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LOCAL ALUMNI
MEET FOR LUNCH

Recently, a group of alumni and guests met at “The Trading Post” for lunch in Winslow, Indiana. This group of men shared sports stories and memories while enjoying a delicious lunch. Attending were: Kenny Morgan, Carroll Edrington, Hugh Schaefer, Keith Doades, Jerry Osmon, Alan Nass, Jim Deen, Bob Patberg, Gordon Barnett and Bob Gentil.

Our 2017 Phonathon is over and thanks to our generous donors, $40,965 was pledged for scholarships. This event would not be possible without the wonderful student and staff volunteers. These are some of the smiling faces of our callers.
This issue of The Connection is featuring articles by two students who are on the staff of The Collegian. Dr. Jervaise McDaniel, faculty member, also assisted with one of these articles. These stories originally appeared in the Spring 2017 issue of the Collegian.

► MADISON BROOKS
From Princeton, Indiana, is finishing her sophomore year at Oakland City University. She is studying secondary education, majoring in English and communications. Her goals include teaching at the high school level and earning an advanced degree to teach at the college level. Madison’s school activities include playing tennis, singing the National Anthem at sporting events, and being co-editor at The Collegian.

► REBEKAH BUSLER
Carmi, Illinois, is a transfer junior majoring in communication with a minor in creative writing. She says she transferred to Oakland City University because she had some relatives go here and she liked the campus. This is her first year as a writer for The Collegian. Her goal once she graduates is being a journalist. Rebekah has a passion for reading and listening to music.

► DR. MCDANIEL
Comes to Oakland City University after many years working in the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges System. Much of her career was spent working with grants and assisting with efforts to move students to degree completion. At the time of her departure, she was the Associate Dean of Outreach.

Dr. McDaniel has a BA from Eastern Illinois University, a Master’s of Science in Management from Oakland City University, and a Doctorate from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in Community College Executive Leadership. All of her degrees were obtained as an adult student, working full-time and raising her son.

Dr. McDaniel’s career began with Oakland City approximately four years ago as an adjunct professor in the Adult & Professional Studies Program teaching business classes. She was honored to return to Oakland City University as a professor after obtaining her degree here. She joined the university as a full-time faculty member in the School of Business in January of 2016 teaching management and leadership classes. Dr. McDaniel states, “I am so blessed to work at Oakland City University in a Christian environment. I love the students and learn from them each semester. I work with a very professional and caring staff and faculty!”
On Thursday, February 2, 2017, Oakland City University lost a faculty member and a recent graduate in a car accident. Those lost were Dr. Claudine Cutchin, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, and Adélaide Cutchin who graduated in December of 2016 with a Bachelor’s degree in Social Science-History.

Claudine Cutchin had been an employee at OCU for 23 years. She became part of the history faculty in 1999 and was currently holding the position as Professor of History. Cutchin was named Teacher of the Year in 1998 and in 2009. Dr. Cutchin absolutely loved her students and career. She devoted her entire career to teaching others and always tried to make improvements to her classes, even when they were not necessarily needed.

Ms. Adélaide Cutchin was working towards pursuing a Master’s degree in Historical Administration. One of her interests was studying the history of France. Ms. Cutchin had a fiery passion for the Napoleonic Era, the Elizabethan Era, and Roman History. She even had a history themed Tumblr page. She was dedicated to her studies, recognized by Who’s Who Among College Students, received awards for creating hand-made costumes, and was a Scholar Bowl enthusiast.

After hearing about the loss, Dr. Ray Barber, President of Oakland City University, said, “Dr. Cutchin was a great professor, dean, and friend who served Oakland City University faithfully.

She exemplified the mission of OCU and will be greatly missed by the administration, faculty, staff, and students.”

On February 7, the funeral and visitation took place in Mt. Carmel, Illinois. Then on February 8, over 350 students, staff and friends attended a Service of Worship that was held in the Johnson Center to celebrate the lives of the lost members of the OCU family.

After the scripture reading and invocation given by Campus Minister, Rev. Marc Grimes, the OCU Choir performed “Sweet, Sweet Spirit,” directed by Cynthia Blough-Retana.

The University President then read a story from the Bible and shared how to cope with the loss of someone special. Dr. Dawn Saltzman, Assistant Professor of Social Science, read a scripture from the Bible in both English and French, Dr. Cutchin’s native language.
Two eulogies were given, the first by Claire Slomski, President of the Student Government Association, followed by Stanley Coy, Adjunct Instructor in English and Communications.

Slomski represented the student body as a whole. She spoke of her fond memories regarding classes with Adélaïde and of her first time meeting Dr. Cutchin.

Coy spoke directly to Adélaïde, telling her how smart, beautiful, and talented she was. His last memory of Adélaïde and her mother was seeing them walking arm and arm down the sidewalk on campus. Coy stated towards the end of his speech, “Adélaïde, we’ll miss your smile the most.” Coy showed the true relationship that can form between a professor and a student.

Rev. Robert Asa, Professor of Old Testament and Religious Studies, gave a powerful message about coping with the loss of these two women. He stated “take your sorrows to God” and that He will “come to you, put a hand on your shoulder, and give you support.” Asa ended his contribution to the service with a Robert Frost quote, “Nothing gold can stay.”

Finally, Rev. Daniel Dunivan, Dean of the Chapman School of Religious Studies and Provost, assured the audience that the presence of God is always with us. Dunivan’s Benediction was followed by the Choral Benediction performed again by the University Choir.

The lives of these two women will forever be in our hearts and memories. Claudine and Adélaïde Cutchin are now safe in His arms, now and forever. “For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s” (Romans 14:8).

Family and friends have established an endowed scholarship in memory of Claudine and Adélaïde Cutchin. Anyone wishing to make a gift to this worthy cause may send a check to

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**Master Trooper Eric Wandersee Promoted to Sergeant in Legal Division**

On February 23, Indiana State Police Superintendent Douglas Carter promoted Master Trooper Eric Wandersee to the rank of sergeant and will serve as legislative liaison with the Indiana State Police Legal Office. The legislative liaison is the primary point of contact between the Indiana State Police and legislative members and staff on all legislative matters.

Master Trooper Eric Wandersee began his law enforcement career in 1999 upon graduation from the 57th Indiana State Police Academy. He was assigned to the Versailles Post and patrolled Dearborn County. In July 2001, Wandersee transferred to the Connersville Post and worked Wayne County. In 2012 Wandersee was assigned to the Executive Protection Detail and the Security Detail at the Indiana House of Representatives. Master Trooper Wandersee was assigned the legislative liaison position in 2013 and continues to serve in that capacity.

Wandersee is a native of Centerville, Indiana and a 1993 graduate of Centerville High School. He attended Oakland City University and Indiana University East majoring in Criminal Justice.

Sergeant Wandersee resides with his wife Jennifer, son Brayden and daughter Sierra in Wayne County.
Acorn Academy is an after-school program in Gibson County consisting of 30 students at Oakland City University tutoring 65 younger students from Oakland City Elementary, Barton Elementary, and Francisco Elementary. The program was started by Dr. Trudy Abel in the spring of 2016.

She started Acorn Academy in order to give her education major students a chance to learn with children in a service type environment. This past fall of 2016, Dr. Abel left OCU to return home and teach in Tennessee. Acorn Academy was then inherited by Dr. Camy Davis. She says it has been a challenge to take on the program in addition to her other responsibilities, but she’s proud to do it. Dr. Davis took over the program after Dr. Abel’s departure because she couldn’t stand to see the program simply die out. The program is not just tutoring; it’s also mentoring. The children involved get other people in their lives that care and help build them up. The tutors work personally with each child.

The program takes place every Wednesday at three-twenty. Children from kindergarten through sixth grade are transported from their school to OCU on the bus. Tutoring lasts for close to an hour, usually letting them out around four o’clock.

Students in grades kindergarten through second meet in the library, and third through sixth students meet in the Kennedy Center. Once they are signed in, the children are spread out to work with their assigned tutors.

Since the participants are estimated to be close to thirty-seven children and around twenty-five OCU tutors, some tutors work with more than one child. First, they try to focus on any homework or anything pressing at the moment: tests, projects, assignments. The children often ask for help in math, and Mr. Malin, the principal at OCE, along with some of the teachers there, have asked Acorn Academy to focus on reading comprehension and vocabulary for the children.

Since Acorn Academy takes place directly after the children are let out of school, the tutors try to do more than simply make them sit through another lecture. The tutors come up with different activities for the children to help them stay interested and involved. The activities include computer programs and word games using the white board. The activities are strategically tailored for each child in order for him/her to actively be involved and to have understanding in all of his/her academic areas. The children are also given small breaks, and snacks are provided for them.
Currently a lot of the off-season athletes have stepped up to help with the program. Those interested in getting involved with Acorn Academy simply need to talk with Dr. Davis. Even if they don’t want to start this semester, she can explain more about the program and get them a folder for those who would like to learn.

Dr. Davis is passionate about Acorn Academy and has high hopes for its future. Dr. Davis also has interest in starting a newsletter to inform members of the county about the details of Acorn Academy as well as help them be involved in the program. She hopes to possibly get grants in the future for more supplies and provide more learning opportunities in the program. She also hopes to be able to increase the number of participants and perhaps expand the program to more than one day a week. That will be tricky to do, however, as most OCU students involved have other responsibilities and their schedules keep them from participating for more than the existing time.

What Dr. Davis really wants from the program is to see the group continue to grow. Oakland City University is part of the community, but few people in the area had ever been to the campus until Acorn Academy. Through involvement in the program, the expansion of the program, and possibly the inclusion of a newsletter, OCU is becoming more involved in the community.

LIVING OUR MISSION ~ EXPANDING OUR HORIZONS

The University’s long-term vision is the development of Williams street. The formal entrance, Tichenor Center and Deaconess Clinic are recent examples of progress. The Board of Trustees and the Administration are currently investigating potential building projects for our campus. Two potential projects are identified here with architect renderings. Top left: the architectural rendering depicts a 104 bed dormitory. Lower left is a concept for an Alumni Lodge and Business Center which includes retail space to help benefit the Oakland City community. There are four dorms on the campus with three of the four built in the 1960s. These two projects are on the drawing board and in the preliminary feasibility stages.
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**SAIPAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL is SEEKING AMAZING Teachers for 2017-18!**

*Amanda Dunn ‘05, principal of Saipan Community School, wanted to share with our Alumni that they will have an opening for 5th grade, 1st grade and Jr. High Language Arts teachers for the 2017-18 school year. Here is her message:*

**WANTED:** Amazing Human Beings, Strong in Heart, Generous in Spirit, Love for Christ, Passionate mentor of Children, Destined to do heroic work that makes a difference! We are looking for the best and brightest hardworking individuals who have a passion for working with children! Our teachers inspire children to be lifelong learners, build meaningful relationships, while fostering respect for God, self, and others! If you are interested in applying to be part of our team, please contact principal@saipancommunityschool.com.
This year we will recognize and honor our OCU Alumni who have ‘Gone Forth To Serve’ as Police, Military, Firefighters, First Responders, and Veterans. These individuals have accepted the responsibility to make the world a safer place for each of us and our families. We are privileged to have many of our alumni currently working in or retired from the professions mentioned above.

I am reaching out to our alumni base to identify these remarkable individuals so that we can recognize them at our annual luncheon on June 10, 2017. I would like to extend a special invitation to be our guest for lunch to any of you that have worked or are working in these fields.

In order to plan for the lunch and program, I need to have you contact me with your information regarding your area of service, location of service, number of years served, positions you hold or held and a photo. If you know of an OCU alum that has served in these professions, please pass the word along and ask them to contact me. I would like to honor as many participants as possible and need your help identifying them to accomplish this goal. Plans are to create a “Wall of Honor” at the luncheon with the photos and service information. Even if you are unable to attend, please send your information to me to be included. Oakland City University has a fine legacy of serving our communities and the world. You are a part of this legacy, please plan now to attend this special event.

You may send your info and photo to:

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THANK YOU!
Faculty is challenged with demonstrating to students how material in the classroom will be relevant to the real world of work. The School of Business at Oakland City University, in collaboration with several area businesses, embarked upon a mission to bring in guest speakers and to take field trips that would highlight area business and industry.

In October of 2016, Crosspointe Insurance sponsored a field trip to Evansville to visit with the owners and administration of that organization. Crosspointe Insurance is experiencing rapid growth in the health insurance business and graciously offered to share their strategies of success. Students were amazed when three young men walked in the room and began talking about their journey. One of the owners, Drew Shockley, is an OCU graduate and so is his wife. The Director of Sales, Matt Sturgeon, is an OCU alumnus as well.

The owners, Drew Shockley and Josh Mushlock, along with the Director of HR, Heath Farmer, spent the morning talking to students about leadership, mission, vision and dedication to customer service. One student won a prize for the best question because he asked if their approach to business was faith based. The answer, of course, was that their faith was the cornerstone on which the company was built. After a discussion and tour of the business, faculty, students and Crosspointe administration had lunch in the employee break area. Mr. Shockley, Mr. Mushlock, Mr. Farmer and several others made themselves available to students during lunch for an informal discussion about their education and career aspirations.

In November of 2016, Toyota sponsored a field trip to their plant in Princeton, Indiana. Students were invited to lunch and were treated to an information presentation and tour by Natalie Wilkinson, who is the East Weld Manager for the plant. As an OCU alumnus, Wilkinson was interested in sharing her career path at Toyota and encouraged students to consider manufacturing as a possibility.
Wilkinson’s presentation was particularly meaningful because her position in the welding department is non-traditional. The department she supervises is 83 percent male.

Students were intrigued by Wilkinson’s presentation, and, after the tour, asked many questions about production. They were impressed by Toyota’s commitment to their employees and the community.

On campus this semester, a number of guest speakers spoke on the topic of business and industry. Jerry Mason who is the Operations Manager for the Mt. Carmel, IL MotoRad USA plant came to OCU and spoke to students about doing business on an international basis. Mr. Mason also teaches for OCU on a part-time basis in the Adult and Professional Studies Program. Mr. Mason travels internationally and strives to understand different cultures and languages.

Terry Stumpf, who is the Logistics Specialist for Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Indiana, came to OCU and spoke to students about how important logistics is to the Toyota operation. Mr. Stumpf is an OCU alumnus (2009) and teaches for OCU on a part-time basis in the Adult and Professional Studies Program.

Kent Carroll, who is the Vice President of Business Development for Mueller Electronics, spoke on the impact of technology in farming. Mueller Electronics sells GPS software internationally. Mr. Carroll discussed the positive aspects of doing business throughout the world and the importance of having a good attitude and being flexible.

Collaborating with these businesses and hearing about how they operate has opened the door for student internships and possible employment for graduates. The School of Business is very grateful to the owners and administration for taking time out of their hectic schedule to encourage students and give them real examples of how the information they are learning in the classroom will be advantageous regardless of the career they choose.
Ann Ice ‘04 and Rev. Larry Rascoe ‘97:
When OCU Alumni Cross Paths

Ann Ice ‘04 has been the Education Coordinator for the Gibson County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) since 2001. She started back to college when her daughter and son were both in college. Her goal was to earn a Micro-Computer Specialist Certificate from a local junior college. She took additional classes and had enough credits for an associates degree in business, then saw an advertisement for Oakland City University’s (OCU) Adult Extended Learning (AEL) degree program and decided to earn her degree. She finished her Bachelor degree in Organizational Management (2002) and went on to earn a Masters degree (2004) through the adult accelerated program at OCU. Her current position with the Gibson County Soil and Water Conservation District, (SWCD) does not require a Masters Degree but she is proud of her personal achievement and knows the Masters degree is secured should she ever need it.

Ann coordinates the annual Fourth Grade Farm Fair and assists with other youth programs. She provides adult programs to the public as requested and also submits grants and assists with fund raising. She teams with the five other county SWCDs for larger events. She visits classrooms providing environmental, natural resources and agriculture hands on programs. One of her visits involved a visit to the Joshua Academy in Evansville, Indiana. The founder of the Joshua Academy is another Oakland City University alumnus, Rev. Larry Rascoe ‘97. Ann graciously shared information and photos from her visit to Joshua Academy.

Ann received the Indiana Educators Award for work in environmental, natural resources and agriculture education from the Indiana District Employees Association (IDEA) in 2005. She served as a director of the IDEA for 6 years. Ann is also the vice president of the Indiana Envirothon, a learning competition for high school students.

Ann is married to Mike and they have a son, TJ and a daughter, Leafy. They also have five grandsons and one granddaughter. Mike and Ann live on the small family farm near Mt. Olympus, Indiana with their children and grandkids all living within a couple of miles. Her hobby is Quarter horses and she spends many summer weekends camping and trail riding.

THE JOSHUA ACADEMY
Reverend Larry A. Rascoe, Sr. serves as Pastor of the Nazarene Missionary Baptist Church in Evansville, IN. He had a vision of providing a quality education using a model that was sensitive to the unique needs
of students deemed to be “at risk” and residing in the central city area of Evansville. This area was plagued with high rates of truancy, discipline issues and low student expectation levels. He, along with several community leaders and support from the church, received funding from St. Mary’s Medical Center and started the Joshua Academy. Eighteen years later, the school now consists of Joshua Preschool (a private, faith-based preschool), Joshua Academy (a charter school serving grades K-6) and the Joshua Agricultural Learning Center. Pastor Larry Rascoe is a true believer in experiential learning - “learning by and through doing,” he states. “I view agriculture as an amazing tool to educate, enlighten, and empower the children we teach. I seek to use agriculture as a means of exposing children to various experiences to identify their passion and special interests. The intent, then, is to connect their personal passion with a future education and career path as early as possible.”

Recently, Ann Ice ’04, Gibson County SWCD and Amy Simms, Indiana State Department of Agriculture visited the Joshua Academy, and observed Rev. Larry Rascoe’s vision in action at the private faith based school for serving grades K-6 in central-city Evansville. The students have grown different vegetables and have made different food dishes for the students and staff to taste. They also have hens the students care for and gather the eggs. The school’s latest learning experience started in January raising Tilapia. The four fish tanks are shown with the large aquarium on the right holding the adult fish, Reverend Rascoe is shown taking an adult female fish out of the large aquarium and putting her in a bucket to release the eggs and small fish that have hatched in her mouth. From there the eggs and small fish will go to the tank with the small tilapia, every few days as the fish grow they are moved to a tank with fish more their size. Students monitor the temperature, pH and health of the fish and assist Reverend Rascoe. Eventually they will sell the tilapia at a market. In the near future the students will be start incubating chicken eggs and raise chicks to sell at a poultry auction.

The Joshua students have grown oriental eggplant that was then served in a dish similar to lasagna. They grew butternut squash and had it served in a pie. They ate carrot cake from the very carrots they raised. “Needless to say, their eyes have been opened,” proclaims Pastor Rascoe. He also uses his goat farm to teach children about animal husbandry with the intent of providing even broader experiences for the students of Joshua Academy and other surrounding counties. Pastor Rascoe was awarded the prestigious Jefferson Award for outstanding community and public service. He also received the Distinguished Citizen Award from former Indiana Governor Frank O’Bannon. To many he is known as pastor, preacher, teacher and counselor. To Trudy, Pastor Rascoe’s wife of over 30 years, he is known as husband and father of their five children and two grandchildren. He is a native of Hopkinsville, Kentucky. In 1997, he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Religious Studies from Oakland City University.
Cecil E. Couts, ’48
Age 90, Avon, Indiana passed away September 22, 2016.

Cecil was enlisted into the U.S. Army in October of 1944 at the age of 18 while still in high school and served in World War II in France and Germany. He was a member of the 12th Armored Division Hellcats and was a Sergeant and tank commander under General Omar Bradley. He graduated from Oakland City University and worked and retired from Conrail where he worked as a locomotive engineer for many years.

Estelyn Faye Eversoll ’74
Age 92, passed away on December 31, 2016. She is survived by her brothers, Donald ’51 (Shirley), Dewayne (Wanda), Lester (Mary), Lindel, ‘69 Richard (Becky).

Estelyn married Walter Eversoll June 11, 1941 and raised four children; Adrian (Linda), Gary (Peggy), Dennis (Annette), and Twyla (Dave) Flint, on a dairy farm in Petersburg, Indiana. After the kids were raised, Estelyn continued her education at Oakland City College, graduating magna cum laude with a degree in art education.

After teaching at Otwell elementary school, Estelyn continued her love of art, sharing her passion with family and friends. She also, exhibited her work multiple times at The Dunn Gallery in Oakland City University.

Rev. John W. Haskins ’61
Age 94, of Thornfield, Missouri passed away December 15, 2016. John was a General Baptist Minister for 64 years. John and Naomi Gaulding were united in marriage November 16, 1940 at Thornfield, Missouri. They were blessed with four children. John and Naomi got to celebrate 72 years of marriage.

Dr. Haskins was tremendously proud of the fact that he was a part of four generations of OCC/OCU graduates. Rev. Haskins graduated in 1961 and was later given an Honorary Doctorate Degree, his oldest son, Mitch graduated in 1964, Mitch’s daughter and John’s granddaughter Stacey Edwards Fox in 2002, Stacey’s daughter and John’s great granddaughter, Lindsey Browning Freyberger in 2006. John is also survived by Herbert Michael Haskins and wife, Sandy, Lawson, Missouri, Larry Etcyl Haskins, Thornfield, Missouri, and Brenda Haskins, Kansas City, Missouri, 11 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandson, many nieces, nephews, and a host of relatives and friends.

Joseph Paul Evans ’50
Age 91, of Princeton, Indiana, passed away on Saturday, March 11, 2017. He was a retired teacher. He taught for 36 years at Mt. Olympus, Baldwin Heights and Princeton Community High School. He was a US Army Veteran and had taught Sunday school for over 60 years.
Dr. Ora J. Johnson ’71
Age 84 of Evansville
passed away on Monday,
January 30, 2017. Ora
began attending Oakland
City College in 1951 where
he met Wanda Mae
Lockamy, and married her
on August 11, 1952. Ora is
survived by his wife Wanda,
three children: David Russell (Darlene) Johnson of
Wadesville, Kent Alan (Linda) Johnson of Evansville
and Vicki Peete of Panama Beach City, Florida. Six
grandchildren, 10 great-grand-children and 2 great-
great grandchildren. Ora received his Bachelor of
Science, Oakland City University, 1971. Master of
Science, honorary Doctor of Divinity, Oakland City
University, 1996.

Ora served as pastor of several General Baptist
Churches and he held several other positions in the
General Baptist Denomination for over 47-years.
He served as the assistant to the Vice President
Development and for denomination affairs Oakland
City University, 1990-1992 and as the Executive vice
president, Oakland City University, 1994-2005. Family
asked in lieu of floral gifts that Memorial contribution
be made to Oakland City University in honor of Dr.
Ora Johnson. Gifts may be MAILED to OCU, Office
of Advancement, 138 North Lucretia Street, Oakland
City, Indiana 47660 or ONLINE at www.oak.edu.

Geneva Davidson ’33
Of Hazleton, Indiana
passed away March 22,
2017. She graduated from
Oakland City University
with a two year degree
in elementary teaching and
later returned to complete
her four year degree. She
taught country schools in Pike County for five years. At
102 years of age, Geneva was one of our oldest alumni.

Mabel Nalley
Age 91, of Oakland City,
passed away January 4,
2017. Mabel worked
for many years in the Oaks
Snackbar and befriended
many students.

Jeannine L. Moore ’60
Age 80, of Dawson
Springs, Kentucky
passed away February
12, 2017. She is survived
by her husband, Robert
Moore ’57, two children
and several grandchildren.

Corey Ray Parker, att.
Age 47, of Spanaway, Washington, formerly of Poplar
Bluff, Missouri, passed away February 3 2017.

Rick V. Phillips ’97
Age 57 of Princeton, Indiana passed away
November 17, 2016.

Novy C. Newkirk ’03
Age 61, of Taswell, Indiana died November 14, 2016.

Lynn Lary Sakel att.
Age 80 of DeMotte,
Indiana, passed away
November 7, 2016.

Connie Sue Beck att.
Age 73 of Oakland City,
passed away
November 26, 2016.

Carla J. Brown ’66
Age 72, of Petersburg,
passed away
December 17, 2016.
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP FOR DUAL CREDIT

By Betty Burns ’74, Dual Credit Coordinator

The Dual Credit Program provides college level courses in the high school setting taught by the high school teacher. The student receives college credit thus will have an OCU transcript. When the student selects their college, the dual credit courses will transfer so the student will not have to take the course again. The tuition for a dual credit course is $75 so the student’s parents will be saving money of the expense of the college. OCU has been involved in Dual Credit for at least nine years. Our Early College High School, North Daviess High School, has been graduating students for at least five years who are graduating with the Associate in Arts degree. This represents at least 60 credit hours to be used in their selected college.

On March 15 & 16, 2017, the Dual Credit Program held its annual Professional Development workshop for the high school Dual Credit instructors and counselors. Oakland City University sponsors 15 southern Indiana high school Dual Credit Programs. They are located as far away as Rising Sun, Indiana on the Ohio border to just five blocks away at Wood Memorial High School in Oakland City, Indiana. A total of 61 instructors and counselors attended the workshop.

Each day of the workshop began with a General Session to review the updates of the HLC credential requirements. HLC has allowed OCU to offer up to a five year extension for Dual Credit instructors to obtain the necessary credentials that will allow the instructor to continue as a Dual Credit instructor at their school. HLC requires that each Dual Credit instructor must have either a Master degree in their content area OR a master degree plus 18 additional graduate hours in their content area.

After a lunch in the OCU cafeteria, the instructors met with their content area Subject Matter Expert (SME) who are members of the OCU Faculty. Each SME provided specific Professional Development materials to their group and reviewed the syllabus
used to mirror the OCU main campus syllabus. Some of the Dual Credit instructors demonstrated a lesson that they use in their own classroom to give their colleagues some new ideas as to what works in their classroom. This year due to the number of Dual Credit instructors the content areas were split between the two days. The Counselors met only on one day with the Dual Credit Coordinator, Betty Burns.

OCU is interested in obtaining accreditation with the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships. There are numerous standards that must be met in order to obtain this accreditation. The Dual Credit instructors, counselors, SME’s and the Dual Credit coordinator are busy this year to prepare for a prereview visit to be scheduled in the Spring of 2018. The goal is to apply for NACEP accreditation in January, 2019.

There are total of 850 students in the program this school year. This is an increase for the previous year of 742. North Daviess Jr.Sr High School is OCU’s only Early College Program at this time. The students are allowed to take courses that will result in an Associate in University Studies. There are 28 students graduating in May, 2017. This number increases each year.

Jane V. Tichenor ‘64, achieved her first “Hole in One” on October 29, 2016. Jane and her husband, Jack ‘77, reside part of the year at their home in The Villages in Florida and still maintain a home in Evansville, Indiana. Jane is retired from teaching at Ivy Tech and has become an author since retirement. She enjoys golfing and spending time with her grandchildren.

CONGRATULATIONS, JANE!
Oakland City University has over 100 endowed scholarships. They were established by many donors and for many reasons over the last 100 years or so. Some were established to honor the memory or service of an individual; some were estate gifts. Depending on the original amount of the gift or the number of donations that have been made to a specific scholarship, the amount awarded varies. Some endowed scholarships have very specific guidelines, such as the student must have a particular major, must be from a specific county or area, or a specific religious affiliation. The donor establishing the endowed scholarship determines the guidelines. We do encourage those setting the guidelines to make them as broad as possible in order to ensure that the award is given out every year. If there is no qualified candidate for a scholarship, the award is added back to the principal and invested for another year. These scholarships make a critical difference to our prospective students. Sometimes, it is the deciding factor on whether that student chooses to attend OCU.

Many of you have contributed to the Alumni Endowed Scholarship, (currently at $132,505.37) as well as other scholarships. Back in 2008, there were six applicants for the Alumni Scholarship. For the 2017-2018 school year, there were 33 applicants. Of those, 12 did not meet the scholarship guidelines. The remaining applications were reviewed and nine made the final cut. Those nine are a combination of incoming freshman and current students. The amount to be awarded this year is approximately $5,300 total. It will be divided among the nine recipients during their next two semesters. If they continue to meet the guidelines, they may apply for the scholarship every year. Two recipients this time are continuing students that had been previous recipients. With scholarships, we try to strike a balance between using it to recruit new students and retaining current students. The sad part about this year is that all but a couple of these applicants had a specific unmet financial need. Our Financial Aid Office looks at each student and makes every effort to get them the maximum aid as possible. Unfortunately, there is never enough to go around. It would have been wonderful to have an endowment large enough to have given each of them a larger award. The Advancement Office works very hard at raising funds to keep the University operating. Our current Phonathon is going on as this is being written. Funds raised during the Phonathon are designated for scholarships. We so appreciate our alums and friends that give so generously each year to our cause.

I want to share with you ways that you can help get students and keep students at OCU. The most important thing you can do is PRAY for our University. There is no greater need in the world than to have spiritually strong students that are willing to go out in the world and work and live their faith.

Second, of course, is you can give financially. There are several ways to accomplish this. You could pledge the same amount each month for a year. A gift of stock or property can be accepted. Throughout the year you receive mailings regarding our needs. Please take time to read the information and see if God leads you to give to a specific project. Consider leaving an estate gift to OCU. TELL others about OCU. Word of mouth is our best marketing. Bring a youth group for a campus visit. Our Admissions Staff excels at making prospective students feel at home. Bring a youth group to a sporting event or a Drama Club production. Invite us to visit your church association or church camp.

We graduate some of the best students in the world. In fact, they are serving all over the world; as missionaries, teachers and pastors. In places like Honduras, Saipan, China, and the Philippines. Help us continue to educate individuals who “Go Forth to Serve” in the name of Jesus. You will be blessed!

P.S. You can give online to the Alumni Scholarship by going to www.oak.edu and click on “Ways to Give” at the top of the page.
We recently had the addition of a new little acorn to our OCU campus family. David (‘08) and Heather (‘10) Hose welcomed their daughter Bethany Joy Hose on October 25, 2016. She was 7 pounds, 9 ounces and 21.25 inches long. David and Heather are both OCU alumni and employees of the University. Bethany has not only her parents, but a host of other family members who are alumni of OCU: she is the granddaughter of OCU Alum, Jeffrey Bralley (‘94), and niece to OCU Alumni Jason (‘05 & ‘10) and Courtney (‘05) Walsh and Jonathan (‘12) and Amanda (‘12) Hose. Bethany attends OCU on a regular basis for sporting events, 812 services (student led worship services), and accompanies her parents in the cafeteria for supper.

David came to OCU in 2003 and Heather came here in 2005. She chose OCU because she was looking for a small, Christian school...”I was not at all interested in being just a number in a classroom... and I definitely wasn’t interested in co-ed residence halls or somewhere that allowed alcohol on campus,” she recalls. David chose OCU to play golf. Heather is the Administrative Assistant in the Student Life Office. “Basically, I am a friendly face to help students.” David is the Women’s Golf Coach, Sports Information Director, and Assistant Athletic Director. He is in charge of doing the stats at all of our home sporting events. They met while students at OCU. They had some classes together and had mutual friends. David graduated with a BA in English and a BS in Social Studies in May 2008, and Heather graduated with a BS in Social Studies and a BA in Early Childhood Education in August 2010. They were married on June 28, 2008.

Heather states “We enjoyed our experience at OCU as students, and once we were married we had the opportunity to be Resident Directors at Brokaw Hall. We were RDs there for six years. We made lifelong friends as students, as RDs, and as Staff at OCU. Our time in Brokaw was a real blessing to our lives. We enjoyed hanging out with the girls there and hosting them for supper and movie nights often. Our prayer was that God would use us in the lives of those girls...we still pray that God will use us in the lives of the students at OCU as we interact with them daily. After those 6 years we moved to our home down the road from campus. We feel very blessed, and we pray others will see Jesus through us and that we will show His love to those around us every day. We love working at OCU, we love that we’ve been able to form lifelong relationships with students and co-workers over our years here! Our future goals would include working here as long as we can!”

We appreciate the Hose family for all their hard work and contribution to campus life. We are thrilled they call OCU “home”!
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