Finance)



I get to do what I love, and I get to do it for the student body. Finances aren't always the easiest things for people to deal with and understand, and that's something that I love. I love helping student leaders plan events and understand their finances better.

Zach Thurston (VP for Social Life)



Well, I enjoy being social so this position fits me pretty well. But in all seriousness, I love to interact with people and to see people working together to accomplish a goal. There are few things more satisfying than seeing the student body enjoying themselves when an event finally comes together.



Haley Carroll @hlcarroll24



Leadership retreat  
2014! #takenbackroads  
#SENIORclasscouncil



Above: The Freshman class council sent out Christmas cards to their class members to wish them a Merry Christmas.

# Servant Leaders

{ASC Voting Council}

On the campus of Olivet, it seems that there is always something going on. This

is thanks to the ASC Voting Council: a collective group of the executive council and the class councils. This group is in charge of planning and executing the various events on campus, as well as acting as a liaison between the student body and the administration.

"I really believe that system ASC uses is effective and beneficial to the student body," said Kaleb Miller, sophomore class president. "On ASC, we can see the many types of students on campus represented in one place. The class councils make up the many voices represented on campus and efficiently work together to speak on behalf of the students of Olivet Nazarene University. Everyone's opinion and beliefs can be expressed and heard on the voting council to better the students' experiences at ONU."

"Having the structure of an Executive Council and Class Councils representing each class allows ASC to specialize in each of the functions of service we provide and cater to the needs of the classes, and therefore the student body," shared Chelsea Risinger, student body president. "Unifying as the Voting Council at meetings twice a month allows the councils time to connect with one another, while discussing the happenings of the campus and addressing the needs of the students." Thanks to the hard work of the ASC Voting Council, Olivet is able to have the open and exciting atmosphere that it does.

"My favorite part of ASC is the relationship that we build with members of the administrative staff, or the "A-Team," shared Miller. "They are some of the nicest people you will meet, and they truly love the students. The A-Team works hard to ensure that we have the best experience we can have at ONU."



Far Above: The Sophomore class council paused for a quick group photograph after the all-school Christmas party. The ASC voting council helped plan and execute the party which was a huge success.

Above: The Junior class council showed off their movie goodies at the showing of *Guardians of the Galaxy* at the outdoor theatre.





**Far Left:** The upperclassmen members of the voting council took a group photograph at the outdoor movie theatre before the beginning of the school year.

**Left:** Michael Poff, Sayer Smith, Cameron Mason, and Sam Kwak were a few of the many ASC members who helped with Jump Start. They introduced the Freshman class to ASC and explained how the organization benefits the student body.

**Below:** The voting council had the honor of attending a Christmas party at the Bowling's home. They had appetizers and conversation before eating dinner in the President's Dining Room in Ludwig. (Photo by Wes Taylor)







**Above:** The GlimmerGlass editing team met on a regular basis to brainstorm, assign stories, and discuss news ethics.

**Right:** Sierra Navarro often drove to Lansing, IL to pick up the papers from the publisher.

**Far Right:** Photographer Megan Lingle and Life & Culture Editor Alex Ewers sat down to discuss the photographs that were needed for the next issue.





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# Breaking News

*{GlimmerGlass}* It wasn't hard to locate Glimmer Glass staff members for questioning because they all spend about 30-40 hours a week working in the office to provide the student body with hard-hitting journalism. Every issue requires an approval from all the editors, Life and Culture Editor Alex Ewers said. "We are in charge of making sure the content gets produced, because if we don't have the content we don't have the paper. We have to go through and make sure it is up to our standards." That means all the editors have to look over all of the content from a staff of 30 students, explaining why they spend so much time in the office! The Executive Editor Destiny Mitchell said in reference to the large staff, "[Students this year] are very proactive about coming down and talking to me." The large number of interested students seemed unusual to the editorial staff because they did not expect that kind of confidence.

Ewers shared his experience with first entering the GlimmerGlass office which he now considers a second home: "When I came to join I was shaking because I was about to enter the den of journalism." He was right in naming it the den of journalism, although he was sure to later say that "while the majority of the administrative work goes on in here, most of what makes the paper the paper is out there." The "out there" that Ewers referred to would be the student body. Sports Editor Nathan DiCamillo agreed and added that the goal for GlimmerGlass this year would be "trying to serve the student body better and getting them the information they need to know." Ewers continued, "Our purpose and what we are trying every day to accomplish with the

work we do, we want to be for the student body. We really want GlimmerGlass to be students' source of information and entertainment. We really have been working on trying to bring in our brand, and define who we are as a newspaper."

Not only is the staff working on defining the newspaper as a whole, but individually as well. DiCamillo gave this personal goal: "For sports, just trying to get students more involved with ONU sports, to get to know coaches and athletes better." When it was Ewers' turn to share, he said, "My personal goal is to be reflective of the student body. This year when I came in as the Life and Culture editor, or what was up until last year called Life News...I proposed the change [of the job title] to the life and culture section in an effort to make the section and the paper as a whole for the student body. It's so diverse and the campus is diverse, so I want to reflect that." Mitchell shared what she was personally working on: "I am a very relational person, and I am a relational leader, so a lot of my goals involve building and blurring the lines of the chain of command; I don't like the legalistic structure. I try to help [the staff] find themselves as photographers, writers, layout, and graphic designers. I want them to work with the paper and find in it a reflection of their work. It becomes a staple in a foundation of their legacy."

Ewers was clear to say, "First and foremost we are dedicated to telling the truth. We have dedicated ourselves to telling the truth even if it is not necessarily the pretty truth. Sometimes the ugly truth is the truth, and it has to be told. Tastefully, of course."

**Far Left:** The GlimmerGlass staff held several training sessions to increase the skill of the staff members. Sports Editor Nathan DiCamillo led a session where staff members learned about sports writing.

**Left:** GlimmerGlass Editor Destiny Mitchell led the distribution of 1600 issues of the paper. The GlimmerGlass published issues bi-weekly and covered a variety of topics from campus-wide issues to world news.







**Above:** This year, the coronation theme was "Blessings" and the WRL council personified class and elegance as they put on the Coronation event. (photo submitted).

**Right:** Ladies Night In featured a message from Theology professor Teresa Garner. (Photo by Wes Taylor)

**Far Right:** During Women's Appreciation Week, the WRL council passed out a daily devotional and a gift to the women of Olivet. (Photo by Wes Taylor)





# Encourage Beauty

**Below:** Maggie Cusey, Michaela Maris, and Hannah Whittington sported the Sister 2 Sister shirts at the Welcome Event where the upperclassmen big sisters met their freshman little sisters. (photo submitted)

**Below Middle:** One of the activities at Ladies Night In was a photobooth. The girls could gather a group of friends and take a fun photo to remember the evening. (photo submitted by Wes Taylor)

**Far Below:** At the Sister 2 Sister Kick-off party, the ladies could do a variety of things like paint their nails, make crafts, play games, and more!

{Women's Residential Life}

Encourage Beauty: That was the theme for WRL's Women's Appreciation Week that took place March 23-27, 2015. Each day of the week, ladies across campus received an email with a bible verse, an encouraging note, and an Instagram post from WRL. Members of Women's Residential Life also served the women of Olivet's campus by handing out gifts on the quad every day throughout the council's week of appreciation. Gifts included chocolate, stationery, bookmarks, Rooted Beauty Chap-stick, and Common Grounds coupons.

At the end of Women's Appreciation Week, WRL hosted Ladies Night In. At the event, the council stressed that the ladies on Olivet's campus have a true purpose. Teresa Garner spoke about being "purpose-driven" and the women in attendance felt refreshed and revived after the event. Before and after the speaker, women did crafts, ate snacks, and took pictures in the photo booth.

"We want the women of Olivet to know that there is a group of girls who care for them and pray

for them, and that is WRL," said Vice President of Women's Residential Life Michaela Maris. Michaela continued to explain, "We don't just put on events, we put on events that help women connect to other women, and even more importantly, to the Lord. Michaela explained that WRL "truly strives to better lives of women on campus" and that is evident with events like Women's Appreciation Week.

Women's Residential Life also plans and hosts events like Sister 2 Sister, Homecoming Coronation, and Mr. ONU. The WRL council, under the direction of Michaela Maris, plan these events to bring the women of this campus together for fellowship, encouragement, laughter, and so much more. Liza Dollenbacher stated that "WRL is a great opportunity for women. The events we put on bring girls from different classes together. We encourage one another to be who God created us to be." The ladies of the WRL truly have passion for seeing the women on campus grow in the Lord and as a community, and their love for the women of Olivet is extremely evident.



Life At Olivet @lifeatolivet



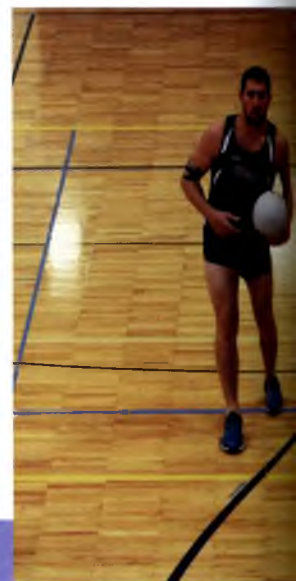
Today is the last day of Women's Appreciation Week, ladies don't forget Ladies Night In is tonight as well! #womensappreciationweek2015





**Right:** MRL held a new event this year where the freshmen of Olivet participated in a friendly wiffleball game. The event was a huge hit and enough guys showed up to form about 15 wiffleball teams.

**Far Right:** During Manvember, MRL held a costume dodgeball tournament and members of the Cross Country team showed up dressed out in their athletic gear to participate.



# The Men of Olivet

## {Men's Residential Life}

In a constantly changing environment, Cameron Mason has to be quick on his feet to keep Men's Residential Life interesting for his fellow guys on campus. Although MRL has existed for years, it is an ever-changing mix of people looking to provide the best experience for men on campus. Mason says, "MRL is not for a select group of individuals, but for all men. We desire to be recognized by the general population as an establishment that provides each male with opportunity to be involved in fun, Christ-centered community." Those fun activities include everything from wiffleball tournaments to the popular "Manvember" challenges witnessed all around campus during the month of November. While some of the events are long standing traditions, the VP for MRL also has the opportunity to tailor events specifically to the atmosphere on campus each year. "I have felt that I, myself, am pretty creative, but I have strategically planned each event

to build off of years past. I have created my own take but have also used some past successful events to move MRL forward. The challenge for future VP's will be to take what is successful and run with it, while always being prepared to establish new successful events" stated Mason. Some of the events that were new this year included the Settlers of Catan tournament and the "Calling All Champions" event where Ben Zobrist of the Tampa Bay Rays came to speak to the men of campus. These events have broadened the scope of MRL and allowed the group to reach even more students on campus.

After all of his hard work, Mason is proud to stand alongside his fellow male students as leaders on campus. He says, "I have been blessed to be able to take on this role behind the previous VP's, and we have been able to set MRL on the right path. It has been a pleasure to serve the men of this campus and I am incredibly thankful for the opportunity to do so."



**Far Above:** Kyle Hoffman and Cameron Mason played cornhole at the tailgate event. The guys hung out, participated in friendly cornhole competitions, and enjoyed food before heading over to the football game.

**Above:** Paul DaSilva and VP for Men's Residential Life Cameron Mason passed out flowers to the women on campus on Valentine's Day on behalf of MRL and the men of Olivet.





**Cameron Mason** @mameroncason



Tonight. I put on a MENS event with Ben Zobrist of the Tampa Bay Rays!  
#doingbigthings #weallcanlearn



**Above:** Shane Ferris stepped up to the plate during the wiffleball game. The event brought guys from Chapman, Nesbitt, and Hills together for a common cause: to enjoy the nice fall weather and play ball.



**Right:** In the Aurora, creative minds were brought together to produce a wonderful book. They did not just work, but created lifelong friendships as well.



# Record Keepers

*{Aurora}* Hard work. Deadlines. Interviews. Crazyiness. Fellowship. Creativeness. These are all words pertaining to Olivet Nazarene University's student-led yearbook, The Aurora. The yearbook is led by a student Executive Editor and has a staff of writers, photographers, and designers.

Every August, a carefully chosen, talented editor moves their belongings into the Aurora's Executive Editor office. This year, the office is occupied by Jordan Horn, a Senior Psychology and Intercultural Studies double major. Horn has been on staff since she began at Olivet her freshman year. The Executive Editor's job is to hold weekly meetings, organize the content, assign pages, group staff members into teams, edit all content before publication, be the liaison between yearbook staff and the Olivet community, and produce an outstanding yearbook for Olivet Nazarene University.

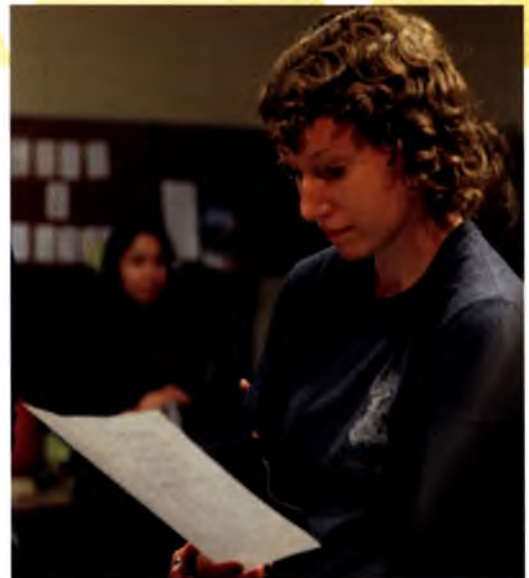
As well as having a gifted Executive Editor, the Aurora also boasts exceptional staff members responsible for writing, formatting, and publishing just about everything that happens at Olivet. All students with an interest in writing, photography, or layout design are strongly encouraged to apply and work for the Aurora.

This year, the Aurora has launched an #ONUYEARBOOK campaign in hopes of student participation in the yearbook. When students post a picture to Instagram, FaceBook, or Twitter, the Aurora requests that the student use the hashtag #onuyearbook. The staff at the Aurora can then go into these social media sites, search the hashtag, and use students' pictures for various pages in the book. This is a great campaign that provides students the opportunity to have their very own pictures throughout the yearbook, and has received hundreds of submissions.

**Right Top:** Senior Lindsey Miller was a writer for the Aurora. She brought not only her literary expertise to the team but also her kind heart and lots of laughter.

**Right Middle:** Joy Katenkamp worked as a designer for the Aurora.

**Right Bottom:** Working for the yearbook took commitment, talent and team work. The finished product created by the Aurora would not have been possible if communication did not play a big part in what they did and how they worked together.







**Far Left:** The staff who worked on the yearbook was a collection of different majors. Sophomore Kristin Hung who works as a photographer is a graphic design major.

**Left:** The Executive Editor is the brains of the operation. Her job is to oversee the team of designers, writers and photographers, make sure everything is ready to go to print and ensure everything is in line. Jordan Horn observed last year's book to generate ideas for this year's publication.

**Below:** Kate Kettlekamp, the executive designer for the Aurora, worked diligently to create and edit layouts. The layouts are the backbone and structure to the book which pull it all together.







# {Academics and Honor Societies}

How do you define yourself? We often say our fields of study are our passions, but college gives us permission to make them extensions of ourselves. As much as our studies are about preparing for life in the world abroad, they are also about knowing our skills and ourselves. Understanding is a thing to be sought, an ideal that is not just found in the classroom, but beyond.







# A Class Act

{Student Teachers}

Caleb Burkey

**Q: What kind of teaching do you do?**

I teach second grade, which means I'm planning all the subjects of the day, from the morning routines, which begin with the pledge of allegiance, to their intervention times, their phonics, their reading, their mathematics, their science; everything. I'll have full control as a teacher for about eight weeks. The three teachers that we're student teaching for all work very closely together, so we do our lesson planning together as a whole.

**Q: What are you hoping to teach in the future?**

Older elementary, fifth or sixth grade. I actually applied for fifth grade, but got placed in second for student teaching. I'll be endorsed in middle school English, which would be a lot of fun if that was thrown my way.

Shae Mowry

**Q: What got you interested in teaching?**

My middle school history teacher was awesome. His name was Mr. Fulton. This guy, for earth day, he brought in cantaloupes and he laid mats down, and in order to demonstrate the earth's tectonic plates, he smashed the fruit with a hammer, pieces are flying all over the place, and he would use the bits to explain how the plates work. There was one day where he was talking about Paul Revere. He grabs the broom out of his closet, runs down the Eighth Grade hallway, singing "The British are Coming!" An English Teacher comes out of her room and she looks really angry, but he doesn't care. He always graded in green—green's my favorite color—so I always grade in green too. I kind of model after him.

Valerie Erickson

**Q: What is your favorite part about student teaching?**

I love working with the kids, being that positive influence in their lives. My class is a very rough class; home life is horrible for most of them. Just being that positive influence, getting them to learn and be excited—to show God's light to them—love on them, show that there's an adult that can give good feedback and positive encouragement. I like seeing them learn and "get that lightbulb" too.

Tai Peachey

**Q: What does a typical day look like in your classroom?**

I'm in a fourth grade class at Bradley West right now, and I love it. I get up pretty early because I like to be prepared. When I get to school, there's planning and printing that I have to do. I don't have my own printer pass, because I'm not a teacher, so I have to do all my printing in the morning—which stinks, because I'd prefer to do it days before—but overall it's fine, because I get there early enough. Then I get the classroom ready for the kids to come in. When the bell rings in the morning I'm there to greet them at the door. I love to see them in the morning and say their name and pat them on the back. When the day gets started, the first thing I do is social studies, and it's like a block system, so I do P.E., library, computer, art, and then I teach social studies. Then I have a planning period, then I teach math and reading. Then they have lunch, then science, then grammar. And that's the day!



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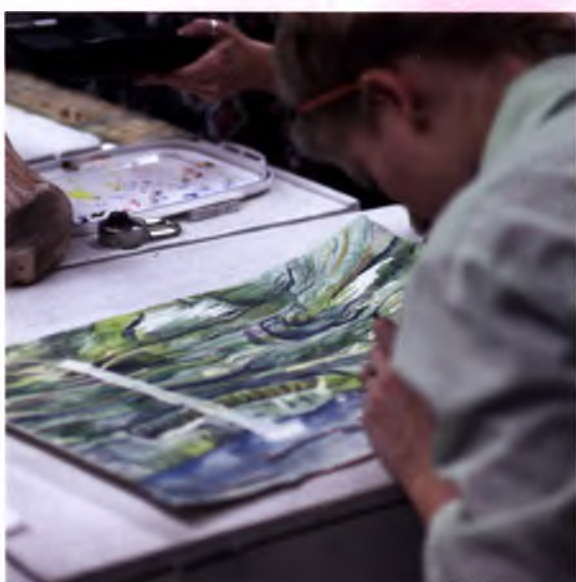


(all photos submitted)



**Right:** Professor Greiner demonstrated watercolor techniques for the beginning watercolor students.

**Below:** Vittoria Miulli drew a rough sketch of the image she wanted to paint before actually putting paint down on the paper.



**Above:** The beginning watercolor class started by working landscapes. Many of the students used personal photographs to help inspire their pieces.



**Above:** Kristy Kjell concentrated intently on editing a photograph while in Photoshop class.



# Seek Inspiration

**Below:** Kerry Stryzewski worked on her watercolor painting by putting masking fluid down to protect the areas she wanted to preserve.



## {Art and Digital Media Department}

Olivet's art and digital media classrooms are located in lower-level Larsen and the computer labs of the Communications Department. Students can be found there working on projects in their classrooms at all hours of the day or putting away finished art work in their lockers for safe keeping. Freshman Luke Wright has brought his passion for art all the way from Delaware. "I prayed about it a lot and God just really led me here." Macy Thomas, another freshman, has her own inspiration: her dad, Olivet's own Professor Gary Thomas. "Both of my drawing classes are taught by him," she said. "He's not weird about it or anything. Growing up I would watch him draw all the time and I thought, 'Wow, that's really cool!'" Although her dad has been influential, Macy has made art her own with her concentration in graphic design.

Senior Taylor Cole is an example of where Olivet's art department can lead you. With a concentration in photography, Taylor has worked for Olivet's marketing department and hopes to get a similar job after graduation. The most important message she has taken away from her fantastic professors is what it means to be a Christian artist. "Sometimes it's hard to associate those two together. You think of Christian artists painting crosses and Jesus fishes, but it doesn't always have to be like that. You can glorify God without being super cliché and cheesy." She plans to live out this message in both her personal and professional photography outside of Olivet. "There's a lot of ways to minister to people through art, whether or not you're making something specifically Christian."



**Above:** Junior Lindsay Hathaway worked with oil paint, legos and newspaper on canvas to create a multicolored masterpiece.



# People Studying People



**Above:** At the Psi Chi introduction event, students received a paper and had to find other students who met certain characteristics. Nadia Skrzecz and Ariel Grainger discussed which of the characteristics they fit. (photo submitted)

**Below:** Dr. Veit, the advisor for Psi Chi and Psychology professor, opened the Psi Chi event with an ice breaker game. (photo submitted)



## {Behavioral Sciences Department and Psi Chi}

Each field of study included at Olivet has its own signature mark. The Behavioral Sciences department is marked by learning to care for the mind. "A pastor once told me that my calling was to be "a Christian cleverly disguised as a psychologist,"" said Professor Kristian Veit. "This is much deeper than simply teaching psychology from a Christian perspective. Sure, we look at psychological content through the lens of Scripture in our classes, and we are intentional in asking the Lord to guide our understanding; however, all that I do as a professor, not just the delivery of content, should be influenced by who I am in Christ."

"I love being able to have God as the focus of things," said senior Ryan Covarrubias. "You're able to learn everything from both sides that way."

"My hopes are that the students would work hard, learn much, have fun, stay humble, serve others, and ultimately realize just how much they are cared for by us professors and-

more importantly--by God Himself," shared Professor Veit. Psi Chi, the Psychology Honor Society, also keeps members of the Behavioral Sciences department active in their fields.

"We plan social events that allow psychology majors and minors to meet and build relationships with [each other]," explained senior and Treasurer Peter Jensen. "These events include things like our fall bonfire, and our Psi Chi initiation night."

Involvement in a department's respective honor society provides members with many opportunities on campus and within the field. "This opportunity has allowed me to work closely with my peers and professors. Through Psi Chi, I have gotten to know more about psychology, as well as the students within the major," said junior and President Holly Billiter. "Involvement in Psi Chi has allowed me to better market myself for future employers. Also, simply speaking with peers has shown me the many opportunities in the field of psychology."





**Kayla M @kaylamou**



Fall nights #onyearbook #psichi  
#smores

**Left:** Dr. Pearabeau, one of the Sociology professors, discussed the topic of the distribution of goods and services in a society in Cultural Anthropology class.



**Far Above:** The Psi Chi students and professors posed for a silly photograph at the annual Christmas Party.

**Above:** Holly Billiter, the President of the Olivet Chapter of Psi Chi, had fun while playing a friendly game of Quelf.

**Left:** Psi Chi held a game night where students gathered in the Alumni house for a night of laughter and fellowship with other students of the same major.



**Right:** Dr. Veld helped students dissect a cat to reinforce the concepts and information learned in Anatomy class.

**Below:** Alina Holliday, Lisa Rizzo, Megan Rogann, and Evelyn Unti participated in a contest where they turned a team member into a snowman at the Biophilic Christmas party. (photo submitted)



**Above:** Students carefully dissected their cat in order to get a better look at the muscle structure.

**Right:** Mary DeMent, Amy Brenner, Lisa Rizzo, Jonathan Elliott and Drew Frey played ring toss and got into the Christmas spirit at the Biophilic party. (photo submitted)





# A Passion for Biology

**Below:** The junior Biophilic students showed off their winning Jack-o-lantern at the annual Halloween party. They decided to showcase their knowledge of bacteria and microscopes on their pumpkin. (photo submitted)



## Biology Department and Biophilic Club promotes

community service within the Biology department, Olivet's campus, and surrounding area, as well as understanding biology and the environment. To Senior Biology major Amy Brenner, Biophilic isn't just for Biology majors, but for "anyone who enjoys biology." Brenner is a member of the club because she likes getting together with other students who have the same passion for life science. "It's nice to be able to spend time doing fun activities outside of class together," said Brenner.

Brenner has "gained invaluable leadership skills from being on the Biophilic council and has created lasting friendships with others who have similar interests." Brenner joined the club because she knew other students who participated. She has been a part of the club for three years and on the council for two. Brenner said, "This opportunity has given me the chance to truly serve in the community and develop closer relationships with not only my peers, but also my professors." The beginning and end-of-the-year parties seem to be popular because "it's encouraging to see how much the club grows and changes in one academic year," explained Brenner.

Several members of the Biology Club also participate in the Kankakee River Clean Up each year, which has been a great experience for those members wanting to help the environment. This year, Biophilic plans on working alongside a few other science clubs on campus in an attempt to integrate the different

departments. Most science majors are required to take lower level science classes together, but once they start taking higher-level courses, the students don't have many opportunities to spend time together. By combining club events, students from all science majors will be able to spend time outside of class getting to know each other better, connecting, and joining in fellowship.

Another goal for the 2014-2015 school year is for members of the club to make "professional connections with doctors who work in nearby hospitals and clinics and focus on volunteering in the community as a club," said club President Liza Rizzo. Olivet's Biology department is turning out students who have a solid background in math, are good at critical and analytical thinking, and enjoy applying facts learned in research. The department prepares students for post-graduation, as Olivet graduates "consistently exceed the national average when it comes to acceptance rates into graduate programs and medical school."

Biology students at Olivet have the opportunity to not only learn from a highly respected department faculty, but to take some of their own white blood cells to test, grow mammalian cells to study, and learn anatomy by using cadavers. The department also offers Healthcare Job Shadowing in which students "spend time with local healthcare professionals working in many different specialties." Junior biology student Nicole Whiting says, "The biology department is wonderful. All of the students and professors are close and genuinely care for one another. It's definitely a family."



# Sharing the Wealth



**Right:** This year, Enactus was lead by Rebecca Crane and Alex Blakely. This duo teamed up to really make difference in the Business Department locally and globally.



## {Business Department and Enactus}

Students in Olivet's Business Department are trained to "shake up the corporate world and serve as an ambassador for Christ as they impact people, the planet, and profit with a degree in business." The gifted department faculty teach students the skills that they need for a successful career in business.

Students of all majors are invited to join Olivet's nationally recognized Enactus team. Enactus is a "global, nonprofit organization active in 40 countries around the world and more than 800 universities in the United States. Enactus is the second largest student body organization in the world."

The 2014-2015 Enactus team at Olivet has focused on winning grants, both on campus and off campus. The team's main project is the Sewing Project in Swaziland, Africa, where members continue to help grow the business and teach sustainability.

In the fall semester, the team applied for a Women's Empowerment grant through Walmart to be used to educate and empower women in the area. With the grant money, Enactus hosted a series of three classes at the local Pregnancy Resource Center, Center of Hope, and KC-CASA. They have taught business skills

and have empowered the women to provide for their families. The team believes their efforts will have "sustainable results."

The team also applied for Sam's Club's Small Business Grant, and once awarded the grant money, used it to work with Rooted Beauty, a natural skin care business backed by Olivet Alumnus Lindsay Peterson. With the funds, Enactus created a promotional video for the brand, set up market research in the store, created a marketing plan, and headed up advertising.

Current Enactus Co-Presidents Alex Blakely and Rebecca Crane would like to recognize Enactus Advisor Dr. Lynda Allen for her twelve years of service with the team. According to Blakely and Crane, Dr. Allen has "focused hundreds and hundreds of hours on Enactus." Crane explained that a student that takes Enactus as a class is required to log 50 hours, however Dr. Allen exceeds that amount substantially. Blakely also explained that at ONU's Enactus level, they would not be able to perform without her. At competition last year, the team made the top 50, which "wouldn't have happened without her." The Co-Presidents also added, "She brings a small school to the same level as the huge schools."







**Left:** Each year, Enactus holds mock interview sessions where students can come and polish up their skills. Brittany Luchene took advantage of this opportunity to strengthen her interview skills.

**Below:** The students within the business department have won countless awards and honors, proving that it is a top-notch program. (photo submitted)



**Above:** Enactus has partnered with Rooted Beauty, a natural skin care and beauty line, and have received 2 grants for a total of \$1500 for the work that is being done to empower women who own businesses. (photo submitted)

**Left:** Several of the business students and Dr. Lynda Allen traveled to Swaziland where they helped with the Sewing Project. This was the first sewing machine and table that were purchased with a loan that was provided by Enactus. (photo submitted)



**Right:** Adeena Balthazor folded cloths that were collected by the Persuasion and Media Influence class for donation.

**Below:** Students within the Communications Department reviewed videos to see how the concepts learned in lecture apply to speeches.

**Far Below:** Lambda Pi Eta holds an annual Halloween event called "Commies in Costumes" where members show up decked out in their most creative Halloween gear.



**Above:** Dr. Beth Patrick-Tripple teaches students how to "Group and Label" when organizing their speeches.

**Right:** The communications professors prove that education is not all work and no play. While on their annual motorcycle ride, they stopped for a quick group photo.





# Share Your Voice

**Below:** Communications Senior Seminar, a mandatory course for all students majoring in Communications, requires the students to give a senior speech. The process of preparing for and giving the speech was a difficult one, but for the first time since the creation of the course, every student passed their speech on the first try.



## {Communications Department and Lambda Pi Eta}

Encompassing Corporate Communications, Radio, Film Studies, Theatre, and Journalism, the Communications Department is preparing students to enter as professionals into many different fields. The Communications Department believes in the many types of communication, and how communication is the foundation for everything else. Whether it be communication via public speaking, radio, acting, film, or writing, the Communications Department has it all.

Whether it is dressing up for Halloween or joining together for a community service project, the Communications Honor Society is filled with great opportunities for students in the major. "Lambda likes to plan events that bring communications majors together. It's about uniting members and creating time for us to get to know one another outside of class," says Senior and society president Jessica Ellison. Lambda Pi Eta hosts the famous "Commies in Costumes" party every year: a chance for students to get together and show off their creative sides in Halloween costumes. The honor society also puts on their annual Comm Week, "a week of communications-themed events that are informal and fun." Through all of their efforts, Lambda Pi Eta strives to show communication majors' strengths and create pride within the field.



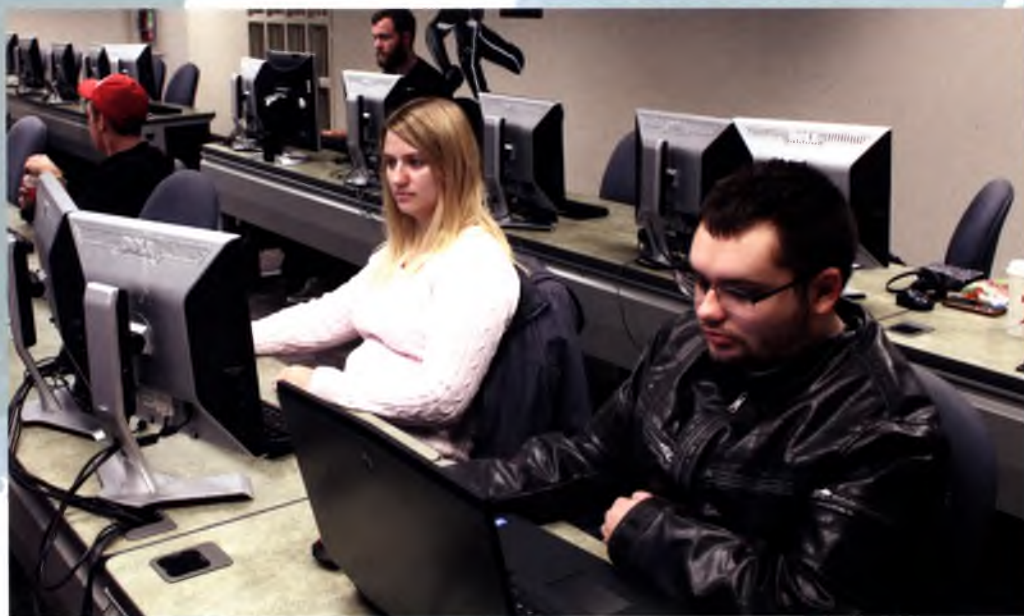
Above: Samuel Cullado shared his opinion with his professor during class discussion.



# Hardwired for Success

**Rightt** The Computer Science department includes three areas of study: Business Information Systems, Computer Science, and Information Systems.

**Below:** Students who graduate with a degree in the Computer Science Department have many open doors following their time at Olivet including data processing, information technology, software sales and engineering, and much more!



## {Computer Science Department}

The fun-loving students and faculty of the Computer Science department have a knack for languages: computer programming languages, that is. Freshman Brittnay Widdowson says, "A programming class that I took in high school made me realize that I really enjoy programming, and I have always been good with computers." Anything can happen in the Computer Science department. Whatever it is that a person may want a computer to do, the students in the Computer Science department can probably make it happen!

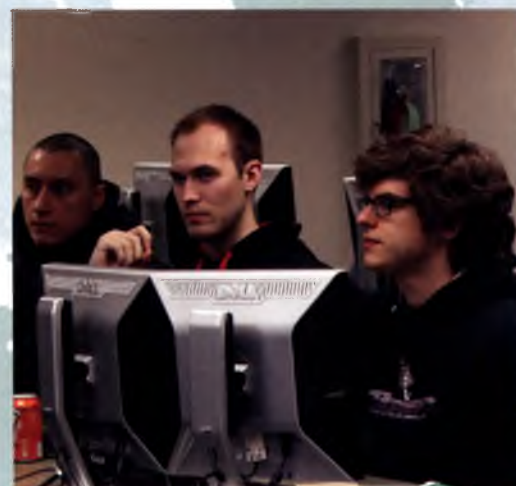
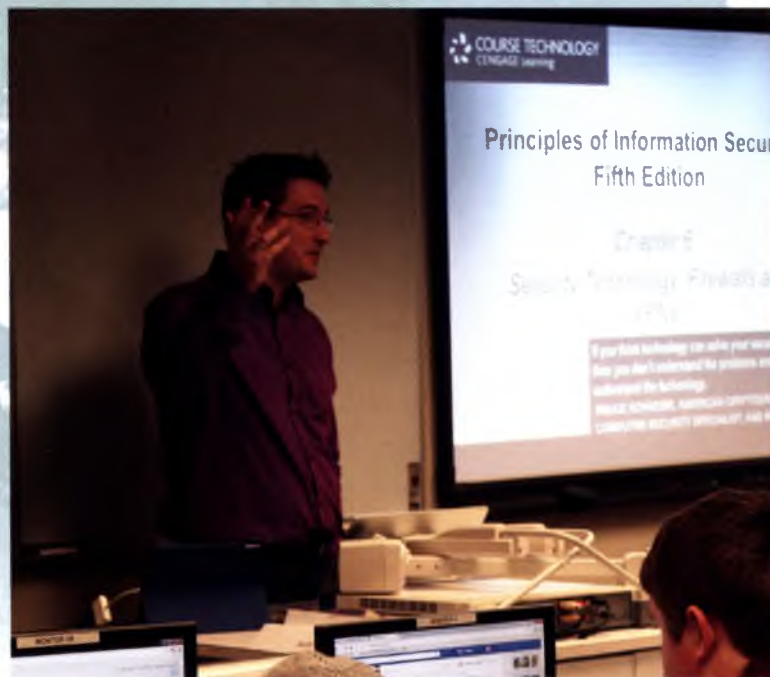
Despite the wide array of options that programming makes possible, "Patience is key when you are sitting in front of a screen for hours working on one problem," Widdowson comments. She continues, "Aside from spending hours finding the one missing semi-colon, we like to have fun." Keeping fun as a focus can easily "turn an average lecture into 50 minutes of student interaction and laughter." Classes on programming, computer hardware, and seminars prepare students in the Computer Science department for their futures in the field.





**Left:** Students in the Computer Science department learn through a variety of means including lecture and hands-on experience in the computer labs.

**Below:** Courses in the department cover a broad array of technologically-based information including programming, software design, web development, security issues, and other topics.



**Far Above:** Katelynn Schurman highlighted her notes to keep her thoughts organized.

**Above:** Roman Endrizzi, Caleb Brewer, and James Palmer pay attention to lecture material so they can demonstrate thorough understanding in later assignments.

**Left:** The Computer Science department can be found in the basement of Weber where students can access computer labs and other resources.



# Equipping Future Teachers

**Below:** Tiara Long and Tallie Berg decorated their classroom bulletin board with a "Despicable Me" theme.



{Education Department and Kappa Delta Pi}

The School of Education at Olivet has undergone quite a few changes as of late, with the welcoming of Dean Robert Hull, the introduction of the iPad initiative, and the implementation of the edTPA being just a few examples.

"It is a privilege to be selected as the new Dean for the School of Education," said Dr. Hull. "So far I have been impressed by the excellent quality of the faculty and staff at the School of Education, the friendliness of the students, and the high standard of the overall professional program offered to student teacher candidates at ONU. I'm appreciative of Dr. Upchurch and the many excellent faculty that have laid this impressive foundation for ONU's School of Education. I am also appreciative of ONU's administrative leadership who continue to provide resources that enhance these learning opportunities."

Despite the adjustments that have been made to fulfill the new requirements of the edTPA for student teaching, Dr. Hull--as well as the rest of the professors within the School of Education--are hopeful that Olivet's

teacher candidates will continue fulfilling the department's conceptual framework. "Our goal is that our teacher candidates will continue to be Professionals that Influence Lives," shared Dr. Thomas Knowles.

In order to continue preparing and developing professionally, the education honor society Kappa Delta Pi organizes various events, such as socials and panels with teachers and principals, throughout the year for teacher candidates to participate in.

"The purpose of Kappa Delta Pi is to equip teachers with the best strategies to teach," stated Kappa Delta Pi President Jessica Manning. "Events like the teacher and principal panels are opportunities to gain insight from the real world. Participating in Kappa Delta Pi's council also offers great insight into educational leadership by working together with kindred spirits towards a goal."

Whether in class or on a council, the candidates within Olivet's School of Education are working hard to become professionals who influence lives.

**Below:** Gina Bianchi stated, "I am student teaching in first grade, and we made these writing/art projects to complete our dental health unit. The writing is called 'three ways I keep my teeth healthy' and the teeth are made out of marshmallows, which made this project so fun to make!"



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**Left:** Kappa Delta Pi holds a Principal Panel each year, and invites local educators to come and interact with education students, share about their experiences, and answer questions.

**Below:** Student teaching candidates consult with Dr. Sara Spruce during the annual Kappa Delta Pi Principal Panel.



**Far Above:** The leaders of Kappa Delta Pi introduce the principals of area schools to kick off the annual Principal Panel.

**Above:** These teacher candidates came prepared to ask questions of the principals and administrators at the Kappa Delta Pi event.

**Left:** Amber DeYoung, Lindsey Hamlin, and Stacey Knoderer listen intently and take notes as they listen to the principals share their experiences.



## {Student Education Association, National Science Teachers Association, and the National Association of Music Educators}

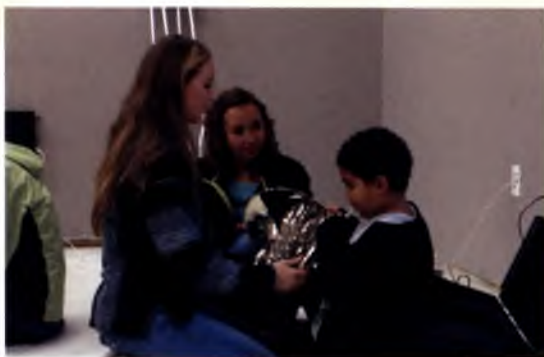
While the field of education is one of Olivet's largest areas of study, it also happens to be incredibly diverse. With so many different grade levels and content areas, there are countless opportunities to continue learning and growing as a future educator. Organizations such as the Student Education Association (SEA), the National Association of Music Educators (NAfME), and the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) allow for such growth on campus and in the community.

The Student Education Association is a group that includes opportunities for all future educators on campus to get involved in their field and complete experience hours for portfolio requirements. "SEA has prepared me to be an educator by learning how to become a better leader," said senior and SEA President Sarah Ready. "It has really gotten me involved in the department I'm majoring in. Furthermore, it has opened my eyes to many different types of school systems. By participating in our programs, I have seen how different schools operate and it has prepared me, the best that it can, for any type of school that I will be teaching in."

The National Science Teachers Association's mission, as shared by senior Ellie Jolly, is "to promote excellence and innovation in science teaching and learning for all." As the Traveling Science Circus Coordinator, Jolly has been able to get

a generous amount of hands-on experience with the promotion of science. "NSTA is involved in a variety of events," shared Jolly. "During homecoming, alums can leave their children in our care and we will teach science concepts and complete hands-on science activities with them. [...] We also put on a number of events during the year; we travel to the area high schools, middle schools and elementary schools to help enrich learning. We judge science fairs and often have elementary schools come to campus for different activities. We also partner with the planetarium to give students hands on emphasis on concepts taught there. We participate in volunteer opportunities at the Illinois Science Teacher's conference where we gain valuable skills, curriculum insight and sometimes even materials for our classrooms."

The National Association of Music Educators also provides its members with a plethora of opportunities to get involved with students and gain experience. "We do all kinds of fun music activities. We are often asked to help usher at music events on campus. We have gone to Pembroke with Compassionate Ministries to do music activities with the kids there," said senior President Cassandra Petrie. "I have been exposed to many different ideas and theories currently circulating the music education world. I have also seen many different groups perform and have developed ideas of how I want to function in my future as a music educator."



**Far Above:** Taylor Stark held the flute as a child tried out the instrument. NafME provides students with opportunities to see what being a music educator is truly like in a setting outside of the classroom. (photo submitted)

**Above:** Members of NafME helped a young child experiment with the french horn. (photo submitted)

**Right:** The members of the National Association of Music Educators (NAfME) gather together on a regular basis to grow as a group as they prepare for their careers.







**Left:** Members of the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) gathered for a group photo after working hard to teach students about the beauty of science. These future educators take their calling to teach science very seriously and take every opportunity they can get to interact with students and gain experience in their field.



**Above:** The Student Education Association leaders and faculty representatives bring together students pursuing all areas of education and provides field experience opportunities to career-minded students.



**Far Above:** NSTA members gained some practical experience by teaching some boyscouts chemistry principles using gumdrops and toothpicks. (photo submitted)



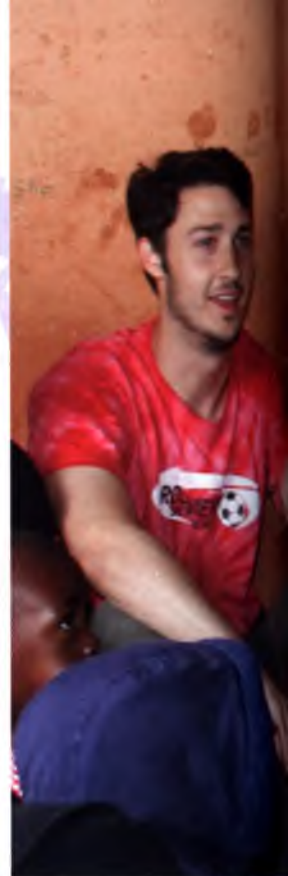
**Above:** Dr. Aggie Veld led a NSTA event by explaining the activities and principles that would be learned. (photo submitted)

# Equipping Future Teachers

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# Missionengineering



## {Engineering}

Olivet's Engineering Department has many qualities to be proud of. Classes are taught by outstanding faculty, the curriculum emphasizes engineering fundamentals and relevant hands-on experience, and team projects prepare students for the workplace. The department offers degrees in Computer, Electrical, Geological, and Mechanical Engineering and is currently working on developing a Civil Engineering degree. The new engineering wing of Reed Hall of Science was officially dedicated during Homecoming Weekend, and the faculty and students are currently enjoying the beautiful facility and all of its resources. Furthermore, the Engineering Department prides itself on offering life-changing missions opportunities for students to apply their classroom knowledge within developing nations with great physical and spiritual needs.

One of the ways the Engineering Department has redefined mission work within their major is through "missionengineering". The term "missionengineering" was coined by the late Dr. Ken Johnson and Olivet alum Aaron Lucas on the department's trip to Swaziland in summer 2013. The ingenious term has become a way to "identify oneself as a missions-minded engineer," says Daniel Going, a Senior Electrical Engineering student.

Senior Mechanical Engineering major Jessie Eckerley adds, "Missionengineering is a name that represents what the engineering department is striving to be and that is: Engineers who go out into the world and wherever they go, can be missionaries and living examples of God and His love while using whatever talent God has blessed them with."

Engineering students have traveled to Swaziland in both the summer of 2013 and the summer of

2014. The department will send students to both Haiti and Arizona in the upcoming year as part of the "missionengineering" movement.

The Society of Women Engineers (SWE) is a "professional organization that is dedicated to encouraging women to achieve everything they can in a successful engineering career all while demonstrating diversity and its importance in the workplace," says SWE Chapter President Kendra Maxon. This year, Olivet's SWE chapter has grown to over 27 members, with their starting number last year being only 12. Membership has increased due to this year's fantastic Executive Council made up of Kendra Maxon (President), Jessie Eckerley (Vice President), Loren Crawford (Secretary), and Taylor Williams (Treasurer). The Executive Council traveled to the Annual Society of Women Engineers Conference in Los Angeles this past October and in the spring they plan to do "outreach events during Engineers Week and will be attending the Region H Conference," says Maxon. The officer team welcomes both male and female engineers to join as well as anyone in a science, technology, or math field.

Olivet Engineering Club exists to bring together the community of Engineering students. Club events have included a potato launcher, a Rube Goldberg machine, holiday parties, among other things. The members come together to engage in friendly competition and fellowship with individuals who share the same vocational goals and interests. The students involved in Olivet Engineering Club come together to apply principles learned in classes to fun and creative projects and get to see their engineering skills put into action.

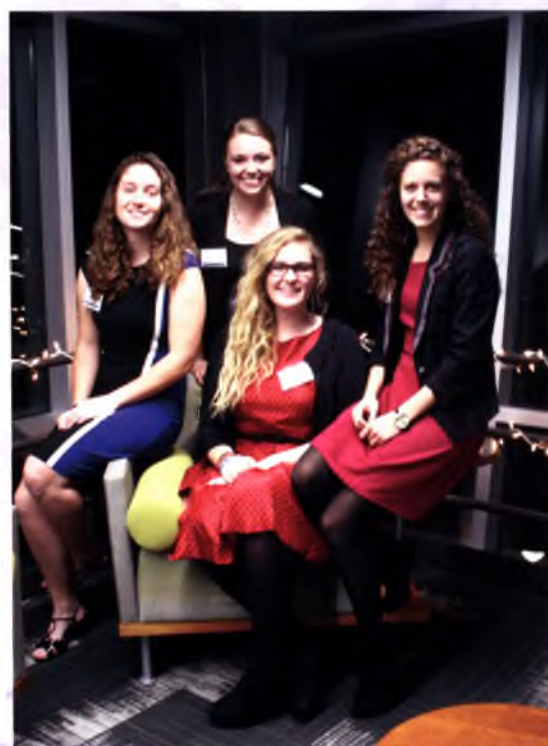






**Left:** Austin Hughes participated in the Missionering trip to Swaziland during the summer of 2014. (photo submitted)

**Below:** During Homecoming Week, the Kenneth E. Johnson Technology Center was opened. During the open house, many Missioners gathered together to share their experiences with students and Alumni.



**Above:** The Olivet SWE chapter was lead by Jessie Eckerley, Kendra Maxon, Taylor Williams, and Loren Crawford. These four women have been involved in starting SWE and saw it change from an idea to an official group with over 27 members.

**Left:** During the Tech Center opening, Alec Denecke demonstrated one of the many projects that is being completed in the new building. The new space provided more area and tools for Engineering students to use.



**Right:** Rachel Hensley completed a Harry Potter themed craft at the Sigma Tau Delta event. (photo submitted)

**Below:** Students listen carefully to the instructions for their next assignment in Creative Writing class.



**Above:** Sigma Tau Delta held a Banned Books event where students could participate in a variety of activities. There was a Harry Potter themed photobooth where Brenda Jones, Katelyn Oprondek and Erin Stephens got into character for a snapshot. (photo submitted)



**Above:** The new inductees, Alex VanDehey, Carrie Leato, Kristen Coser, and Rachel Hensley, could not have been more excited to become members of Sigma Tau Delta. (photo submitted)



# A Love of Language

**Below:** Katelyn Oprondek, Brenda Jones, Lindsay Miller, Erin Taylor, and Shayla Hancock were the Sigma Tau Delta officers this year. (photo submitted)



## Department of English and Modern Languages and Sigma Tau Delta

The English Department turns out students equipped with the necessary skills to work in a variety of careers. The department's mission is to "teach students to communicate effectively, to recognize and appreciate the interplay between languages and culture, to interact critically with a wide range of texts, and to apply these skills in their lives of service to God and humanity." The department faculty enjoys knowing students on a first name basis, as well as getting to know the students during their time at Olivet. English majors at Olivet have the opportunities to study abroad, take cultural field trips, join Sigma Tau Delta, and help create the Tygr Literary and Art Magazine.

Sarah Ready shared that the English Department provides students with the opportunity to go to Burkina Faso to help teach English to students in the country. Her favorite memory is going on that trip in May 2014. Ready explained, "While we were there we taught Sunday School to three different churches, tutored English students at the University of Ouagadougou, and taught ESL lessons to students as young as 5 years old through high school age students." She then added that it was the most rewarding thing she has ever done. According to Ready, the professor that had the biggest impact on her was Professor Belcher-Rankin. "She was the leader of our trip to Africa," she explained. "She not only is a wonderful professor who challenges me and pushes me to be a better student, she has also strengthened my faith by opening class with devotions, praying over us in Africa and in the classroom,

"The best thing about the English Department is that the professors care about you in and outside the classroom," added Ready. "Every single English professor that I've ever had has shown me grace, love, and kindness. You can tell this is a Christian University when the professors care about you as more than just their student."

Sigma Tau Delta may sound like a bunch of confusing Greek words, but to any English studies major (and anyone who speaks Greek) these three words represent the National English Honor Society. As Sigma Tau Delta President Shayla Hancock explained, "The purpose of the honor society is to support students in their pursuit of English excellence." Under the supervision of the highly intelligent and inspiring Dr. Belcher-Rankin, members participate in induction ceremonies, conduct a banned book campaign on campus, attend the national convention for the society, and assist in research for the Burkina Faso missions team. Hancock shared what being a member has done for her: "I have been able to network with other students who share my same interests, gotten to know my professors better, and have a more attractive resume... My favorite part of being a member is being able to spend time with people who are also passionate about the English language." Sigma Tau Delta is about individuals gathering in celebration of English studies and working together to spread their love of the English language from Olivet's campus all the way to Africa and beyond.



# Stretch It Out!



**Above:** Kyle Sleik ran away from Wilbur Lovitt when he realized he was in danger of being tagged "it" during the game.

## {Exercise Science Department and Club}

The Exercise Science Club meets bi-weekly and sometimes even more frequently in order to prepare for one of their many events that prep exercise science majors for graduate school. Mitchel Dale, President of the Exercise Science Club, shared some of the events and characteristics of the club:

### **Q: How would you describe the Exercise and Sports Science Club community?**

**A:** I believe the Exercise Science majors are ambitious and studious because graduate school is hard to get into. But they are also friendly and helpful because most of the individuals in the major are there to help others rehabilitate from injuries.

### **Q: What inspired you to get involved in Exercise and Sports Science Club?**

**A:** I enjoy helping students feel more comfortable about graduate school and feel more prepared once they get there.

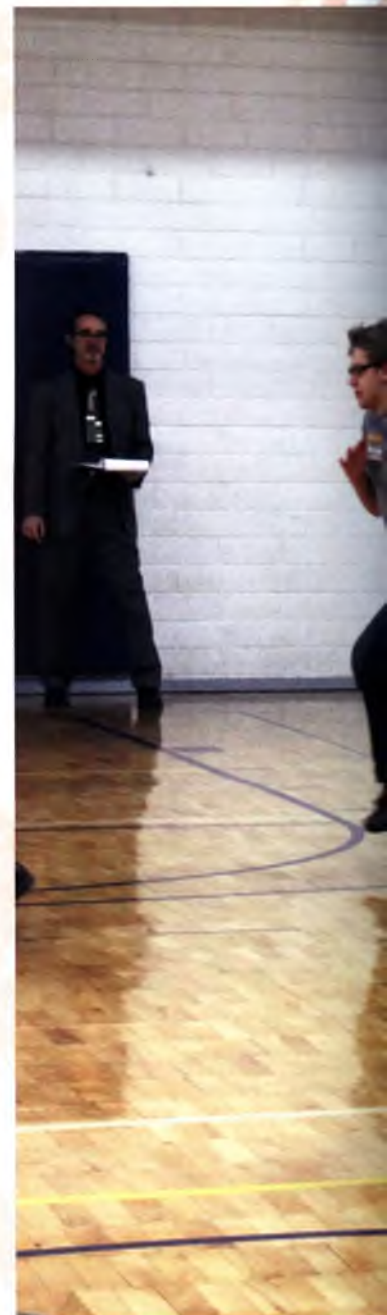
### **Q: What are this year's goals for Exercise and Sports Science Club?**

**A:** Our goals include helping students feel more confident about the profession they go into, knowing and understanding what needs to be done for a competitive application to graduate schools, and feeling prepared once they get into graduate school.

### **Q: What activities does Exercise and Sports Science Club hold throughout the year?**

**A:** The activities that the Exercise Science Club run are mostly informational sessions to ensure that students are doing the things they need to so that they can get into graduate school. Specifics include: career night where different graduate schools and professions are presented so that students are informed about the options available to them, physical therapy night about physical therapy school where actual physical therapy students talk about what graduate school is like and give advice to help Olivet students be prepared, and information sessions on how to fill out PTCAS and take the GRE.

**Below:** Students learned the correct technique for throwing frisbees.







**Left:** Meghan Houk spotted her next target, Wilbur Lovitt, during their game of tag.

**Below:** Haley Carroll stayed cautious during the game of tag. As she avoided her opponents, she was able to remain in the game.



**Far Above:** Students learn a variety of games that can be applied in a physical education setting.

**Above:** Sarah Stidham scooted her way through the obstacle course.

**Left:** Students were reminded of their childhood when playing "sharks and minnows," a beloved playground classic.



**Right:** Students from the FACS department prepare meal packets at Feed My Starving Children to be sent to children in Guatemala. That particular night, students packed enough food to feed 28 kids for a year!

**Below:** Dani Martin is working on a craft during a sewing night for mothers and daughters as part of her senior service project.

**Far Below:** Members of the Student Dietetic Association gathered together for a time of thanksgiving during their annual Thanksgiving Dinner.



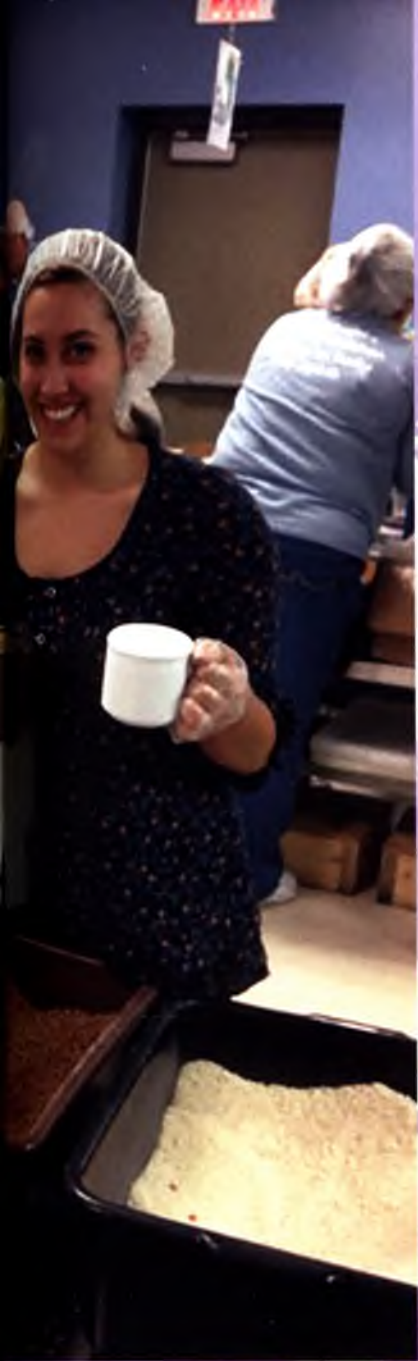
**Above:** Students from the FACS department come together to plan and host an annual Fashion Show, hosted by SUFACS each year.

**Right:** Sabra Reichow helps a mother and daughter sew together some felt pumpkins as part of her senior service project.





# Meeting Core Needs



**Above:** FACS seniors celebrate their last day of FACS 498, Professionalism, Issues, and Actions.



**Left:** Kappa Officers represent leadership, scholarship and research in the FACS department.

## FACS Department and Honor Societies

Within the department of Family and Consumer Sciences, there are a number of student organizations including the Student Unit of Family and Consumer Sciences (SUFACS). SUFACS was designed to “unite the FACS students and give them an opportunity to serve others,” says President Hannah Whittington. SUFACS hosts several different activities throughout the year including the Christmas Bazaar and ONU Fashion Show.

Kappa Delta Rho is the FACS department’s honor society that senior Hannah Moyers says “has a strong emphasis on the development of leadership, research, and scholarship in their members as they work towards developing professionals.” She also comments, “The FACS department is unique in the way that it encompasses a variety of different majors. I was originally so confused as to why majors like dietetics, interior design, child development, and fashion merchandising were grouped together, but if you look deeper you see how those majors connect to the core needs of our lives: food, clothing, shelter, and education. Even though there are people in this department who are studying completely different areas of life, we fit together and share the desire to serve others.”

The larger, national organization of Kappa Omicron Nu

works to connect leaders within the department of Family and Consumer Sciences so that opportunities like conferences and research grants can be utilized and appreciated. The society is a place where students in the FACS department can be exposed to the professional world of Family and Consumer Sciences.

The Student Dietetics Association is a club that strives to “promote nutrition and a healthy lifestyle throughout Olivet’s campus and the surrounding community,” states senior Justine Myers. At monthly meetings members plan events and discuss continuing education opportunities. The club’s intriguing competitions and fundraisers excite the imagination with names such as The Amazing Race, Dump Your Plump, and the annual Chocolate Covered Strawberry fundraiser. Through the excitement, relationships are built and strengthened during the time spent studying the vast field of Dietetics. Justin Myers states, “The Family and Consumer Science department’s well-rounded academic programs, professional development units, internships, practicum hours, service projects, department portfolios, and courses on professional issues all prepare students for their future careers. The dietetics program at Olivet is one of few dietetics programs in the nation that provides practicum hours in the hospital, community nutrition settings, and foodservice operations for their students during undergraduate schooling.”





**Above:** Pi Alpha Theta allows students with a passion for history to come together to learn from the past and to make a difference in the community around them.

**Right:** Annie Perez took lecture notes before moving into a class discussion.

**Far Right:** In one history class students listened attentively to a presentation about Guatemala.





# History in the Making



**Above:** Dr. Claborn, a beloved professor in the Department of History and Political Science, keeps the classroom engaged through discussion and student participation.

## {Department of History and Phi Alpha Theta}

The Department of History allows students to study the past in order to make a better future. Students within the history department learn to look at history to better understand the world and humanity. History majors have a broad range of career options working in fields such as research, archives, museums, academic settings, historian roles, and many more. The program allows the students to tailor their academic career to their professional goals.

This year Olivet's Natural History Honor Society aimed to start new traditions and promote the love of their studies. The group, led by Justine Von Arb and

Jennifer Christensen, started an event they hope to turn into an annual tradition. Students gathered together at the Kankakee Historical society, aiming to both help in the community and learn more about the area. Christensen says, "I hope we can foster a love for history in others and show people the importance of history." Other events included a collaborated effort for a guest speaker to come in and discuss religious freedom with both Phi Alpha Theta and Pi Sigma Alpha. Von Arb says that she hopes these sponsored events will "create a meaningful experience for other members," and continue to foster, "a passion for pursuing excellence in researching, learning, and teaching about history."



# The Future of Politics

**Below:** Dr. Charles Emmerich teaches a variety of topics such as law, government, politics, Christian citizenship, democracy and U.S. church-state relations.



**Above:** Pi Sigma Alpha encourages Political Science students to build connections and network with individuals within the same major.

*{Department of Political Science  
Pi Sigma Alpha, Capitol Hill Gang,  
and Law and Politics Society}*

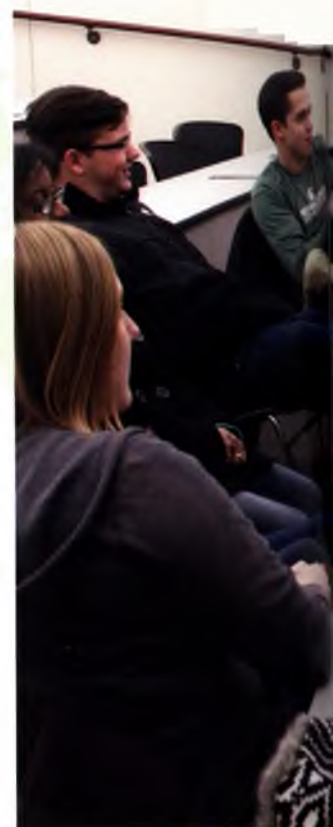
A heart for those in need is a very common characteristic in students at Olivet, but the students pursuing degrees in political science take the desire to help to another level entirely. Political science major and Pi Sigma Alpha President Emily Davisson says, "Society needs strong, intelligent Christians to fight for what is right in court rooms, in Congress, and in all types of organizations." These aspiring politicians are committed to their goals and are strongly supported by the political science faculty. Senior Matt Reed explains the difficulty of teaching political science classes, saying, "They are not really classes that you can just lecture through but rather classes where discussion and research are the best tools to use to really learn the subject. Our professors do a great job of allowing that to happen in their classrooms." Since the department is not a large one, the students get a chance to be more involved with their classmates and professors. Jessica Putnam addresses this when she comments, "All of my professors have been intentional in reminding us that our purpose extends far beyond 'paying the mortgage' and that God is calling us to make a difference in the world."

The political science department's honor society is Pi Sigma Alpha. Pi Sigma Alpha is a

national society that is focused on networking and growing students in their political science studies. President Emily Davisson says, "Being a part of Pi Sigma Alpha gives students a step up to landing their ideal jobs." Events such as the Debate last fall on gun control that Pi Sigma Alpha co-sponsored with the Capitol Hill Gang are encouraged to build connections with other political science students.

Another political science group, Capitol Hill Gang meets once a week for open discussions about topics relevant in the political arena. Membership is far from limited to those in the political science department says senior Phillip Hill, a pastoral ministries major. He shared, "My favorite part of Capitol Hill Gang is the different opinions and views I get to experience and try to understand." Meetings sometimes become intense Putnam explains. "Some weeks meetings involve more debating than discussing and other times it's just us asking each other questions because we don't know as much about the topic as someone else." Those who attend Capitol Hill Gang have come to appreciate the way that opinions can be shared and respected in the meetings.

The Law and Politics Society takes an approach to political science that is unlike other clubs in the department. They strive to prepare students for careers in law or government. Topics are chosen for discussion and speakers are often invited to come and contribute to the meeting for the week. This club "seeks to show students how to be good, active citizens through speakers, movies, discussions during club meetings, and special events," says president Matt Reed.





Below: The members of Law and Politics Society gathered together for a movie night and watched "God's Not Dead."



Above: The members of Capitol Hill Gang discussed the theory of a "just war" at one meeting.



# Adding Up to Greatness

**Below:** The Math Club Council, made up of students and professors, was responsible for planning and running the club.



## {Math Department and Math Club}

"Join the fun! You don't have to be a math major, just a numbers-lover. Bring your brain, your calculator, and a smile," said Abbey Snow, a senior. Olivet's Math Club is open to all majors and is a fantastic way to connect with other students who have the same interests and passions involving math and numbers. Club President Ashley Coon said, "the games we play at our meetings are always something math related. The game could involve anything from statistics to a cool trick with numbers."

A popular event for the club is the Math Murder Mystery. Snow said, "Last year at the Murder Mystery, all of the participants gathered clues by competing in math games. When all of the clues were gathered, we decided which

Math professor committed the murder. It was a fun and suspenseful way to combine my love of math and mystery!"

Number crunchers, mathematicians, actuarial scientists, engineers, teachers, business students, and math lovers come together to have fun doing what they do best: math. According to senior Liz Koch, Math Club is "exponentially great!"

Olivet's Math Department teaches students all of the necessary skills and knowledge one needs to enter math-related careers, especially the ones in high demand. In the department, "learning goes beyond the classroom." A Math lab is offered for those in freshman level courses and a Math Club gives students opportunities to have fun while doing what they do best.

"As a college student, Math Club gives me a place to belong. Not everyone understands my love of numbers, and Math Club is a safe place to express this passion. As a female mathematician-to-be, I know the challenges and complexities of working in a male-dominated environment. Math club gives me the confidence to master the skills necessary to navigate real-world situations."

—Senior Abbey Snow

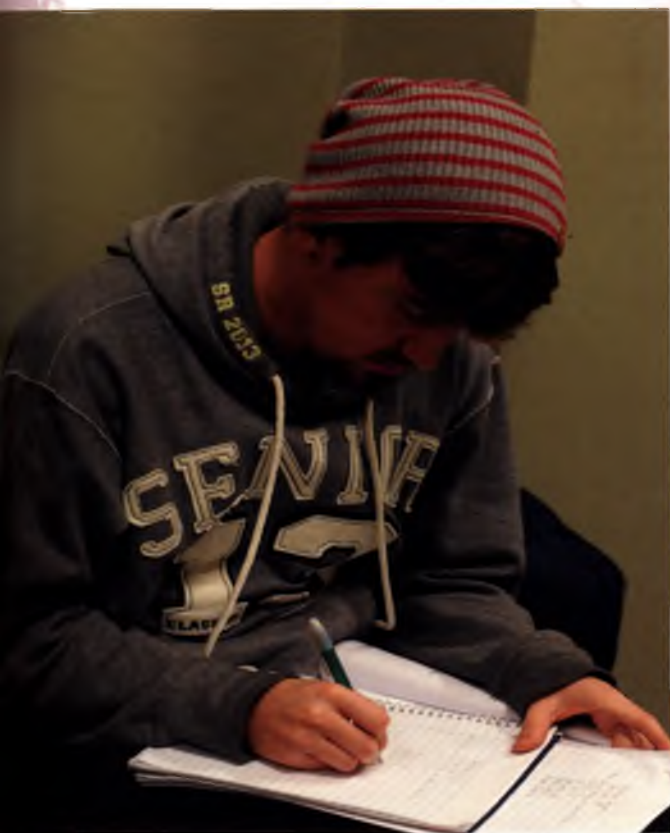
"My favorite Math event is the back-to-school picnic. It's the first event, and it's exciting to see everyone in one setting again and eat great food. Also, all the professors bring their families, so that's really fun too."

—Senior Liz Koch

**Below:** One of the perks of a liberal arts education is that every student will have received a basic understanding of math by graduation.

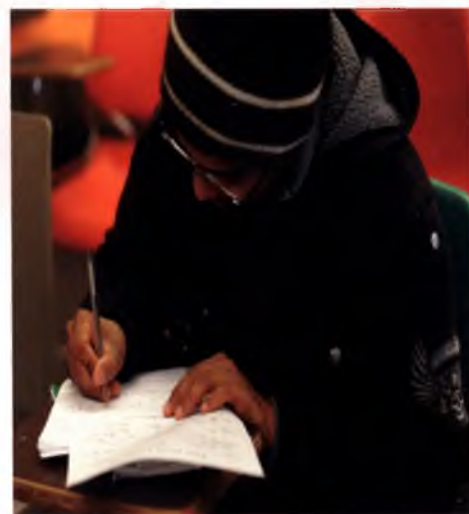
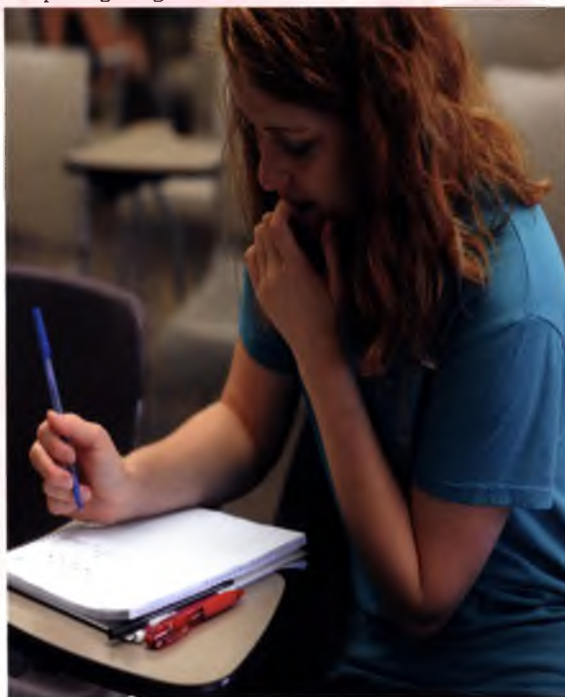






**Left:** Matthew Taber diligently worked to complete the example problem during lecture.

**Below:** In math classes, students take diligent notes so they can look back when completing assignments.



**Above:** Students worked to complete homework problems to reinforce the principles learned during class.

**Left:** Math students were often collaborate, work together, and learn from each other.



**Right:** The members of ROTC form a very tight bond as they go through classes and training. (photo submitted)

**Below:** Battalion members stopped for a quick photo during ROTC outdoor training. (photo submitted)



**Above:** The members of ROTC learn a variety of skills that will be helpful in their future military careers. These skills include using a rope to climb over obstacles. (photo submitted)

**Right:** Two members of the Roaring Tigers Battalion prepared their weapons before taking practice shots at the shooting range. (photo submitted)





# Future Officers



*Below:* Luke Strasser took careful aim during ROTC practice. (photo submitted)



## {Department of Military Science and ROTC}

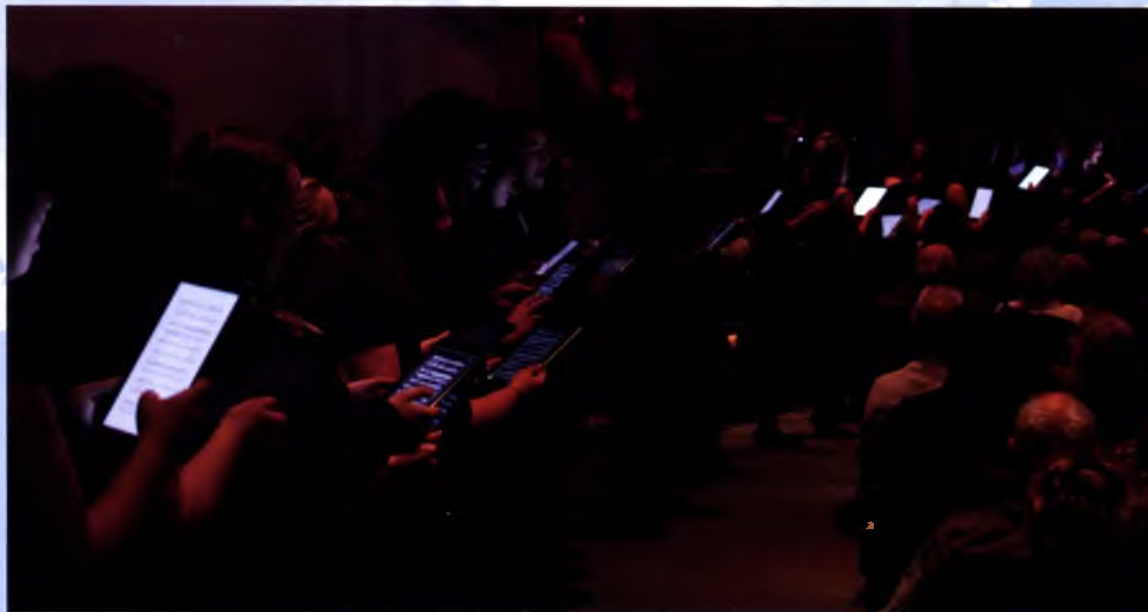
Olivet's Roaring Tigers Battalion in Fortin Villa works hard to build

each other up and strengthen their skills in the Department of Military Science at Olivet. Instructors in the department are all active duty or reserve military officers who provide students with unique opportunities to learn from "the best sources out there," comments junior Paul Wissmiller. In the interest of training young people for futures as officers in the United States Army, ROTC programs have been changing all around the country this year. There is a greater focus on critical thinking and problem solving aspects while also addressing leadership, physical fitness, and teamwork among the Corps. "The community on campus is my favorite part of ROTC. All cadets are a part of it once they join the ROTC program, and it is a brotherhood of sorts since all of our classes develop a very tight bond." Wissmiller says that he appreciates the fact that the instructors in the department of Military Science are "true professionals" who are willing to help any cadet with problems they may be having. He says it is "such a great support system throughout the department itself." As the Roaring Tigers Battalion continues to grow and change along with other ROTC programs nationwide, the Olivetian cadets are preparing themselves thoroughly for their military futures.



# Causing Treble

**Below:** Students within the School of Music each use an iPad for various applications such as reading music during the performance of "Sounds of the Season."



## {School of Music}

The Music Department at Olivet offers majors in Music, Music Education, Music Performance, Composition, Music Ministry, and Music Theatre. Along with numerous beneficial classes, music majors must host a thirty-minute senior recital at the end of their studies. Along with senior recitals, there are also several other student recitals throughout the year where students in each respective class are able to showcase their talents.

Q & A with Ethan McCallister

**Q: What is your major?**

A: I'm majoring in both Music Ministry and Music Composition.

**Q: You just had your recital. What was it like?**

A: I had a voice recital. It was located in Kelley Prayer Chapel and the turnout was great. There were between 60 and 70 people in attendance! I definitely felt the support of my friends, music majors or not.

**Q: What did you perform?**

A: I performed eight pieces, a couple in Italian, German, French, and English.

**Q: What was the best part of your recital?**

A: The audience's reaction to one of my more risqué pieces was the best part. It was

enjoyable and it encouraged me to play that character as truly as possible.

**Q: Why did you choose to major in Music Ministry and Composition?**

A: I've known since high school there was nothing else I could ever do but pursue music. I began as a Music Education major because that seemed to offer the most job security. God quickly showed me He had other plans. I switched to Music Ministry second semester and added composition this year after I got a taste of it and what I could do with it.

**Q: Have your majors been rewarding?**

A: Yes! It's been so rewarding and gratifying to see myself grow as a musician and to become better and better at something I love and at something God wants to use me through to minister to people.

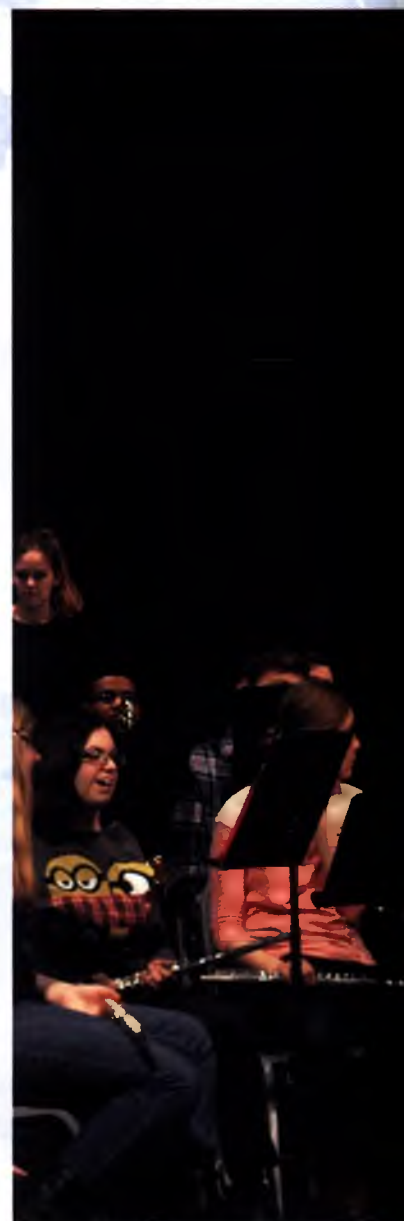
**Q: What has been your favorite class pertaining to your major at Olivet?**

A: Jazz Theory. It has exploded how I think about music, compose, and improvise. I love analyzing pieces of music to see how the composer composed – it gives me ideas!

**Q: Which professor has had the biggest impact on your life?**

A: Dr. Jeff Bell. I've spent a lot of time with him the past four years, and his steady, patient, Godly example and his drive to seek excellence have left a definite impression on me.

**Below:** The School of Music includes majors involving both instrumental and vocal training.





**Below:** Madeline Bloom practiced a vocal piece while playing the piano in one of the many practice rooms available for student use.



**Jessa Hendricker** @jessahend7



It's not very often that you get to sing with, speak with, or even HUG someone you've admired for years. Thank you @SandiPattyP for taking the time to listen to a small bit of my story and sharing some of yours. My Heart is full. #vsco #vscocam #iphoneonly #lifeatolivet #SandiPatty #beautiful #goosebumps #blessed #onuyearbook



**Far Above:** The trombone section practiced a selection in order to get the intricate musical piece correct.

**Above:** Members of the band paused for a moment in between pieces to listen to a critique from the professor in order to improve their performance.

**Left:** Students who play instruments are given the opportunity to practice several times a week through classes, ensembles, and performances.



**Right and Below:** Human Anatomy and Physiology is a required class for students within the Nursing department. During one lab session, students had their blood drawn and then tested it for things such as blood type and Rh factor.

**Far Below:** Hannah Crothers, Kassandra Spinnie, Katie DeLong, Hannah Luginbill, Brittany Daugherty, and Abbie Allen, all level 3 nursing students, posed for a quick photograph before their first day of obstetrics clinicals. (photo submitted by Abbie Allen)



**Above:** Lindsay Stolter and Kelsey Fisk practice an IV saline flush on a mannequin integrating skills learned in lecture as well as the Virtual Learning Center. (Photo submitted by Chelsea Risinger)

**Right:** Professor Mylcraine reviews injections and the proper way to administer them in the Virtual Learning Center. Students observed her review and then had the opportunity to practice in the VLC. (Photo submitted by Chelsea Risinger)





# Clinicals and Careplans

**Below:** NSA meets on a regular basis to build community with the department and to grow closer as they prepare for careers in the field of nursing.



## Nursing Department and Nursing Students Association

Hard work and dedication are musts for those students who aspire to become nurses. A rigorous major such as nursing requires a lot both physically and mentally so that these students are prepared to go out into the world and make a difference in others' lives through nursing. Olivet's nursing program consists of several levels, and students must pass all the classes within that level in order to move on to the next. The first level is level 0 which consists of the basic introductory course as well as general education requirements. Students then move onto levels 1-5 which get increasingly more involved and more difficult. The program is designed to run from sophomore through senior year once being accepted into the program. In order to be accepted into the program, students must pass the HESI test. The HESI consists of questions pertaining to math, science, English, and reading and tests the students' knowledge and ability base. Students then complete an array of classes including Pediatrics, Obstetrics, Gerontology, Mental Health, Pharmacology, Community Health, Global Health, Transcultural Nursing, and much more. These classes are designed to give the students a well-rounded exposure to the field of nursing and equip them with the skills to excel in the field. Students are also required to take a math skills test before entering a new level of nursing that tests them for the

knowledge necessary to move forward. Some of the skills that are tested include conversions, IV drip rates, changing medication dosages based on age, and other math concepts that are applied in the nursing field. Students must get 100% on these tests in order to move onto the next level and are only given three attempts to accomplish this task. It is obvious that Olivet's nursing students are driven and well-equipped for this field after college because of this rigorous program.

After long hours of studying and clinicals, the nursing majors of Olivet look to come together and make a difference on campus. Every semester, the members of the Nursing Students Association host a campus-wide blood drive, raising awareness about the importance of donating blood. Kevin Osterink says, "We end up spending a lot of time together as we study in the classroom. We trust one another both there and in the hospital setting." The group is knit together by care and consideration, both for nursing majors and the patients they work with. Osterink says, "We are dealing with what I would call the most complex piece of machinery in the world: the human body. It is something that constantly changes, and a person has a spiritual and emotional aspect as well." The group aims to continue growing closer together as they learn and develop skills used to treat patients.



# Connected to the Physical World

**Below:** The Geology Society paused at a beautiful rock outcropping to take a group photo during one of their outings. (photo submitted)



*Physical Science Department, Chemistry Club, and Olivet Geological Society*

While every department on Olivet's campus holds something unique about its field, the Department of Chemistry and Geosciences — encompassing a broad spectrum of chemistry, geology, and earth sciences — intricately analyzes the unique details of our own natural world. "It is a good opportunity to get connected to the physical world in a way that you can't in other departments," explained Dr. Stephen Case.

"I want [the students'] perception of the Earth and God to expand as they mature as Christian geoscientists and pursue meaningful careers as stewards of the Earth," shared Dr. Max Reams. "We are one of only three Christian universities providing authentic training in the geosciences. We emphasize a broad spectrum of the earth sciences with a strong sense of stewardship."

"Our department is very tightly knit. There is a spirit of camaraderie seeing what God has created," said senior Geology student Julia Ross.

Students and faculty agree that the time that they spend together in classes and labs allow them to bond in a way that is quite different from other departments. "My favorite times are in open labs," said senior Forensic Chemistry major Sarah Beecher. "We're all together for five hours goofing around and listening to Disney music, but still being serious."

"I enjoy getting to know the students as I work with them in the laboratory setting

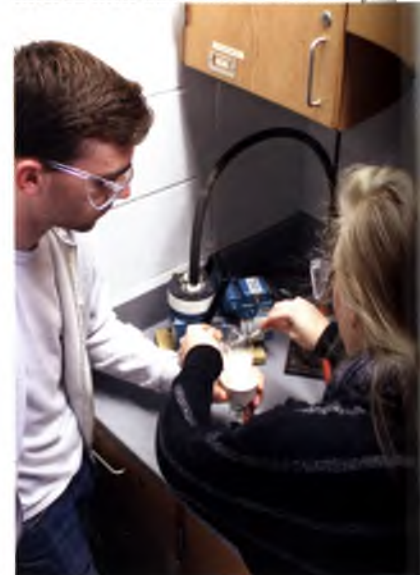
with one another," stated Dr. Larry Ferren. "My hope for them is that they will develop at Olivet the skills that will make them the leaders of tomorrow that will go out and excel in their field. I want them to be the best that they can be in their field and to do great things for God."

One example of the many courses offered in the department that appeals to both majors and non-majors is the Astronomy course. "I get to teach one of the best classes on campus," shared Dr. Case. "The students who take the Astronomy course have a genuine interest in the subject. It is very engaging, and they have a lot of enthusiasm coming into the course."

In addition to the courses offered within the department, the Chemistry Club and the Olivet Geological Society both exist to create a sense of bonding within the department, and to also invite non-majors to delve into the fields. "The biggest mission of the club is to get the Chemistry department together, to not have those class boundaries, and to have fun," shared Chemistry Club President Sarah Beecher. "I would also say it is to get the introverted students out of their holes, to spread the awesomeness of chemistry, and to make it a bit more approachable and understandable, especially for non-chemists."

"We do a lot of different things in the Olivet Geological Society that help us get to know everyone a lot better, like pizza and movie parties as well as pumpkin carving parties for Halloween and Pink Elephant parties for Valentine's Day," said senior Julia Ross. "It creates a sense of family in the department."

**Below:** Caleb Lankford and Macy Murray filtered their substance in a chemistry lab







**Left:** Students in Astronomy have the opportunity to learn about the night sky through the use of a high powered telescope.

**Below:** Bryce Goldade recorded his observations during a Geology Society outing. (photo submitted)



**Far Above:** Lauren James, dressed as Ariel for the Chemistry Club Halloween party, and Emily Shelden decorated a pumpkin to celebrate the holiday. (photo submitted)

**Above:** The Chemistry Club held a “dress like a professor day” where Matthew Larson dressed like Dr. Larry Ferren. (photo submitted)

**Left:** Calvin Price used a system for heating and cooling a substance to watch the chemical reactions occur.



**Below:** Social Work students wrapped Christmas presents for Diakonia's annual One Hope United Christmas party. (photo submitted)



**Above:** Diakonia held a welcome back event at the beginning of the school year and students came out to share conversation, food, and fun.



**Above:** The senior Social Work students stopped for a quick group picture. The social work department prepared them, and soon they will go out into the field and make a difference in the lives of others.



# Helping Hands

**Below:** Dr. Craig Bishop discussed the CJUS Advisory Council.



## Department of Social Work and Criminal Justice and Diakonia?

The Social Work Department is a great place to find plenty of social personalities. Christina Garza, junior, says that everyone in the department has a passion to help people. A common theme among social work majors is a desire to help and be around people, which draws them to the Social Work department here at Olivet. Garza mentions that the social work professors “refer to our department as a family and it truly feels that way” because of the department’s goal of serving the Lord. Freshman Rachael DeGraff says that Professor Amber Residori, head of the department, is a great example of how social work can be a lifestyle rather than simply a career. Social work teaches students to focus on everyone’s strengths rather than their shortcomings as well as on the “bigger picture” in all areas of life.

Diakonia, the social work club, is designed to provide a place for social work majors to hang out and prepare for careers in

social work after college. Diakonia is also an opportunity for social work majors to grow together as a community. “It is a fun way for Social Work majors to get to know each other and learn about the possibilities that a social work degree offers,” Garza said.

“People who need help, need people to help them, right?” This is criminal justice major Jason Reynolds’ response when asked about his interest in criminal justice. Chrissy Michaels, co-leader of Mission Possible, a prison ministry, says that her experience with the group led her to see criminal justice as the major meant for her. In the ministry, she “fell in love with helping [the prisoners] see the light outside of the situation they are in.” Michaels adds, “I want to be a person on the front lines for some of the most desperate people in this world who need help.” Criminal justice is a place for those who have a desire to keep people safe and help them see Christ in their circumstances.



# Learning to be like Christ

**Below:** Dr. Leth, the Dean of the School of Theology and Christian Ministry, lectured about a variety of topics including sin and salvation in Theology I and II classes.



**Below:** Luke Kamley took notes to later reference in Dr. Blanchette's class.



{School of Theology and Christian Ministry} favorite classes actually!" explained Schmitt. She

The department of Theology and Christian Ministry offers several majors for those called to ministry. Olivet students are able to major in Biblical Languages, Biblical Studies, Children's Ministry, Christian Education, Intercultural Studies, Ministerial Missions, Missions and Intercultural Studies, Pastoral Ministry, Philosophy and Religion, Religious Studies, Youth Ministry, Greek, or Hebrew.

According to the Dean of the School of Theology and Christian Ministry, Dr. Carl Leth, "The diversity of experience and preparation of our faculty makes for a rich and challenging learning environment, while our various courses of study offer a stimulating range of options from which to choose."

According to Senior Arika Schmitt, "The Theology Department is full of broken people learning how to effectively minister to fellow broken people. We aren't perfect, but we serve the One who is, and through Him we are learning how we can convey the message clearly to others that we are all active participants in the story of Christ."

Arika has loved working with Dr. Blanchette from the department. "He was the professor of my two

added, "His heart for the Lord is evident and that love and passion pours out not only into the children he pastors, but to his students as well. I admire and appreciate that he guides us through our ministry classes so that we discover together as a class what children's ministry is and that we are given the opportunities to put into action what we have learned."

Arika's twin sister Ashley Schmitt shares, "I love the Theology Department because it is full of professors who seek to help you succeed in whatever God has called you to. I have grown so much from their wisdom and their loving, passionate hearts pouring into my life."

Ashley loves her ministry classes and has learned so much from the professors on how to "live life to glorify God and strive closer to Him every day." She specifically loved both her Christian Education and Children's Ministry classes. "Both are taught by Dr. Blanchette," Schmitt explained, "and he is so good at making class engaging and that really helps us become involved in the class to learn on a deeper level. I learn the best that way."

**Right:** Students in Theology class learn to think in a new way and discuss theological concepts with their peers.





Below: Theology and Christian Ministry students have the opportunity to attend several conferences during their college career. Below is the group that attended the [unclear] Conference.



Joelle Mannion  
- Majoring in Psychology and Intercultural Studies

"I chose my major because it fits perfectly with what I want to do. I've changed my major a lot since I enrolled at Olivet because the more I'm learning and seeking the Lord, the more I'm being shaped into the person He intended me to be, and my goals and desires have changed along with that. I want to work in ministry, but not necessarily be a pastor. I love intercultural studies because I hope to do missions work someday. I love that I'm graduating with a degree that I can use for ministry and missions; however, I want to pair that up with being a licensed counselor to work with women who are rescued from human trafficking. I want to teach them about Jesus and His love that truly brings healing and restoration to those who have been deeply wounded and abused. It is amazing to see God shape my classmates along with me into what we were intended to be. I can't wait to see where we all go post-graduation with the knowledge we've been given from the professors."



# Learning On Location

Truitt Murrow  
-LA Film Study

**Q: What was your study abroad location like? What part of LA were you living in/working in? What were your living arrangements like?**

A: I was in the heart of Los Angeles. It was very close to downtown. All of the students lived in a gated community called Park Labrea. It's like a small town. There are houses, and parks, and fountains, and gardens, and lots of palm trees, and lots of apartment towers. We all lived in different towers, in a 2-bedroom apartment with 4 other roommates. It was really cool living in the same place as other people who were living and working in Los Angeles. I met some really cool people there.

**Q: What sort of classes did you take? How were they different from classes you have taken at ONU? Where did you work for the internship portion of the trip?**

A: The classes at the Los Angeles Film Studies center were amazing. The center was a 15-minute walk away from my apartment. It was on the 16th floor of an office building. But all of the classes were focused on film. Everyone took Faith and Artistic Development, which was a film appreciation class, and it helped us all look at what we believe, and how we can continue to believe that in the self-absorbed culture of Hollywood. There were some really great guest speakers in that class, including Ralph Winter (producer of X-men, and The Giver), Doug Jones (The Faun and the Pale Man in Pan's Labyrinth, and The Silver Surfer in the second Fantastic 4 movie), and several writers for TV shows and movies. Everyone also took Hollywood Production Workshop, which was where we had groups of 10-12 people, and we made a 12-minute short film. We each had specialized roles. I was a Director of Photography on our film Foodie. So I was in charge of planning out shots and lighting, and operating the camera. We shot the film on the RED Epic, which is the same camera that they used to shoot movies like The Hobbit, Prometheus, and the new Exodus movie. This was probably the best part of the whole experience. It has been a dream of mine to shoot something on the RED Epic for a long time. Then we had a choice of electives. We could choose, Professional Acting, Screenwriting, or Narrative Storytelling. I took Narrative Storytelling. In this class we made two 5-minute short films. The focus was on the story, not necessarily the quality of the production. I really learned a lot about storytelling from this class.

**Q: What is one of your favorite memories from the trip?**

A: I remember at the beginning of the semester, our profs said that the people around us would one day be our co-workers, and we would be friends for life. I hardly knew any of them, and I was skeptical. But over the course of one semester, we grew very close. After long days making films together, or spending all night editing, and doing touristy things like visiting the theater where they hold the Oscars, or hiking to the Hollywood sign, or watching John Williams conduct the LA Philharmonic, we all became best friends. So saying goodbye was hard. I also became really great friends with the professors there, and I was able to get some amazing advice from all of them. In short, my favorite memory is meeting and becoming friends with some of the most creative and talented people I've ever met.







Carolina Campos  
-Tokyo Christian University

**Q: Where did you study abroad? What was the location like? What were your living arrangements like?**

A: I studied abroad at Tokyo Christian University in Japan. The city we lived in was just outside of Tokyo and seemed a lot like a suburb. It had parks, malls, and shops all within a 15-minute bike ride. I lived on campus in the women's dorm at the school.

**Q: What sort of classes did you take? How were they different from classes you have taken at ONU?**

A: The classes I took were Japanese Arts and Aesthetics, Japan, Asia, and the West, New Testament Survey I, and Elementary Japanese. My favorite thing about the classes at TCU is that we had such a big range of students from around the world. We always had discussions in class and hearing each other's opinions had us become more open-minded to other worldviews.

**Q: Why did you decide to study abroad where you did? Was it for your major or just for personal interest?**

A: I want to do International Social Work, so immersing myself in another culture was a step that I felt God calling me to. It honestly wasn't my plan to study abroad in Japan; I had originally wanted to go somewhere else but I don't regret the decision in any way.

**Q: What is one of your favorite memories from the trip?**

A: I wouldn't consider myself a dancer, but I joined the dance team while I was there, and it was a blast! We performed for an event called Zion Festival for the students and the surrounding community. We had six American students and six Japanese students coming together to create this dance. There was a language barrier, but it didn't hinder us at all. I don't think my experience would have been the same without the friendships I created with the team.

**Q: What is one big thing you learned?**

A: One of the biggest things I learned in my time abroad is to keep an open mind about differences in cultures. At TCU, there were a ton of different countries represented, which also gave us a lot of different perspectives to learn from. I had to learn that not everyone ran on the same time or felt the same about certain topics. That became a challenge when there were discussions that made it difficult for me to keep my composure. God helped me grow a lot in gaining patience with others through that.



Photos submitted by Carolina Campos







# {Athletics}

Our skills are something to be proud of, as is our team spirit. We are all on a team, not just of sports, but we form a family of students bound by common experiences and hopes. We hope to win, and we hope to succeed. Our fellow teammates, mentors, and coaches make this hope a reality.



# Fish Out of Water

{Simon Pheasant}

**Q: How did you come to join the swim team?**

A: My close friend Calvin Price and I trained together back home in South Africa. He got in contact with Coach Scott Teeters through a recruitment agency and suggested that I fill out a recruitment form. I did exactly that, and soon after I started speaking with Coach Teeters. As is said, "The rest is history."

**Q: What is the teamwork aspect of swimming?**

A: We do everything together. We encourage and push each other every stroke of the way. Morning workouts, whether lifting or swimming, would be a lot tougher without the continued support of teammates. We also do "tough cookie" sets pretty regularly. These are all out sprint sets where you have to try to hit race pace at practice. The whole team is up and supporting each other through each of these "tough cookie" sets. Then at swim meets we are on our feet and screaming support for each other for each event because every person's swim can be the difference between winning and losing a meet. Our individual event scores add up and decide whether we win meets or not. Without the willingness of each team member to do their best for the team we would not have achieved what we did.

**Q: How does your work in your sport connect to your passions in everyday life?**

A: Swimming has been a talent that God has blessed me with; therefore, I tried to approach training as a time to grow that talent and to approach racing as an opportunity to express the talent God gave me. To paraphrase Eric Liddel in *Chariots of Fire*, "I believe God made me for a purpose, but he also made me fast. And when I swim I feel His pleasure."

**Q: What does a typical swim meet look like?**

A: It is pretty busy with swimmers warming up before races and warming down afterwards. Dual meets obviously have less swimmers but are no less competitive with everyone backing each other. Bigger invitational and championship meets often have a large crowd, intense support from each team for their swimmers, and a whole lot of action in the pool.

**Q: What do you plan to do with your sport in the future?**

A: I am looking to carry on swimming for the summer of 2015. If I can convert what I have done in Short Course Yards swimming into Long Course Meters (the Olympic standard) then I shall proceed on to try to swim for South Africa.







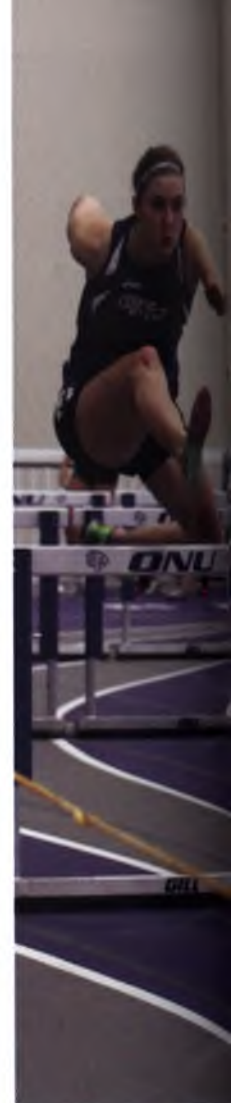
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# Hurdling Obstacles



*{Track and Field}* As the track and field team works toward personal records, the National track meet, and All-American status, this is a challenging year of transition. Coaching changes have provided fresh perspectives on the events while also leading to adjustments for all team members. "There has been a lot of learning on both sides of the changes, but it's good. Track is so much fun for all of us," comments senior Kamaria Goedhart. Senior Lucas Limberg agrees, saying, "The coaches make it fun, but my favorite part is the competitive atmosphere because it is all about pushing yourself to do your best in the individual events to support the team as a whole."

Although the team is composed of many

diverse athletes, track and field participants enjoy support from representatives of all the different events. With runners, jumpers, and throwers all individually competing for the ONU track team, there is still a huge feeling of community and support between all team members.

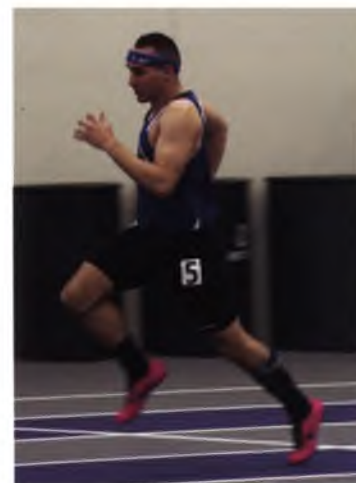
So far this year, the track and field team as a whole has been very successful. The team is full of athletes with a lot of heart and determination, which has been evident in the achievements of the entire team thus far. With many athletes already qualified for the NAIA Indoor Track and Field National Championships, hopes are high for a successful finish for the season.





**Left:** These determined women hurdlers sprinted and cleared each obstacle with speed and agility during a home meet.

**Below:** Cody Harper increased his running pace to expand the distance between him and his competitors

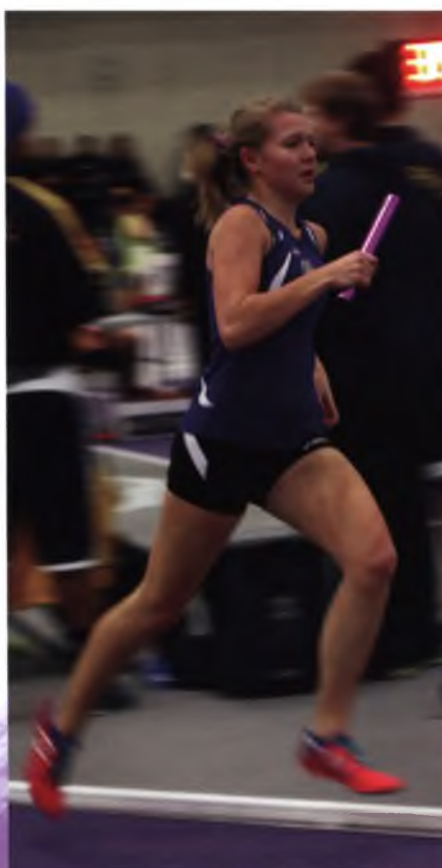


**Above:** The ONU throwers practiced perfect form during the shot put event at a track and field meet.

**Left:** Andrea Wojciechowski ran with the baton during a relay and continued the steady pace that is needed to beat the competition.



**Above:** With a running start to gain power and speed, Brian Michell launched himself into the air during the pole vault event.





**Right:** Ethan Gallagher, followed closely by the other Olivet runners, started the race strongly and pulled out ahead of the other schools for an early lead.

**Below:** Elizabeth Soper picked up the pace as she neared the finish line.



**Above:** Several of the Olivet athletes ran in a pack at the beginning of the race as Aspen Ridge Golf Course.

**Right:** The women's cross country runners took off as the race began.



## Scoreboard

9/5/14 **Midwest Classic at Aspen Ridge Golf Course**

{Women: 2nd of 6} {Men: Cancelled}

9/14/14 **Illinois Intercollegiate at Aspen Ridge Golf**

**Course** {Women: 1st of 14} {Men: 1st of 14}

9/26/14 at Brissman Lundeen Invitational hosted by

Augustana College at Saukie Golf Course {Women:

2nd of 35} {Men: 3rd of 39}

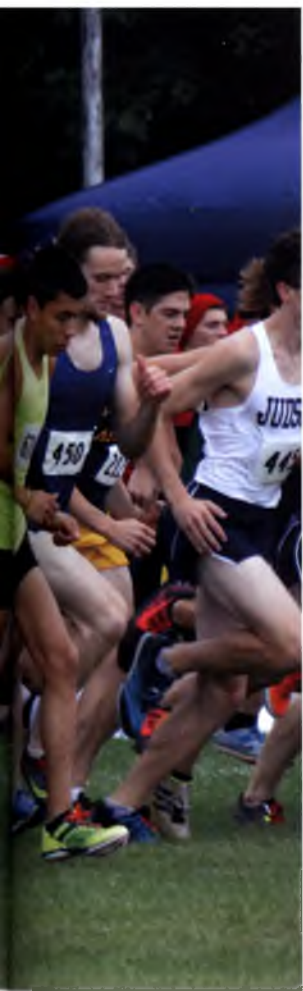
10/11/14 at Fighting Bees Invite hosted by St. Ambrose

University at Crow Creek Park {Women: 3rd of 13}

{Men: 2nd of 13}



# Unfinished Business



*Men's & Women's Cross Country* For the first time in program history, the men's cross-country team took third place at the 2014 NAIA National Championships. Despite the women's team's failure to make it to the podium at Nationals, coach McDowell will continue the theme of "unfinished business" that both teams initially adopted with the intent of getting both teams to the podium next year. "Naomi [Springer] and Alexa [Beezhold] were our two freshman that ran at Nationals, so we are expecting them to have a good season next year as well," Moyer said. "A lot of the times there is a lot of improvement between freshman and sophomore year due to experience and they have made it through the survival period of just adjusting to college and higher mileage. Also I know that the upperclassmen are determined to have a better season as a team and will put the work in needed over the summer and keep each other accountable."

The most memorable moment for McDowell was seeing ONU's men's track and field team leading in the National Championship three miles into the competition. "Their outright determination was something that will forever be etched in my mind and be a precedent for future teams to come," McDowell said. "The impressive thing about their third place finish was that they lost returning All-Americans Ethan Gallagher and Mitchell Dale half way [through] the season. Rebounding from the loss of these

two guys and being forced to create a whole new team identity was more than impressive."

Senior Ethan Gallagher was not able to go to the national meet because he had Achilles tendonitis that did not heal in time. "I was thrilled that our team was able to attain a trophy, something that we've dreamed of since all the way back to my freshman year," Gallagher added. "It was extremely unfortunate I couldn't compete with the team at [Nationals]. Though, I did travel with them." Gallagher, who is graduating, will "easily" miss relationships he has made both on and off the field. His favorite memories while running with ONU have come from years of training at a cross country camp in northern Michigan. "It's a time that's packed full of emotions, training mostly alone all summer then coming back together to do what we love best," Gallagher said. "It's great to catch up with my best friends there and meet new ones as well. The end of the week culminates in a tough but exciting workout that always allows us to realize our individual and team's potential."

McDowell will be sad to see all of his seniors leave—they will be greatly missed. "From the perspective of contributing at the National level, the presence of Ethan Gallagher, Marshall Hawn, Andy Cowen, Ian Lofgren and Mitchell Dale for the men, and Maddie Moyer for the women [will be missed]," McDowell stated.

10/11/14 at NAIA Preview Meet hosted by Lawrence Sports Corp at Rim Rock Farm {Women: 6th of 32} {Men: 1st of 31}

10/25/14 at NAIA Great Lakes Invitational hosted by Aquinas College at Riverside Park {Men: 1st of 35}

11/8/14 at CCAC Conference Meet hosted by Judson University at Wing Park Golf Course {Women: 2nd of 12} {Men: 2nd of 11}

11/22/14 at NAIA National Championship hosted by Lawrence Sports Corp at Rim Rock Farm {Women: 16th of 38} {Men: 3rd of 36}



# More Than Just a Game



## {Football}

Nothing indicates the return of fall to Olivet's campus quite like the stomping and roaring underneath the bleachers of Ward Field preceding the burst of purple and gold uniforms onto the field.

"It's Olivet's own stamp. It's not like typical college football," stated senior spectator Sam Vroman. "It makes you feel like a part of the team in your own way."

Tight end Colton Parker, a senior on Olivet's football team, also took the time to reflect on his time as a player.

"Some seasons may not have gone the way we wanted them to, but I wouldn't change it for the world," reminisced Parker. "The team is like one big family. We celebrate with each other after a win, we're there for each other after a loss, and we pick each other up."

In addition to the teammates encouraging each other on and off of the field, Coach Brian Fish also

encourages the team in their relationships with God.

"I try on a regular basis to draw off the experiences we have on the football field to the experiences we will face in our Christian walk," explained Coach Fish. "I believe the game of football serves as an analogy to our faith journey, and I try to draw out those analogies to help guys grow in their understanding of what faith can look like."

By being uplifted in this way through their battles as a team, the players are able to grow closer together.

"You get to make lifelong friends on the team," said Parker. "I know we will keep in touch long after we leave Olivet."

This camaraderie can be experienced whether you are on the field playing, marching in the band, or cheering in the stands. As Vroman stated, Olivet has left its stamp on Ward Field.

## Scoreboard

9/6/14 at #20 University of St. Francis {L 10-41}

9/13/14 **Robert Morris University** {L 16-17}

9/20/14 **Concordia University-Ann Arbor** {L 21-24}

9/27/14 at Siena Heights University {L 0-7}

10/4/14 **Trinity International University** {W 36-29}

10/11/14 at #6 Grand View University {L 2-32}





**Left:** Wide Receiver Matt McDivitt caught an 8 yard pass and scored the first touchdown of the first home football game against Robert Morris University.

**Below:** Quarterback Gage Buckley ran the ball downfield past the competition.



**Far Left:** The offensive players ran the ball to gain yards in the game against Trinity International University.



**Left:** Offensive lineman Alan Knol prepared to hike the football to the quarterback.

10/18/14 St. Ambrose University {L 17-41}  
 10/25/14 at Lindenwood University-Belleville {L 7-29}  
 11/1/14 #16 William Penn University {L 13-21}

11/8/14 at Menlo College {L 13-21}  
 11/15/14 at #6 St. Xavier University {L 6-36}



**Rachel Anderson** @rach2596



I'm so happy I get to cheer this year with such a wonderful team and great friends! #ONU #Cheer #onuearbook

**Right:** Stephanie Miller enthusiastically led the student section in a cheer at a home football game.

**Below:** After the Senior Night basketball game, the cheerleading squad revealed their true strength by lifting Brandon Brown.



**Above:** The cheerleading team continued to rev-up the crowd regardless of the cold weather.

## Meet the team...

Rachel Anderson {Freshman}  
Danielle Bell {Freshman}  
Kristin Bloyd {Senior}  
Gabrielle Brosman {Junior}

Kati Brown {Sophomore}  
Brandon Brown {Junior}  
Megan Eylander {Junior}  
Sydney Harris {Freshman}

Rachel Jones {Sophomore}  
Ashley Longnecker {Junior}  
Morgan McCormick {Junior}  
Christina McCoy {Junior}



# Can't Hide Our Pride



**{Cheerleading}** Olivet's cheerleading squad is talented to stay the least. With phenomenal stunts and brilliant routines, the squad impresses onlookers on a regular basis as they perform at Tiger football and basketball games throughout the year. Olivet's marching band and student section make a nice addition to the already highly enthused cheerleading squad – all three groups make home games an enjoyable experience.

According to both Christina McCoy, a junior Elementary Education major, and Megan Eyelander, a junior Child Development and FACS major, Head Coach Karen Eyelander is like a second mom to everyone on the team. Christina explained, "She cares for each and every one of us more than I think we even know." Eyelander added, "She's one of the most caring, motherly figures I have ever met." Junior Art major Coleman Session added that Eyelander is the "sweetest person ever" and went on to explain that the coach always willing to lend an ear to listen.

When the team was asked to describe their squad in three words, the most popular descriptions were hilarious, determined, family, capable, hard-working, and inspiring. With those qualities, it isn't difficult to have a great

experience as part of the team. Eyelander said her best experience has been getting to go to camps in the summer and learning new material for the year, while Session said the best experience that he's had was when the team made history by being the first cheerleading squad at Olivet to perform at a cheerleading competition. McCoy agreed, adding that her best experience by far was competing her freshman year and getting the opportunity to compete at Nationals in Florida.

The team is always hard at work and wants the student body to know a few thing things about the sport that they may not already. McCoy shared, "I think other students would be surprised to know that cheering is a lot harder than it looks. Everything is so technical and precise. It takes a good amount of time to learn new stunts in order to perfect them before we can perform them in front of a crowd." Eyelander added to that statement by explaining, "Cheerleading is the most dangerous sport and has the most injuries of any sport out there!" This experienced and down-to-earth team of crowd-pleasers loves what they do and the crowd loves them too!

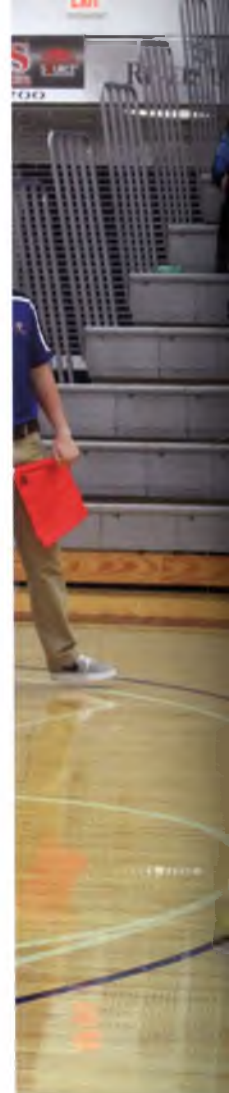
Stephanie Miller {Senior}  
Allyssa Paulsen {Senior}  
Martin Piper {Senior}  
Sarah Putman {Junior}

Andrew Ramirez {Freshman}  
Coleman Session {Freshman}  
Sayer Smith {Junior}  
Briana Turner {Junior}

Mike Warner {Freshman}  
Madisson Wolfe {Freshman}



# Bump, Set, Spike



*{Volleyball}* When volleyball season began at Olivet this fall, the battle for victory became about more than just winning games. “Our goals are always to play for the Lord, play to the best of our ability, help make our teammates better, work hard to be the best prepared we can be, be a top conference team, and get back to the national level,” stated Coach Brenda Williams. Playing for a cause became part of that this year with Autumn’s Army, through which the team raised over \$2,000 for cystic fibrosis research.

“Being on the team has allowed me to have a family at Olivet that helps me through my struggles

and celebrates my successes,” said senior Haley Hatalla, reflecting on completing her fourth and final season on Olivet’s team. “One of our goals this season was to play selflessly. It’s all about putting yourself aside and focusing on someone else on the team and playing for her. When you can play for your teammates, and when you know your teammates are playing for you and are behind you 100%, it makes your job easy and everything flows.” Through the work that the team puts in both on and off of the court, it is easy to see that there is a greater purpose behind each serve.



**Above:** Renee Enz set the ball up for her teammate to spike.

## Scoreboard

8/22/14 vs. No. 9 Northwestern College {L 0-3}  
 8/22/14 vs. No. 12 Columbia College {L 1-3}  
 8/23/14 vs. Carroll College {L 0-3}  
 8/23/14 vs. No. 17 Indiana Wesleyan University {W 3-1}  
 8/29/14 vs. Carroll College {L 0-3}  
 8/29/14 at No. 3 Concordia University - Irvine {L 0-3}  
 8/30/14 vs. Menlo University {L 1-3}  
 8/30/14 vs. No. 2 Biola University {L 0-3}  
 9/5/14 vs. Asbury University {L 0-3}

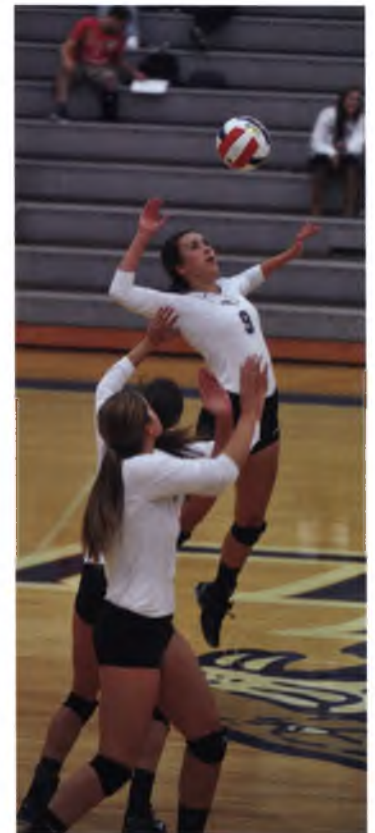
9/5/14 at No. 11 Georgetown College {L 0-3}  
 9/6/14 vs. Marian University {L 1-3}  
 9/6/14 vs. Saint Catherine College {L 1-3}  
 9/9/14 **No. 22 Trinity Christian College** {L 2-3}  
 9/11/14 **Purdue University - North Central** {W 3-0}  
 9/16/14 at University of St. Francis {L 0-3}  
 9/19/14 **Columbia College of Missouri** {L 0-3}  
 9/19/14 **No. 14 Grand View University** {L 2-3}  
 9/20/14 **Ohio Valley University** {L 1-3}  
 9/20/14 **Cambellsville University** {W 3-2}  
 9/23/14 at Purdue University - Calumet {W 3-2}  
 9/25/14 **Indiana University - South Bend** {W 3-2}





**Left:** The players came in to celebrate the point that they earned.

**Below:** Tiffany Madura jumped up to spike the ball over the net.



**Above:** The coaches pose for a silly photo on the tiger statue.

**left:** Three of the team members went up to block the ball and prevent the other team from earning a point.

9/30/14 at Calumet College of St. Joseph {W 3-0}  
 10/3/14 at Cardinal Stritch University {L 2-3}  
 10/4/14 at Roosevelt University {L 2-3}  
 10/4/14 at Robert Morris University {W 3-0}  
 10/7/14 at University of Wisconsin - Parkside {L 0-3}  
 10/10/14 vs. St. Ambrose University {L 0-3}  
 10/10/14 vs. Campbellsville University {W 3-0}  
 10/11/14 vs. No. 15 Davenport University {L 1-3}  
 10/12/14 vs. Taylor University {L 1-3}  
 10/14/14 at No. 22 Trinity Christian College {L 1-3}  
 10/16/14 at Purdue University - North Central {W 3-0}  
 10/21/14 **University of St. Francis** {W 3-0}

10/24/14 vs. Trinity International University {W 3-0}  
 10/24/14 vs. Judson University {W 3-2}  
 10/25/14 vs. Saint Xavier University {L 0-3}  
 10/28/14 **Purdue University - Calumet** {W 3-0}  
 10/30/14 at Indiana University - South Bend {W 3-1}  
 11/1/14 **Calumet College of St. Joseph** {W 3-0}  
 11/11/14 at Quarterfinal: University of Saint Francis {W 3-1}  
 11/13/14 at Semifinals: TRinity Christian College {W 3-1}  
 11/15/14 at Championship: Cardinal Stritch University {L 0-3}  
 11/22/14 at Davenport University {L 0-3}



**Right:** Paddy Hoepf navigated through Trinity International University's defenders.

**Far Right:** Clay Selby went in for a penalty kick.

**Below:** Matheus Guimaraes, a freshman from San Paulo, Brazil, moved the ball downfield.

**Far Below:** Kyle Reopelle took three shots against Trinity International University.



**Right:** Brett Robertson set the ball up for a pass to one of his open teammates.



## Scoreboard

8/29/14 **University of Michigan-Dearborn** {W 3-0}  
 9/5/14 at Huntington University {W 4-0}  
 9/6/14 at Spring Arbor University {L 0-1}  
 9/9/14 at #RV University of Northwestern Ohio {L 0-1}  
 9/12/14 at #12 Grand View University {L 2-3}

9/18/14 **Marygrove College** {W 6-0}  
 9/20/14 **Moody Bible Institute** {W 5-0}  
 9/24/14 **Holy Cross College** {L 3-4}  
 9/27/14 **Judson University** {W 3-2 (OT)}  
 9/30/14 at Purdue University-Calumet {W 2-0}



# Best in the Field



## {Men's Soccer}

"Instead of shutting down and accepting an average season, we worked hard in trainings and built up our team chemistry," senior team captain Kyle Reopelle said.

ONU's men's soccer team was tied 3-3 against Chicago's Roosevelt University. The game went into overtime and became sudden death. "Roosevelt was undefeated in our conference and we had to win this game no matter what," senior team captain Paddy Hoepp said. Midfielder Hoepp kicked the ball "20 to 23 yards out" to put the tigers in first place in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC).

"You ask anyone on our team," head coach David Blahnik said, "and that's the goal they'll remember most this season. Probably one of the biggest goals in the program history."

The Tigers were the CCAC tournament champions for the third year in a row and gained the CCAC regular season title for the first time in over thirty years. Unfortunately, the team lost in penalty kicks in the opening round of nationals against Davenport University (Mich.). Davenport went on to win the national championship.

"Our guys know that if we tied the national champs, then we're right at that level," Blahnik said. "So it's nice that our guys can take that into the off-season and the next fall as motivation to train." The team led their conference in awards with six players achieving all-conference and in

number of all-academic players. The team is losing four seniors: midfielder Tyler Gill, midfielder and defender Eliot Tostch, midfielder Paddy Heopp, and defender Kyle Reopelle. Returners who will help fill those spots include midfielder Richard Paret, midfielder and forward Miguel Fierro, midfielder and defender Ryan Tosch, and midfielder and forward Aaron Chatfield.

Coach Blahnik also believes that returning freshman will help fill the void of graduating seniors. "Our freshman group this year was one of the best we've ever had, not just as players, but transitioning into mature college athletes," Blahnik said. "Our returning players did a great job of setting the tone of what our ONU men's soccer culture is."

Freshman, such as forward Adam Schafer, who did not play as much in the beginning of the season were level-headed and continued to work hard even while benched, Blahnik said.

In one of the "biggest" conference games at Judson University (Ill.), the Tigers were down 3-0 at halftime when Schafer was put on the field. Schafer then scored within the first minute of playing and later on tied the game with an assist. Blahnik said that the Tigers probably would not have won conference without Schafer's performance. "Great example of a guy that, even though he wasn't getting a ton of minutes before that time, continued to work," Blahnik said.

10/4/14 **Trinity International University** {L 0-1}  
 10/8/14 at Trinity Christian College {W 4-1}  
 10/11/14 **St. Xavier University** {W 3-2 (OT)}  
 10/14/14 at Cardinal Stritch University {W 4-0}  
 10/18/14 at Calumet College of St. Joseph {W 2-1}

10/28/14 **Roosevelt University** {W 4-3 (2OT)}  
 11/1/14 at Robert Morris University {W 2-0}  
 11/5/14 **University of Saint Francis** {W 3-0}  
 11/12/14 **Purdue University-Calumet** {W 2-0}  
 11/15/14 **Cardinal Stritch University** {W 1-0}  
 11/22/14 at #7 Davenport University {T 0-0 (2OT)}



# Kickin' It Into High Gear



*{Women's Soccer}* At halftime they “still had hope” Senior Captain Elisabeth Wahl said. Olivet’s Women’s soccer team was tied 2-2 against non-conference Siena Heights University (Mich.). Many of their seniors were out. The team, along with Head Coach Bill Bahr, began to encourage each other. But the Tigers lost 5-2 to the non-conference team. This loss became a “turning point” in their season. After Siena Heights, the Tigers achieved a 15-game winning streak. For the first time in Tiger history, the team grabbed both the regular season title and went undefeated in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference becoming the conference tournament champions.

“The feeling of losing by that many goals was a terrible feeling, and we did not want to feel that way again,” Wahl said. “We were a young team and after that game we really came together and connected. We did have several injuries in the beginning of the season.” One of those injured was starter and team captain, Senior Katie Smith. “When Katie Smith got back into her game, the season really did turn around in so many ways,” Wahl said. “She was a true blessing this year on and off of the field.”

After their winning streak, the Tigers eventually fell, 1-0, in the first round of the national tournament against Hastings College (Neb.). “The last two years

we’ve gone [to nationals] and haven’t played our best games,” Bahr said. “The trick is trying to get the team to peak at the right time. The last two years we peaked early”.

Despite the Tigers’ early loss, they gained valuable experience as freshman Tess Marcordes stepped into a leadership role as a sweeper—a roaming defensive position on a soccer team. Junior Michelle Ditchfield also gained experience as she moved from a middle to outside midfielder position. The team will have a returning senior class of seven players next season.

With a 30 player team and a 20 player traveling squad, the team was larger than usual and made more substitutions because of multiple injuries including Senior Team Captain Katie Smith. “One of the cool things about our conference season: we were beating teams 3-0, 4-0, 4-1, 9-1 ... for most of the season and everyone played,” Bahr said. “There was not a girl on our team that didn’t get any minutes.”

As the freshmen became integrated into the team, so did new assistant coaches, Megan Traynor and Brandon Eylander. Bahr has an expertise in coaching midfielders, while Traynor focuses on defense along with assistant coach Joshua Macharia; Eylander concentrates on forwards. “Between the four of us, we are very complementary of each other,” Bahr said.

## Scoreboard

8/29/14 at Grace College {W 2-1}

8/30/14 at Taylor University {T 0-0 (2OT)}

9/6/14 **University of Northwestern Ohio** {L 0-1}

9/9/14 **No. 3 Lindsey Wilson College** {W 2-1}

9/12/14 at Siena Heights University {L 0-2}

9/13/14 at Madonna University {W 2-1 (OT)}

9/23/14 **Holy Cross College** {W 3-0}

9/27/14 **Judson University** {W 4-0}

10/4/14 **No.25 Trinity International University** {W 2-0}

10/7/14 at Trinity Christian College {W 4-1}





**Left:** McKenzie Hengesh and Tess Marcordes fought for the ball against Trinity International University.

**Below:** Katie Smith charges for the ball in order to pass it down the field.

**Far Below:** Toby the Tiger decided to be goalie for a bit, playing against some younger athletes.



**Above:** Jordan Gunn set up a pass as Elisabeth Wahl moved through an open space to receive the pass

**Left:** Midfielder Ellen West went for a head shot to get the ball away from the opponent.

10/11/14 **St. Xavier University** {W 2-0}  
 10/15/14 at Cardinal Stritch University {W 2-1}  
 10/18/14 at Calumet College of St. Joseph {W 4-0}  
 10/23/14 **Purdue University - Calumet** {W 3-1}  
 10/25/14 **No. 20 Ashford University** {W 2-0}

10/29/14 **Roosevelt University** {W 9-1}  
 11/1/14 at Robert Morris University {W 4-0}  
 11/4/14 **University of Saint Francis** {W 3-1}  
 11/12/14 **Robert Morris University** {W 1-0}  
 11/15/14 **Trinity International University** {W 2-1}  
 11/22/14 **Hastings College** {L 0-1}



**Right:** Robert Wagner swung and moved his ball closer to the hole.

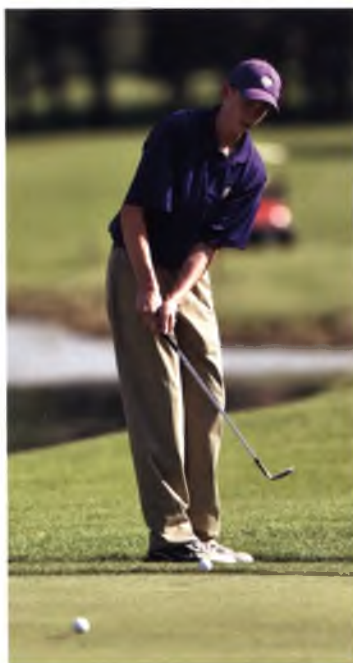
**Far Right:** Jordan Spay followed through on his swing as he sent the ball straight for the green.

**Below:** Luke Lambert tracks the path of his ball as he teed off.

**Far Below:** Cody Kinstner prepared to putt the ball into the hole.



**Above:** Michael Bork powerfully swung and sent his ball flying toward his target on the green.



## Meet the team...

Michael Bork {Senior}  
Kyle Dwyer {Freshman}

Cole Evenson {Sophomore}  
Cody Kinstner {Freshman}

Luke Lambert {Sophomore}  
Darin LaMont {Junior}



# Olivet's Iron Men



*{Men's Golf}* Golf is a mental game and this season, the men's golf team improved on their work ethic and their mental approach to game making decisions. "I've been really working hard on my mental game because that's the most important part of golf," Sophomore Luke Lambert said. "And it's also important to me to help out my teammates as much as I can." Lambert cited his coach's knowledge of the game and experience with the team at ONU as reasons for why he has improved this year. He still feels, however, that there is work to do. "My skills can always get better just like in any other sport, but my short game—chipping and putting—is really somewhere where I need to improve more and more. Every other part—physically—can always come around. And again, mental game is the most important part which goes with the short game hand in hand."

Head coach Damon Jensen said that he is impressed with his returning players' drive to succeed at conference and make it to the national tournament. He is also impressed with how the incoming freshman have

developed into good teammates that encourage each other and the rest of the team.

Senior Darin LaMont has enjoyed his time during his last season with ONU golf. "I have made some awesome friends and have had some good times," LaMont said. "I didn't play as well as I liked sometimes, but I'm looking forward to my last chance to make something of it and enjoying this semester, making it fun and memorable." LaMont's most memorable time with the team was during spring break two years ago. "We drove down, 12 of us including coaches, and played 18 holes the first day. We were supposed to play 36 holes the next day and 18 holes the day after, but when we got back to our hotel it started to snow. The next day it was still snowing [and] raining on us so we weren't able to play. The same was true for the next day as well, but even though we didn't get to play much golf it was still a blast. We were able to just hang out, relax and go to the mall there. It was some of the most fun that I've had on the team to date."

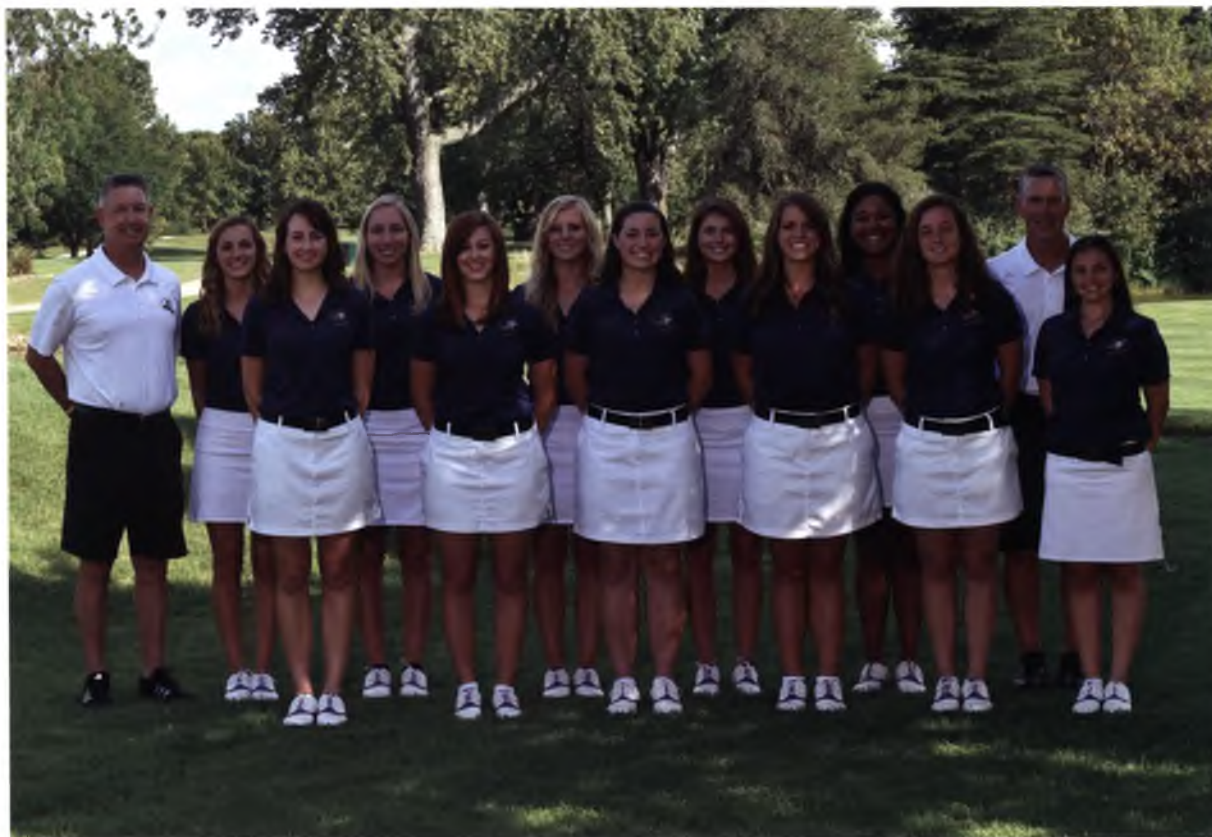
Stephen Lowe {Sophomore}  
Ryan Muzlijakovich {Junior}

Jordan Spay {Sophomore}  
Zach Thorson {Sophomore}

Robert Wagner {Junior}



# Ladies with Drive



## {Women's Golf}

This year, the Golf team worked incredibly well as a team and many friendships were formed. Team captain junior Kelsey Fisk is proud of her team's attitude and commitment. "Some of our overall goals are to unite as a team, improve our personal scores, and improve our overall team score in competition," Fisk said. "We know that we can only be our best by working together to improve our total score. One of our major goals is to make it to Nationals again this year." Instead of focusing on how close the team is to making it to Nationals, they are focusing on one tournament at a time. The team has also been spending time working out in the gym and maintaining swings. "The hard work of every member of our team is what will allow us to be in good standing to make it to Nationals," Fisk said.

Senior Jessica Eckerley believes that Olivet's women's golf program is headed in the right direction. "We have only been

a program for five years, and we already have won multiple tournaments, been conference champs, and made an appearance at Nationals twice," says Eckerley. She believes that she has significantly improved on her long game—drives and fairway shots made with wood, driver, and hybrid clubs. "My goal for this year is to help contribute to the overall team's score and to be a part of the group that heads to Nationals," Eckerley added. "The team's goal is to get as close to our school record—scorewise—as possible, if not beat it, and, of course, go to Nationals again." Eckerley's best memory of playing golf with Olivet so far was scoring her career low in the last fall tournament of her 2014 fall season, and she hopes to beat that score in the spring season. Each member on the team continued to improve throughout the 2014-2015 academic year, and it's obvious that they will continue to get better both individually as well as a team.

## Meet the team...

Lydia Bilyeu {Senior}

Madison Brown {Freshman}

Jessica Eckerley {Senior}

Kelsey Fisk {Junior}

Lyndsey Herndon {Sophomore}

Julie Hogan {Freshman}

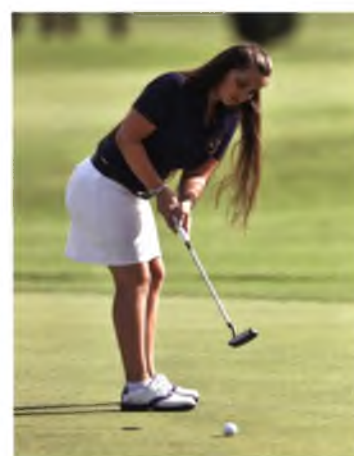




**Left:** Kelsey Fisk sent the ball flying as she teed off.

**Below:** Hannah Petraitis swung and moved her ball closer to the hole.

**Far Below:** Lyndsey Herndon putted her ball in the hopes of sinking it into the hole.



**Above:** Jessica Eckerley watched as her ball sailed toward the green.

**Left:** Madison Brown carefully lined up her putt before swinging.

Hannah Petraitias {Sophomore}  
Tara Schneider {Freshman}  
Maria Stevens {Junior}

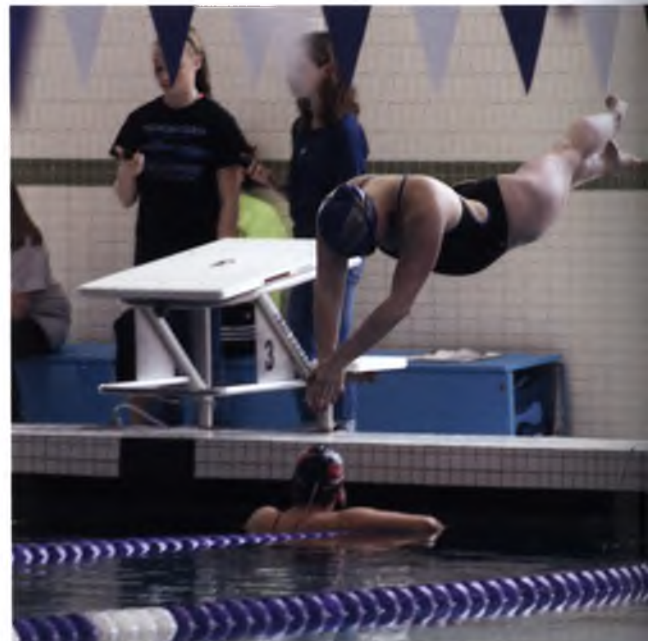
Sydney Tyler {Sophomore}  
Bridget Wolff {Junior}



**Right:** The swimming coaches as well as teammates stood along the side of the pool and cheered swimmers on as they swam the last lap.

**Far Right:** The swim team has incredible strength, ability, and power. Tiffany Ray demonstrated her skills as she dove off the block.

**Below:** Whitney Whitehead emerged from the water to take a breath while swimming the breaststroke.



**Above:** One event that swimmers participate in are relays. In a relay, several swimmers compete in a group. As one finished their lap, the next would dive off the block.

**Right:** Andrew Fischer swam the butterfly during a home meet.



## Scoreboard

10/10/14 at Notre Dame Relays

10/17/14 **Intrasquad: Purple v. gold**

11/7/14 **Intrasquad: Purple v. Gold #2**

11/14/14 at University of Chicago Invite

{Men: W 127.5-111.5} {Women: L 83-154}

12/5/14 and 12/6/14

at Eastern Michigan Invite {Men: 4th of 4}

{Women: 6th of 6}

1/10/15 at Lewis University {Men: L 122-139}

{Women: L 102.5-157.5}

1/10/15 at UI-C Invite {Men: 4th of 8} {Women: 6th of 8}



# Just Keep Swimming



## {Swimming and Diving}

Two weeks after the start of the semester, the ONU swimming and diving has hit

the ground running—or, shall we say, hit the water kicking. Olivet has only two meets left before the NAIA Swimming and Diving National Championships in Oklahoma City. Since the beginning of the swim season in October, Olivet's swim team has been competing against NCAA teams in hopes of being podium contenders in Oklahoma City this March.

Head swim coach Scott Teeters says that Olivet's competitive schedule—including meets against schools like Notre Dame, University of Chicago, and Ohio State—will better prepare his team for the championship meet. "They're much better than NAIA teams," he said. "We try to be as competitive as we can be. Our swimmers can compete at that level. They don't doubt their abilities."

Olivet's NCAA schedule has not resulted in as much tournament success as it has in swimmers qualifying for Nationals. Although NAIA rules allow only 18 entrants from each team at Nationals, Teeters said that several more of the team's 60 swimmers had qualifying times. "Our focus has been on swimming fast, not on winning tournaments," Teeters said.

Since Christmas break, Coach Teeters has upped the intensity of his training program. "We get better every year," he said. "As the swimmers keep improving, they can do more."

Teeters also plans to give his team an edge through

the use of tech suits, which can make swimmers significantly faster. "We didn't have them during the first semester, but we will at Nationals," he said. "All of our qualifying times were made without tech suits." Freshman Nationals qualifier Austin Bennett has made changes to his routine as well in preparation for Nationals. "I've changed my diet by eating more healthy power foods, and I'm trying to get more sleep," he said. "I'm just going to swim my heart out, do my best, try to hold my own and support the others. And, of course, make Coach happy."

One area Teeters is hoping to improve is the diving team. Olivet currently has a limited number of divers, most of whom have little diving training. Because Olivet does not have diving facilities, the divers are forced to travel to Kankakee High School to practice. "They try to dive as much as they can, but there is frustration with the lack of practice time available. We work with what we have," said Teeters.

Teeters hopes to be able to recruit more divers, but says that the lack of facilities makes recruitment difficult. A strong diving team is essential to the team's success at meets: Three divers count as one entry at Nationals, where a poor result could cost the team 200 points.

The team does, however, have a major asset that other teams do not: A group of dedicated student assistants comprised of Samantha Elam, Bradley Adamson, Montana Case, and Jordan Epp. "I'm so blessed and fortunate to have them," said Teeters. "They motivate me. Any one of them could be a head coach."

1/16/15 and 1/17/15 at Oakland University, Kenyon College, University of

Cincinnati {Men: 4th of 4} {Women: 4th of 4}

1/30/15 at Wheaton College {Men: W 150-55}

{Women: W 104-101}

1/31/15 Lake Forrest University and Butler University

{Men: W 177-82} {Women: (Butler) W 176-81 and (Lake Forrest) W 176-74}

2/21/15 at University of Chicago Qualifier {Men: 5th of 7

(partial squad)} {Women: 4th of 8 (partial squad)}

3/4/15 to 3/7/15 at NAIA National Championships



# Game, Set, Match



## {Men's and Women's Tennis}

"ONU's tennis program is great," team captain junior Clara Ruesegger said. "It

is very competitive and has been very successful over the years, both on the men's and women's side. It is a very close knit team with a lot of talent and love for the sport." Ruesegger said that the team's goals for this season include winning their conference and making it to nationals in May. "While the men qualified last year, the women lost in the final round, and we would love to be back in Alabama this May to have another shot in the NAIA tournament," Ruesegger said. She added that her favorite memory of the season was the team's fall trip to Joplin, Missouri for the regional tournament. "It was a really successful trip for individuals on both the men's and women's sides," Ruesegger commented. "[Sophomore] Oscar Mancineras Cornella won the tournament and from there even went on to get through the second round of Nationals beating a No. 3 ranked player."

ONU's tennis program was a "big contributing factor" in team captain senior Peter Jensen choosing ONU. Jensen said that he has gained experience, gained more confidence in playing doubles matches, and become a better player overall. "I would like

to make it to the 2nd round of Nationals," Jensen said. "The last two years we lost 4-5 in the first round. Also I would like to work on being more aggressive." For team goals, Jensen explained that ONU tennis would like to be a stronger team in doubles matches. "I think everyone on the team is really consistent," Jensen continued. "So we have a lot of long matches. Also, most of us really like the sport and are constantly putting in extra work to get better."

Sophomore Brooke Fraley believes that ONU's tennis program is a "great experience" for anyone wanting to play collegiate tennis. "Our greatest strength as a team has to be just the amount of talent that adds up," Fraley said. "We have a lot of diverse players from different [places], and it's really cool to see all these different people from different places coming together and working hard together to achieve our overall goals." Fraley's best memory of playing tennis with ONU was being able to pour cooler water on her coaches who were participating in the ALS Ice Bucket challenge. Both the Men's and Women's tennis teams have been very competitive and successful this year. A combination of a **strong**, as well as dedicated, team creates an atmosphere of **cohesion**, and allows the **focus** to be on improving their **game**.

## Meet the teams...

Sarahpaine Buchmann {Junior}  
Mikaela Coose {Freshman}  
Brooke Fraley {Sophomore}  
Anna Kuechenberg {Freshman}

Erica Matheis {Sophomore}  
Faith Meitzler {Sophomore}  
Victoria Monakhova {Freshman}  
Chloe Myers {Sophomore}  
Priscila Nunez {Sophomore}

Marta Quereda {Sophomore}  
Clara Ruegesgger {Junior}  
Morgan Winnie {Sophomore}





**Left:** Riley St. Clair returned a blistering shot back to his opponent.

**Below:** Rodolfo Sanchez fired the ball back across the court.

**Far Below:** Chloe Myers observed her shot as she prepared for the next return.



**Above:** Victoria Monakhova prepared to send a strong shot back over the tennis net.

**Left:** Sarephine Buchmann concentrated on her target and returned her opponent's shot.

**Far Left:** Parker Tibbs followed through and returned a tough serve.

Lucas Bolt {Freshman}  
Derek Bradshaw {Sophomore}  
Ryan Champlin {Freshman}  
Adam Clark {Freshman}  
Tyler Ellis {Sophomore}

Peter Jensen {Senior}  
Tyler Lingle {Sophomore}  
Juan Lopez-Isasi Morales {Sophomore}  
Oscar Mancineiras Cornella {Sophomore}  
Rodolfo Sanchez {Junior}

Riley St. Clair {Sophomore}  
Kyce Stewart {Freshman}  
Parker Tibbs {Freshman}  
Navarro Veys {Junior}



**Right:** Leke Solanke jumped up to dunk the ball.

**Far Right:** Alex Thorson took advantage of the open lane for a lay-up and scored two points.



**Far Above:** At the free throw line, Austin Davis added two points to the Tigers' score.

**Above:** Aaron Larson broke away from the defense and headed straight for the hoop to score.



**Above:** Tyler Crater passed to Alex Thorson in the hopes of getting the ball away from the defense.

## Scoreboard

10/31/14 **Indiana Institute of Technology** {W 88-49}  
 11/5/14 **#RV Huntington University** {W 83-62}  
 11/7/14 **Silver Lake College** {W 111-65}  
 11/11/14 at #14 St. Ambrose University {W 76-74}  
 11/19/14 at Purdue University-Calumet {W 80-60}  
 11/22/14 **#20 Evangel University** {L 73-75 (OT)}  
 11/25/14 at University of St. Francis {L 59-75}

11/29/14 at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale {L 60-76}  
 12/1/14 at Purdue University-North Central {W 72-55}  
 12/3/14 at #RV Lewis University {L 49-75}  
 12/6/14 **Holy Cross College** {W 72-69}  
 12/13/14 **Calumet College of St. Joseph** {W 74-71}  
 12/16/14 **#11 St. Ambrose University** {W 89-68}  
 12/18/14 vs. #24 Evangel University {L 58-67}  
 12/19/14 vs. #23 Southwestern Assemblies of God University {L 75-78}  
 1/4/15 at #15 Georgetown College {W 84-82}



# Above The Rim



## {Men's Basketball}

This season Olivet's men's basketball team played host for the CCAC Tournament Championship, which seemed to bring them luck. By the time the horn blared signaling the end of their thirty-third game, the Tigers claimed their twenty-fifth victory. The mass of students, many of which had gone out of their way to decorate themselves patriotically, roared in celebration. In honor of the great win, each player got a chance to cut a piece of the net down. "Everybody get up there and cut! Everybody!" Olivet's head men's basketball coach, Ralph Hodge, said after the CCAC championship game. Both nets were cut down on the evening of Feb. 28 in McHie Arena after the Tigers beat Cardinal Stritch University 90-80.

Victory in the CCAC Tournament Championship took the team to the NAIA where their winning streak was cut short. Although they were unable to continue on to another victory, it is impressive to note that this was their seventeenth appearance in the national tournament.

In addition to winning the regular season title,

the Tigers were named the 2015 CCAC Tournament Champions for their win in an after game awards ceremony. At the game's 13-minute mark, the Tigers held the lead and did not relinquish it. In the last ten seconds of the game, sophomore Tyler Crater, who contributed two 3-pointers to the Tigers' performance, tossed the ball in the air in triumph and smiled. "[Our game plan] is the same as it's been all season long when we first started," Hodge said. "We said it's going to be a season of poise and purpose. That's what we talked about all year long: staying in the moment--being in control of our emotions, our mental state. [Then], playing with a purpose of how we've practiced, how we've prepared, of our team's abilities."

At the end of the game, Hodge credited his team's victory to their "poised and purposeful" overall performance. This year's season was surely a time to remember as a celebration of all the male athletes and their passion for basketball.

1/10/15	at Judson University {W 83-67}	2/7/15	at Holy Cross College {L 56-62}
1/14/15	<b>#25 Robert Morris University</b> {W 93-71}	2/11/15	at Calumet College of St. Joseph {W 73-65}
1/17/15	at St. Xavier University {W 105-97 (OT)}	2/16/15	<b>Purdue University-North Central</b> {W 97-61}
1/19/15	<b>Indiana University-South Bend</b> {W 84-58}	2/18/15	<b>#14 Cardinal Stritch University</b> {W 94-85}
1/21/15	<b>Trinity International University</b> {L 78-81}	2/21/15	at Indiana University-South Bend {W 95-75}
1/24/15	<b>Roosevelt University</b> {W 77-44}	2/25/15	<b>Robert Morris University (quarterfinals)</b> {W 93-68}
1/28/15	at Trinity Christian College {W 87-76}	2/27/25	<b>St. Xavier University (semifinals)</b> {W 90-79}
1/31/15	<b>Purdue University-Calumet</b> {W 88-65}	2/28/15	<b>#18 Cardinal Stritch University (championship)</b> {W 90-80}
2/4/15	<b>#14 University of St. Francis</b> {W 72-65}	3/11/15	vs. #16 Warner Pacific College {L 54-79}



# Road to Victory



## {Women's Basketball}

"Embrace the Challenge" was the theme for Olivet's women's basketball season. "Tigerball" is the term coined to define the women's fast or "run-and-gun" style of play. This year, the Tiger's ten-year anniversary, head coach Lauren Stamatis focused on "[teaching] everyone the speed and tempo of play" that Olivet's team is known for.

"Our record this year was 20-11," junior guard Jayne Stuart said. "While we had hoped to do better, with nine freshman and having little experience, we did pretty well. We set a national record in all divisions with a 108.3 points per game average." The Tigers' points per game average was 107.5 last season. This year, the Tigers breached the 100-point mark in 24 of their games. Despite a dominating first half of the season, the last game they played for the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference Tournament, against Cardinal Stritch University (Wis.), was missing ten

players due to injuries. The Tigers did not make their goal of reaching the national tournament but are "very determined to be there next year as [they] are returning 13 players."

Stuart said that one of her favorite memories this season was beating No. 5 ranked Cardinal Stritch University in the regular season. The Tigers beat the Stritch Wolves by 33 points staying ahead of the Wolves for the entire game aside from a tie 4 minutes in. Stuart contributed 24 points in the game against the Wolves. The Tigers' run-and-gun style challenged the Wolves as the girls forced 38 turnovers—18 because of steals. "We played so well as a team and the crowd was awesome that game," Stuart said.

As Wendy Reid writes on the team's page: "When Olivet Nazarene University women's basketball team takes the court, not even the scoreboard is safe."



## Scoreboard

10/31/14 **Indiana Institute of Technology** {W 136-94}  
 11/5/14 at Marian University {L 124-135}  
 11/8/14 **Lindenwood University - Belleville** {L 88-98}  
 11/12/14 **Missouri Baptist University** {W 115-84}  
 11/15/14 **Grace College** {W 122-87}  
 11/19/14 at Purdue University - Calumet {L 91-122}

11/21/14 **Indiana University - Northwest** {W 104-100}  
 11/22/14 **Ashford University** {W 101-90}  
 11/25/14 at University of Saint Francis {W 126-112}  
 12/3/14 at Clarke University {W 101-78}  
 12/6/14 **Holy Cross College** {W 108-74}  
 12/10/14 **Calumet College of Saint Joseph** {W 121-61}  
 12/13/14 at No. 26 Huntington University {L 106-124}  
 12/17/14 vs. William Penn University {W 120-103}  
 12/18/14 vs. Buena Vista University {W 116-110}





**Left:** Sophomore Ashley Freeman shot a free throw.

**Below:** Freshman Lauren Rouse, cornered by defenders, searched for a teammate who was open for a pass.



**Above:** The Tigers came together as a team to celebrate their win. The team ended with a 20-11 record.

**Left:** Junior Abbey Hengesbach ran after the ball. She led her team in rebounds this season.

1/3/15 at Indiana University - Northwest {L 95-98}  
 1/7/15 **Indiana University - South Bend** {Postponed}  
 1/10/15 at Judson University {W 127-87}  
 1/14/15 **Robert Morris University** {L 83-104}  
 1/17/15 at Saint Xavier University {L 97-105}  
 1/19/15 **Indiana University - South Bend (rescheduled)** {W 115-77}  
 1/21/15 **Trinity International University** {W 101-53}  
 1/24/15 **Roosevelt University** {W 107-70}  
 1/28/15 at Trinity Christian College {W 103-78}

1/31/15 **Purdue University - Calumet** {L 96-106}  
 2/4/15 **University of Saint Francis** {L 108-110}  
 2/7/15 at Holy Cross College {W 113-73}  
 2/11/15 at Calumet College of Saint Joseph {W 128-71}  
 2/14/15 at Ashford University {W 111-97}  
 2/18/15 **No. 5 Cardinal Stritch University** {W 133-100}  
 2/21/15 at Indiana University - South Bend {L 96-101}  
 2/25/15 at Quarterfinals: No. 5 Cardinal Stritch University {L 64-94}



**Right:** A Tiger batter took a swing at the pitch during one of the team's games in Tuscon, Arizona over spring break. The Tigers won 9 out of 12 games in Tuscon.

**Below:** A Tiger player slides into third base to avoid being tagged out by his opponent.



**Far Above:** Junior Katie Megyesi waited for the perfect pitch in the game against Purdue University-Calumet. The Tigers won their first game against Purdue by 10 runs.

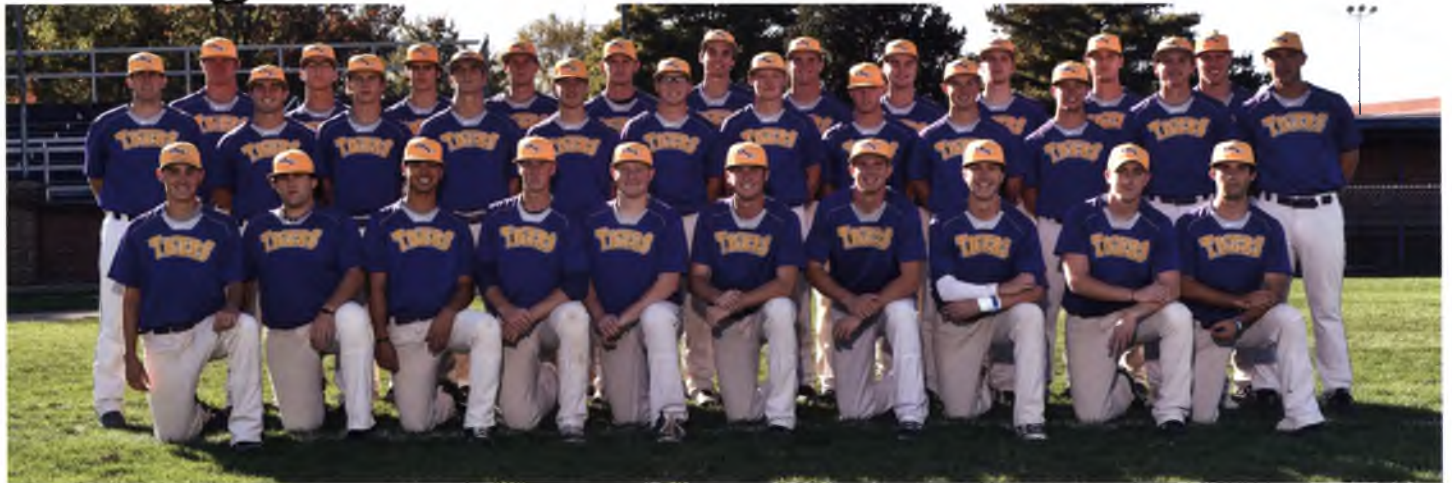
**Above:** The Tiger catcher played hard against Robert Morris University. The Tigers swept Robert Morris in the regular season.



**Above:** Jonathan Hentschel, one of Olivet's pitchers, wound up to hurl the ball toward the opposing team's batter.



# Life on the Diamond



## {Baseball and Softball}

Q & A with Parker Shelton, Baseball Pitcher, Junior Mechanical Engineering Major

**Q: Why did you choose Olivet?**

A: I wanted the opportunity to play collegiate baseball and study engineering while in a Christian atmosphere.

**Q: How does playing baseball relate to life?**

A: Sometimes in the game, you can make a great pitch and do everything right and the opponent still misses it. That is true in life. Sometimes you can do everything right and it just doesn't go your way.

Q & A with Ken DeCook, Baseball Pitcher, Senior Religious Studies Major

**Q: What is your favorite memory on the team?**

A: I transferred to ONU after playing at KCC and I enjoyed getting to play against old teammates last year.

**Q: How does playing baseball relate to life?**

A: Baseball has helped me understand what it means to be a part of a team and how to work together for a common goal as well as how to balance work, school, and sleep.

Q & A with Megan Butler, Softball Catcher, Senior Elementary Education Major

**Q: Why did you choose Olivet?**

A: I met Coach Ritchie when I was 12 years old at a softball camp hosted by Olivet and loved his coaching style.

**Q: What is one of your goals for this season?**

A: To finish it alive! I would love to see the team head to Nationals and also to finish my last year playing strong in order to look back with no regrets.

Q & A with Ashley McKnight, Softball Left Fielder, Junior Exercise Science Major

**Q: Why did you choose Olivet?**

A: I chose Olivet because of the highly accredited academics, but more importantly, for the opportunity to grow in my faith during college.

**Q: What has playing softball taught you?**

A: It has taught me that the amount of time and effort that you put into something is directly related to the predicted outcome.



# Under the Lights

**Below:** A few boys blow off some steam and energy while enjoying some intramural basketball.



*{Intramurals}* Intramurals is one of the things that makes Olivet stand out. With over 80 percent of students participating in these extracurricular sports, it is something that brings the Olivet community together through friendly competition. "Intramurals definitely have a strong sense of community," explained participant Amanda Aldeir. "I love being on a team with students I wouldn't have met if it weren't for intramurals." Aldeir also explained that through intramurals, she is able to continue to participate in sports that she once played in high school but didn't pursue into college.

To form an intramural team, students must choose a team captain, sign-up as a group, choose the league based on the ability levels of the players,

and then they are ready to compete! Intramurals has several leagues which vary in skill level from players who are brand new to the sport and just want to have fun to those who played in high school and are highly competitive. Everyone can find something that suits their skill level and interests within Olivet's intramurals program.

Most intramural participants have their eye on the intramural championship t-shirt – a prize every team looks forward to working towards. With options to play basketball, dodgeball, euchre, flag football, billiards, tennis, racquetball, soccer, softball, volleyball, table tennis, and ultimate frisbee, there are endless opportunities for students to win one of the coveted t-shirts.





**Left:** An intramural volleyball game got heated when a powerful spike was blocked.

**Below:** Intramurals allow students to come together and decompress from a busy academic schedule with the occasional competitive game.



**Left:** A close shot was blocked by the skilled intramural indoor soccer goalie.

**Neil Ipock** @neil\_ipock



B-league Champions. Had a blast playing with these guys and bringing home those T-shirts is a great feeling. #Apostles #lifeatolivet #basketball #squad







The background of the entire page is a dramatic, low-key photograph of a stone wall. In the upper left, a glowing lantern with a metal cage hangs from a chain. Below it, a dark wooden sign with the words 'STAGE DOOR' in bright, glowing yellow letters is visible. The stone wall itself is textured and aged, with some light reflecting off its surface.

# {Music}

Even for soloists, music is a shared experience. We have our audiences, we have our peers, and we have our teachers and conductors. It takes practice to create moving music; it takes dedication and belief in what you are playing. It takes persistence to march, patience to rehearse. To see those hours pay off is a gift. To share it with the friends you have made along the way is an even greater reward.

STAGE DOOR



“Apollo is a mixed choir with its own  
sound and personality.”





# Raise Your Voice

{Apollo Choir}

This year marks the debut of Olivet's new singing group, Apollo Choir, a merger of the women's choir, Chrysalis, and the men's choir, Testament. "We realized we had a niche in our curriculum," said Dr. Reddick, the choir's director and head of the music department. "Most of our choirs were singing sacred music...What we really didn't have was a group singing all the wonderful music that was not sacred, from jazz to Broadway." The variety of music was best served with a mixed choir. "You can't compare Apollo to Chrysalis and Testament," said senior alto section member Sierra Navarro, "Apollo is a mixed choir with its own sound and personality." Both the students and the director have enjoyed the changes that have come with the new group. "I'm having a blast [directing], and the choir has really risen to the occasion," said Dr. Reddick. Navarro's experience with the choir spoke to the benefits of its focus on non-sacred music, expressing that the jazz pieces were her favorites, but she quickly added, "Honestly, I love all the music we sing!"





# Robed in Purple

**Below:** The members of Orpheus Choir donned their traditional purple robes for their performance in "Sounds of the Season."



*{Orpheus Choir}* Orpheus Choir, one of Olivet's largest music ensembles, always knows how to entertain. From performances in chapel and revival services to singing in Handel's Messiah and Sounds of the Season, Orpheus always satisfies the crowd with a wide selection of choral pieces. Despite their incredibly polished performances in the choral setting, Orpheus also entertains in other ways on campus.

Each fall semester Olivet brings about one of the more inventive events of the year - the Orpheus Variety Show. Put together entirely by the members of Orpheus Choir, the show includes a wide variety of skits, parodies, dance numbers, and anything else that the choir finds entertaining. This year's show included acts such as synchronized swimming routines, stomp dance numbers, short plays performed at increasing speeds, break-up songs, and the ever-popular Olivet Report. Despite the incredibly vast and unpredictable acts included within the show, it is put together by the choir members in a surprisingly short amount of time. "The mentality and focus that goes into our week's worth of rehearsal is incredible. It's crazy to think that

we put together this show in only a week!" said sophomore Jessa Hendricker.

"We always put this show together in a pretty short amount of time, but it all comes together every time," agreed senior Sarah Mowry. "I love being a part of a show that has a purpose of having people come to relax, forget about the stresses of life, and laugh a lot!"

Aside from giving the audience countless reasons to relax and laugh, putting together the Orpheus Variety Show does a lot to enhance the environment of community within the choir itself. "Each year, we receive a slew of new members. Orpheus is a family," explained Hendricker. "By having a week's worth of intense rehearsing, we really have to learn to love each other and respect one another. We learn through the intensity and stress of it all that each person in Orpheus has seventy-five brothers and sisters that love them unconditionally." Year after year, the brief yet intense hours of rehearsing always pay off as the final product of the show brings surprises and laughter to the campus of Olivet.



**Left:** A chilling performance of Pentatonix “Run to You” created an atmosphere of silence and awe in the audience.

**Below:** Orpheus Choir holds more than just incredible vocal talent, Evan Schafer revealed his incredible skill of playing the banjo.

**Far Below:** Nathan Lain played his guitar to accompany vocalists Brenna Close, Brianna Denhart, and Jessica Brown who sang a trio full of harmony.



**Above:** Dr. Bell spends many hours directing the Orpheus Choir. Class meets on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and includes much laughter alongside the hardwork.

**Left:** The ladies of Orpheus Choir showed off their girl power when they danced to one of Taylor Swift's songs.





*{City on a Hill}* Jamila Coker, Curtis Case, JD Dulinsky, Kara Anne Evans, Chad Olds, Joshua Robinson, Malik Temple, Ashley Sarver, and Macy Murray. (Photo by Joe Mantarian)



*{The Narrow}* Megan Hendrickson, Enos Hershberger, Emily Swartzwelder, Susan Morrill, Wes Reece, Shelley Fellows, Chase DeMott, and Adam Deckard. (Photo by Joe Mantarian)



# Traveling Musicians

*PR Bands* Olivet has many ways that it reaches out into the community to minister to others. One of those ways is through the PR groups comprised of students. This year, the three PR Bands that Olivet has sent out into the community are the Olivetians, City on a Hill, and The Narrow. Each group travels on the weekends to camps, churches, and district events to perform and to lead the congregations into worship. The Olivetians, made up of ten students, traveled many weekends throughout the year to churches to represent Olivet and to use their talents. One of the most well-known musical groups on campus, the Olivetians have performed in many different churches in the region and also perform on Olivet's campus on a regular basis. City on a Hill and the Narrow travel to churches in the region as well, but they also travel to camps and invest in the lives of

children and families. In addition to traveling on the weekends, many of the students in the PR bands also participate in chapel worship groups and contribute to the chapel service through their musical talents.

During the first semester, Jonathan and Kate Burkey provided leadership for the PR bands. After feeling God call them to a position as a worship pastor at a church, they followed God's leading and passed the leadership onto Joel and Ali Deckard. Both couples provided excellent leadership and poured into the lives of these musicians so that they could pour into the lives of others through their music.

The Olivetians, City on a Hill, and The Narrow are full of talented musicians who have a heart for sharing Christ's love through music. Their influence on our community and region is obvious and they have touched the lives of many people through their travels.



*{The Olivetians}* Front Row: Christine Caven, Brianna Denhart, Anna Burkey, Sarah Mowry, and Emily Fernette. Back Row: Ben Geeding, Mark Fleschner, Michael-Andrew Spalding, Joe Mantarian, and Brady Bettis. (Photo by Image Group Photography)



**Below:** The men of Sound Foundation show their enthusiasm to perform in Sounds of the Season.

**Far Below:** Olivet's new show choir, Sound Foundation, wowed the crowd with their ability to dance and sing simultaneously.



## {Handbell Choir}

Amidst various musical groups, Olivet's Handbell Choir brings a traditional feel to an ever-changing environment.

Although small in size, the group packs a punch with their musicality and song choices as well as with the rich tones of the bells themselves. The group performed at this year's Sounds of the Season, dazzling the audience with delicate Christmas music. Other than their holiday music, the group performs a variety of both contemporary and traditional pieces. The choir members love that they can push themselves as musicians to try their hand at playing this unique instrument. As the music department continues to move forward into broader horizons, the Handbell Choir reminds us of our roots and points toward the importance of tradition.

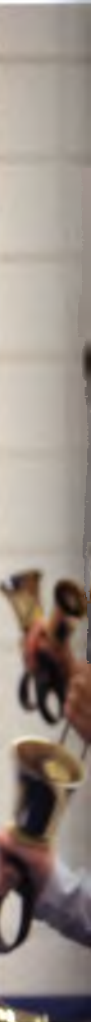
# Traditional Importance

272 Handbell Choir and Sound Foundation



**Far Above:** Handbell choir is a great place to play a traditional instrument, but not always traditional music.

**Above:** Choir members concentrate on their iPads as they follow along to the musical score.





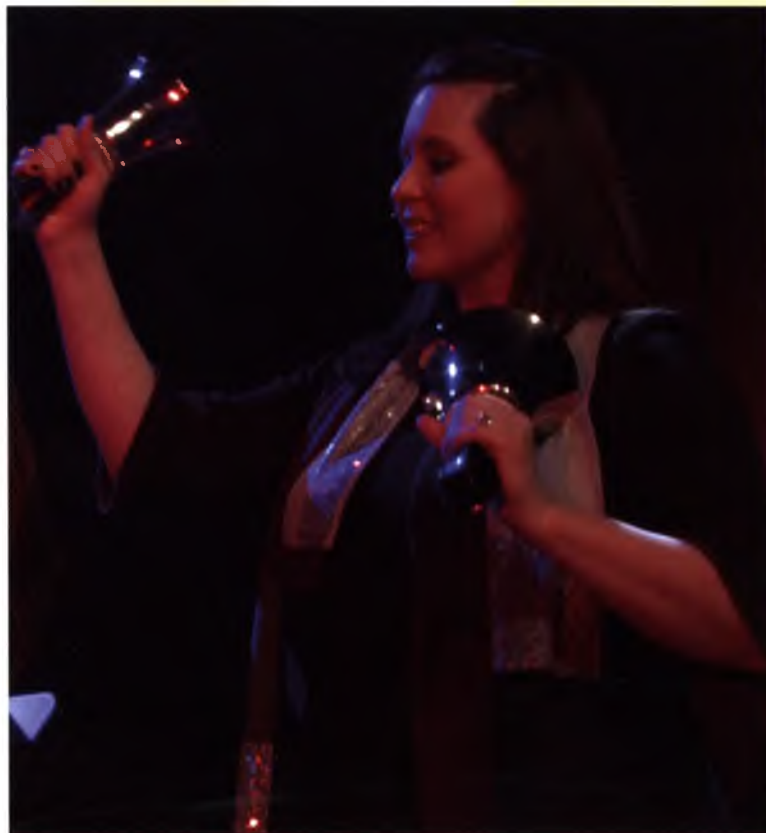
# A Tight-Knit Group

**Left:** Sound Foundation members show off their dancing skills during a performance.

**Below:** Dancing and singing with a smile, these girls are having fun performing.



{Sound Foundation} Amidst Olivet's large music department, the show choir Sound Foundation makes space for a small, tight-knit group. Led by Dr. Bell, Sound Foundation's performances demonstrate a wide selection showcasing both exciting and heartfelt songs, even throwing in a few goofy numbers like "Make a Man Out of You" from Disney's *Mulan*. Freshman Erica Browning said, "The mix of music helps us not take ourselves too seriously." Whether performing or rehearsing, the show choir has made some lasting memories this year. Browning says, "My favorite memory was definitely when we were practicing in the chapel and Dr. Bell had us all sit on stage while he tried to play the organ. He couldn't get it to connect, and after a while it was just us, rolling around the stage crying because we were laughing so hard." Sound Foundations shows that a little laughter and a lot of hard work goes a long way.



**Above:** The sound of the low bells in the handbell choir echoed through the chapel as the Handbell Choir performed a Christmas tune at Sounds of the Season.

**Left:** Members of the Handbell Choir practice diligently so their performances go smoothly.



**Right:** The students involved in Concert Singers meet three times a week for a class session where they learn and practice new music as well as prepare for performances.

**Far Right:** The Concert Singers performed in the annual Sounds of the Season performance.

**Below:** The members of Concert Singers performed in a musical ensemble showcase in Kelley Prayer Chapel. The other performers included the Flute Choir and University Strings ensembles.



## Flute Choir

Olivet offers a wide variety of ensemble options for student musicians. The Flute Choir is a chamber ensemble composed entirely of flautists. The ensemble focuses on learning classical chamber pieces to perform in various outlets and these pieces have different musical parts including 4 concert flute parts, an alto flute part, and a bass flute part. Flautist Lynnae De Jong shared about her experience with the choir and she said, "I love that Flute Choir has given me the opportunity to learn how to play the alto flute. The alto flute has a beautiful sound, and I would not have had the chance to learn outside of Flute Choir. Being able to make music with eight other girls who have a passion for the flute like I do is such a fun and rewarding experience as well." The Flute Choir offers the musicians a chance to get exposure to new pieces of music, new techniques, and to grow in their abilities.

The ladies in the Flute Choir are incredibly passionate about their craft, and excited to continue growing and learning more about their instrument of choice. Justine Von Arb explained, "I decided to join because I was excited to take part in something that I love - making music - with others who love the same thing... The sound of flutes playing without any other accompaniment - and, really, being one of those musicians, is simply incredible."

The Flute Choir is truly unique in sound and composition, and they make incredible music. Taylor Stark stated, "My favorite part of flute choir is being with a group of awesome musicians and making music that no one else on campus can make. There aren't any other ensembles that have the same sound and color that flute choir does, and that makes it really interesting." This group of ladies is incredibly talented and they make beautiful music. They are incredibly dedicated and love being a part of their flautist family.



**Above:** Justine Von Arb warmed up before Flute Choir practice. The ensemble met on Fridays to practice and prepare for performances.

# Flautist Family



# Resonating Voices

## {Concert Singers}

Concert Singers is a mixed-voice, audition-only ensemble directed by Dr. Neal Woodruff. The ensemble meets three times a week and performs a variety of musical pieces throughout the country, as well as overseas. Junior Madie Bloom, double major in Music Ministry and Spanish, explained that the ensemble often breaks into smaller groups at the end of practice, always composed of different people, to pray and encourage one another. Bloom said that time grows a sense of community and has resulted in Concert Singers becoming a “family.”

Concert Singers perform in various locations around campus, their favorites including Kelley Prayer Chapel and Centennial Chapel. “Personally I love the acoustics of Kelley Prayer Chapel because a small group like Concert Singers can really produce a resonant sound in such a small place – it really helps us hear one another better,” explained Bloom. Cassandra Petrie, a senior Vocal Performance and Music Education major, agreed and added that the Chamber Concerts held in Kelley are “beautiful.” Leandra Decatoria, a sophomore Music Composition major, said that Centennial Chapel is a favorite as well because of how “alive” the acoustics are.

Members of the ensemble had nothing but good things to say about the group’s director, Dr. Neal Woodruff. “He’s completely brilliant and a whole lot of fun,” Petrie pointed out. Decatoria said Dr. Woodruff is one of the most “hip” professors she knows, and Bloom explained that the director loves to see members of the group succeed musically and constantly instills life wisdom in them. Bloom said she most appreciates that Dr. Woodruff encourages the students in the ensemble to continually do their best work to glorify God.



**Above:** The Flute Choir joined several other ensembles in Kelley Prayer Chapel for a performance.



**Above:** The members of the Flute Choir displayed their skills during a feature piece in Sounds of the Season.



**Left:** The Flute Choir members practiced a recently learned piece of classical music.



**Below:** The Marching Tigers Snare Line played a cadence to keep the energy high as the game started.



### {Marching Band}

Anticipation built as the Marching Tigers moved onto the field to take their places. There was a moment of silence as drum major, Paige Penrod, counted off before the ONU marching band began to play. Sound flooded the football field and fans watched in amazement as the band moved fluidly between formations. Flutes, trumpets, saxophones, and percussion instruments represented only a fraction of the 198 piece ensemble that could be heard from the opposite side of campus.

Freshman mellophone player Tori Kober insisted, "Marching band is definitely a sport!" Even though the description of sport is not usually applied to marching band, members consider it to be accurate. Band members move into Olivet two weeks early in the fall for daily twelve-hour practices to prepare for their season. Those two weeks are spent learning and polishing drills that will be performed during halftime at Olivet football games. Performances are fifteen minutes long and take several weeks to perfect, not unlike perfecting a play in a sport. The marching band never fails to "wow" the audience. The hours spent in practice prove to be successful any time the Marching Tigers perform.



### {Colorguard}

Color guard is very welcoming in the recruitment of new members. "Everyone should join, even if you have no experience," says Sarah Buffa about becoming a member of color guard. She continued, saying that color guard has a friendly atmosphere where everyone gets along well. Like any other activity, color guard requires hard work and determination as well as humility in order to succeed as a team. Buffa added that "listening to superiors is especially important just because all they want is to help you make yourself better and help the team succeed."



# Strike Up the Band



**Far Left:** The saxophone section and drumline played together in the fourth movement of the performance. They started the song "Something Unpredictable."

**Left:** The band's theme this year was Time of Our Life. Members played a variety of songs centered around the idea of time.



**Left:** Before every home game, the marching band paraded from inner campus to Ward field to rev up the student body.



**Above:** The flute section played a feature in the song "One More Time" in the halftime show.

**Kristin Marshall** @kristin.marshall.376



Base drummers hard at work again! #onuyearbook  
#onudrumline



**Right:** Jasper Taylor led the Gospel Choir in a soulful ballad. (photo submitted)

**Below:** The Gospel Choir performed as a part of Sounds of the Season and dressed in festive colors to brighten the stage. (photo submitted)



**Right:** The Gospel Choir reveals their signature move, the “side-sway” at one of their off-campus events. (photo submitted)



**Janice Burneson** @jpburneson




I love these women. #gospelchoir  
#tour #family



**Above:** The members of Gospel Choir spend a lot of time traveling together, so it's expected that bonds are formed between the performers. (photo submitted)



# A Joyful Noise



High-energy and full of joy, this 80-voice ensemble delighted audiences on and off campus with traditional contemporary gospel music. Known for their soulful renditions and cheery enthusiasm, the choir kept their reputation this year as one of Olivet's most beloved performance groups. The Gospel Choir kept the student singers on their toes with tempo and dynamics, as well as constantly changing elements. The unrestricted approach to the music allowed for variations between performances and

that is what freshman Quincie McCalla appreciated most about the group. "We follow our director and do whatever he tells us to do," said McCalla. "He throws us for a loop sometimes, but we have fun making every performance a little bit different than the last." The choir as a whole is made up of people who love to share God's love and sing praises to the Lord. This element is what makes their performances so special.



Above: Gospel Choir members groove to the rhythm of the music and feel the Spirit as they sing praises to the Lord. (photo submitted)



**Below:** Led by Dr. Woodruff, the University Orchestra wowed their audience with both classical and modern songs.



## {University Orchestra}

Walking into Larsen on any given day, one would likely encounter many different students from a wide variety of music ensembles. The music department at Olivet may be known for its size as well as its talent, but it may be surprising that aspects of it did not start out that way.

"I started teaching in Olivet's School of Music in 2000," recalled Dr. Neal Woodruff, director of Olivet's orchestra. "While orchestral playing has been part of Olivet for many years, it was often comprised of just a handful of students along with hired community players. We now have two all-undergraduate student orchestras: University Orchestra (full symphonic) and University Strings (strings only). This makes us unique among schools our size, most of whom will have a community-based orchestra program."

With the orchestra's increasing size comes an increasing feeling of community, as noted by a handful of its members.

"[Orchestra] has provided the opportunity for me to sort of reach out of my comfort zone," noted senior concertmaster Brittany Pruitt. "It has also introduced me to many people, some of which

are some of my closest friends here at Olivet."

"Being involved in such a prominent department has been very beneficial," stated freshman Caroline Miller. "The musicians are quality people and have been excellent role models. As a freshman, it has taught me self-discipline with fitting everything else in with academics."

"Orchestra is basically a family," said senior Amelia Claus. "You can't spend so much time in close quarters with people without becoming a family. Everybody is also so passionate about music. Many of us do not have music relating at all with our degrees, but we always do it again. You can't force students to do something they don't care about."

Dr. Woodruff, concurring with Claus, added: "I really enjoy the opportunity to make music with the great students who are part of the orchestra program. Most of them are not music majors and are playing because they like to play. I love being able to partner with them in stewarding God's gift of music!"

From playing in large-scale events such as Sounds of the Season or Handel's Messiah to playing in intimate quartets, the family of Olivet's orchestra continues to steward this gift of music throughout the year.



# Pulling Strings

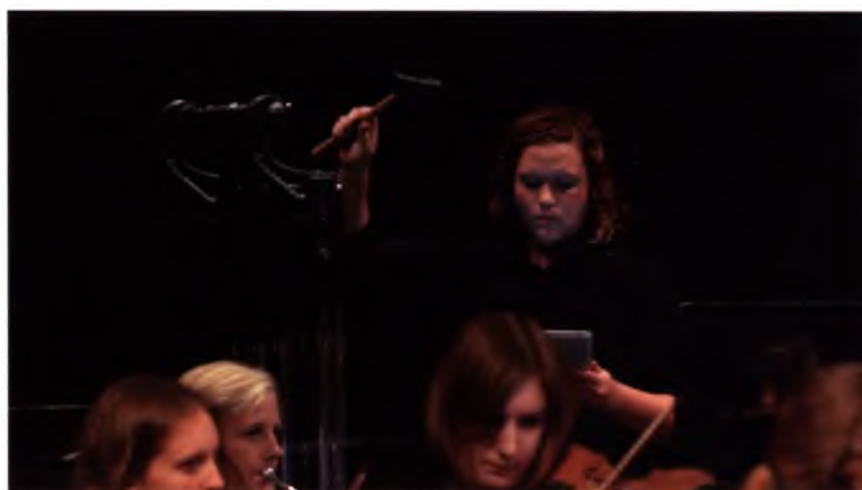


**Far Left:** Hannah Javaux and Emily Jarrells demonstrated their violin skills, which can burn up to 170 calories an hour!

**Left:** Kari Sunnarborg added a unique sound to the orchestra as she played the harp.



**Left:** University Strings played a few songs for the public in the Kelley Prayer Chapel, which became so full it was standing room only.



**Above:** Amy Humrichouser waited to chime in while the University Orchestra played.

**Left:** Adding dynamic to the orchestra, the upright bass players contributed a unique sound.





**Above:** Concert band members focus intently as they await their cue to start playing.

**Dylan Harris** @dylhar96



Sounds of the Season! #LifeatOlivet  
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**Above:** The director kept students on tempo to create a stunning performance.

**Right:** Taylor Stark hit the high notes of the piece with her performance on the flute.



# The Gift of Music

## {Concert and Jazz Band}

**Left:** Members of the Jazz Band powered through their concert with complex harmonies that wowed the crowd.

**Below:** Band members stay concentrated as they performed live.



Concert Band is mostly made up of Olivet's Marching Band students and performs concerts on campus and throughout the Bourbonnais-Bradley area.

Junior Business Administration major Emily Kammin joined band because she loved the experience in high school and wanted that to continue throughout her time at Olivet. Kammin explained that participating in band has taught her how to manage her time better than before. It also continues to teach her that music is a gift and that she's blessed to be a part of it.

Kammin played the flute in high school, but said that her favorite experience in band has been switching to the trumpet section. "Trumpet is the coolest instrument in the band," explained Kammin. She especially enjoys going to a school where she can start every practice and performance with a piece of music that was created for the "sole purpose of glorifying God." She explained that warming up with her favorite hymn--"Abide by Me"--focuses her and puts what she's doing into perspective.

Kammin has fortunately made great friends from her experiences in band and encourages anyone able to play an instrument to try it out for a year. She explained, "You spend a lot of time with these people, and they can become like a second family if you let them."

Auditions for ONU's Jazz Band are held at the beginning of each fall semester and those chosen remain in the band for the entire academic year. The band performs traditional jazz and showcases instruments such as trombones, trumpets, saxophones, and percussion.



**Above:** Jazz band students dressed in festive attire and played proudly at the Candy Costume Fest in October.



**Left:** These talented musicians added rich tones to the concert with their performance on the French horn.



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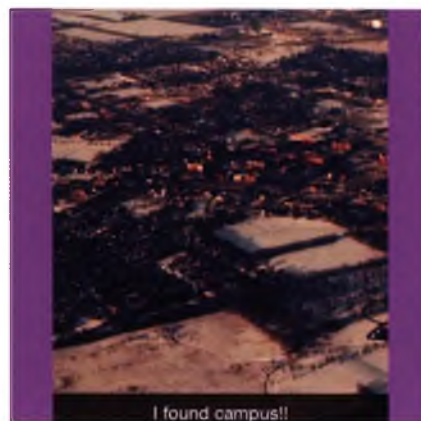
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