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Looking fondly to the past while venturing into a bright new future. Here lies a time capsule buried on May 6, 1995 by the student government association of Oakland City College to be opened May 2020.

Oakland City University – Shannon Baxter, Class of 2020

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HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2018 DUES?

Since our dues mailing in January, we have had a good response to our dues campaign. If you haven’t become an Alumni Association member for 2018, you can still do so. It is easy, mail your dues in the envelope included in this issue or pay online at www.oak.edu ▶ Click on “Menu” and scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on Alumni & Friends ▶ give now ▶ then select Alumni dues on the form. Your 2018 dues payment makes it possible for the Alumni Relations office to function.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR DUES PAYMENT!

With a minimum gift of $50 you become an active member of the OCU Alumni Association. Here’s how to get connected: Check one of the following categories of membership and return this form with your check or credit card information.

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Oakland City University’s
STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2017-2021

With the approval of the Board of Trustees in 2017, Administration, Faculty and Staff have created a strategic plan with six goals for moving the University forward. This plan is designed to be used to make decisions, learn about ourselves and continue improvement.

Highly qualified and diverse faculty and staff.
Highly quality and diverse student body.
Thriving campus culture.
Holistic student learning.
Excellent learning environment.
Secure, prioritize, and sustain resources to support OCU’s mission

A fourteen member committee representing faculty, staff and students has been involved in the creation of these goals and the criteria for meeting each one.

This endeavor is critical to the long term success of Oakland City University. Our Alumni will be hearing more about implementation of this Strategic Plan in the future. We ask for your prayerful support as we work to secure the future of our alma mater.

TICK...TICK...TICK... The time is drawing near! The time capsule buried in 1995 is due to be opened in 2020!

The Student Government Association and the Class of 1995 buried a time capsule on Graduation Day in 1995, to be opened in 25 years, which will be 2020.

We would like to host a “Capsule Opening” event in June of 2020. Please contact Susan Sullivan if you would like to be involved in this historical event on our campus. Ideas being floated are hosting it in conjunction with the Annual Alumni Luncheon in June of 2020, having a new capsule buried by the Class of 2020, and having an exhibit of the capsules contents in Dunn Gallery.

Please share your ideas, mark your calendars for June 13, 2020. We would like to issue a special invitation for the members of SGA from 1995. Send your ideas to ssullivan@oak.edu or call 812.749.1226.
Hugh Schaefer ’66
HONORED AS HUMANITARIAN FOR KNOX COUNTY

The first thing some people may think of when they hear the name Hugh Schaefer is basketball. While he may know the in’s and out’s of every local game for the past 60 years, he has also made an impact on countless lives in the community in other ways. As an educator, coach, mentor and friend, he has dedicated his time to helping others succeed in life.

In recognition of that dedication, Schaefer will receive the N. Philip Shelton Humanitarian Award at a public reception in Vincennes, IN. Presented by the Vincennes Kiwanis Club in cooperation with the hospital, the Shelton award is given to promote humanitarian efforts in the Knox County community, as exemplified by the late Dr. N. Philip Shelton. The award recognizes individuals who have worked in an exemplary and dignified manner to improve the general wellbeing and happiness of others in Knox County.

He spent most of his youth watching or playing basketball. He fell in love with the sport so much that he pursued a degree in education at Oakland City College so he could fulfill his dream of becoming a coach. Schaefer began his coaching career in 1966 at Monroe City High School. Following Sam Alford to South Knox with consolidation, at the age of 34 he became the head coach of the Spartans, retaining the position until the 1981 season. South Knox High School is also where he taught social studies for many years and met his wife, Glenda. The couple married in 1982.

In addition to being an avid historian and researcher of Indiana high school basketball, Schaefer has written numerous recommendation letters, made multiple calls and spoken on behalf of countless students who needed his help.

“I have written letters of recommendations for students to get scholarships or made reference calls to help people get jobs,” he said. “There are some things that I am not able to do, but this is something that I can do. It becomes a full circle — I help a student get into college or receive financial aid, that student attends medical school and becomes a physician, they join the workforce and contribute to the health and wellbeing of our community.”

“The selection of Hugh Schaefer as a recipient of the Dr. N. Philip Shelton Award is an excellent choice,” Sam Alford said. “Mr. Schaefer has spent his entire life caring for and educating young people. His influence has reached all corners of Knox County and beyond. When one thinks of a humanitarian, Hugh Schaefer certainly comes to my mind. The committee that selects the award winner each year should be proud, you hit a home run this year.”

A former student and friend, Keith Doades, described Schaefer’s willingness to assist anyone who asks in the best way. “Hugh Schaefer is, without question, one of the most giving people I’ve ever known,” he said. “Most people have no idea what he has done for so many years on behalf of others, and in addition to that, he chooses to stay in the background, often times giving other people credit for work that he’s done. “He’s the definition of selflessness, and is more than worthy of an honor such as this.”

“I am just very honored,” Schaefer said of receiving the award. “I am very appreciative of the award and grateful Kiwanis chose me as this year’s recipient.”
Subtracting students’ math phobias adds up to a $25,000 Milken Educator Award for teacher

By Kristen Lents ’09

Transforming students from math phobic to math friendly is a complex social equation, but it’s one that Indiana teacher Kristen Lents is solving every day. Working at Brownsburg’s non-traditional high school, Harris Academy, Lents helps reluctant learners overcome their fear of a math planet through data-driven individualized learning plans. Her students’ success is leading to academic excellence for math underachievers with 98% of her students earning their math credit and her algebra students averaging a nearly 40% improvement in their test scores.

But it was Lents who scored big in January at a surprise school assembly where she was presented with a Milken Educator Award. Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Jennifer McCormick and Milken Educator Awards Senior Vice President Dr. Jane Foley named Lents a 2017-18 recipient of the national recognition, which comes with an unrestricted $25,000 cash prize. Lents is the only Milken Educator Award winner from Indiana this year, and is among the 44 honorees for 2017-18.

The Milken Educator Awards, hailed by Teacher magazine as the “Oscars of Teaching” has been opening minds and shaping futures for 30 years. Research shows teacher quality is the driving in-school factor behind student growth and achievement. Lents engages students by creating math lessons with built-in real-world relevance and incorporating project-based learning, goal-oriented strategies and deftly deployed technology into her classes. Lents’ multipronged approach is adaptable in aiding busy teen parents, students with health issues, working students and others with real-life challenges. Her varied approach helps her students gain confidence and competence in math that will serve them as they pursue their goals in higher education and in life.

“Kristen Lents is a gifted teacher whose greatest gift may be reaching those who are really struggling,” said Foley. “Her drive to make math relevant and rewarding to all students is the kind of dedication and service we look for in our Milken Educators. Lents’ inclusive and eclectic approach is part of what makes her a world-class teacher.”

Lents is known for her ability to connect with and motivate math phobic students who traditionally do not like school. She holds them to the highest standards as she dives deep into data to create individualized learning plans for each student in her class. Lents’ students deliver for her: 98% of her students earned their math credits last year, and 57% who retook the Algebra I end-of-course assessment passed, exceeding the school’s target and showing a 39-point mean improvement.

Regarded as a leader by her peers, Lents mentors new teachers and leads Harris Academy’s remediation program and math professional learning community. She is involved in professional development both at Harris Academy and at Brownsburg High School (BHS). Lents earned a bachelor’s degree in mathematics education from Oakland City University in 2009.
Ho! Ho! Ho!
CATCHING UP WITH PAT ARNOLD ‘65

Pat Arnold graduated from OCC in 1965 after starting three years for the Mighty Oaks basketball team, prior to an injury his senior year. Of his four years at OCC, Pat says “If it wasn’t for a basketball scholarship, I would never have been able to go to college. Those four years were some of the best of my life. I made lifelong friends and got a good education that has served me well.”

He coached and taught 1965-1977, beginning at Holland High School. In 1977, Pat began a 31 year real estate career and was instrumental in the growth of Christmas Lake Village. In 2008, he began developing Santa’s Cottages in Santa Claus, Indiana.

In 10 years this adventure has expanded to 25 acres, five lakes, 34 cottages, playgrounds and park, including kids’ zip line, and an inground pool. For the 2018 season, a custom “Reindeer Express” train has been added, new sidewalks have been built throughout the entire recreation area, and he is looking ahead to developing another 30 acres.

Santa’s Cottages has a 5-Star Trip Advisor rating and is in close proximity to many southern Indiana attractions including Holiday World, Lincoln State Park, Lincoln’s Indiana Boyhood Home and many others.

Pat and his wife, Brenda, and their family work hard to ensure that every guest has a memorable visit at Santa’s Cottages.

If you are looking for a beautiful place in southern Indiana to spend a few days, Santa’s Cottages is perfect. From the lovely landscaping to cottages beautifully decorated, you will love it. Pat’s new job in 2018: Reindeer Express Train Conductor. He and his family invite you to come for a ride!

To see more pictures and for reservations:
www.SantasCottages.com  •  812.686.2628
1405 West Christmas Boulevard  •  Santa Claus, Indiana 47579
CATCHING UP WITH MINDY BLISS
CLASS OF 1992

After graduating, I was accepted to be a missionary for the Time for God through the Presbyterian Church. I was placed at Ipswich YMCA in Ipswich, UK for a year in 1995. While there I assisted in setting up after school and holiday child care for underprivileged families. We organized social clubs for adults and teens with mild to moderate disabilities. I created programming for the 102 residents that lived at the YMCA and represented the YMCA on community recreation committees.

Once back in the US, I continued working with children at Thornwell Home and School for Children in Clinton, South Carolina. While at Thornwell I worked with Children in a home setting that could no longer live with their families. We served children from preschool through High School. I made a transition from Thornwell to Camp Fellowship in Waterloo, SC as their Director of Summer camps to pursue a new challenge. There we provided traditional summer church camping experiences as well as specialty sailing and climbing camps. While at Camp Fellowship I began working with college age students in the camp counselor positions. This is when I determined that I enjoyed working with college age students over other age groups.

An opportunity was presented to me at Newberry College (NC) in Newberry, South Carolina as the Associate Director of Residence Life and Director of Intramural Sports. After a year, I was promoted to the Director of Residence Life and began teaching Freshmen 101 courses. I oversaw 6 residence halls housing approximately 600 undergraduate students, 4 professional staff members and 32 resident advisors. During this time I earned my master’s degree in Management and Leadership from Webster University Satellite campus in Columbia, South Carolina. I was able to participate in several art shows displaying local photographs I had taken. Several of my photos were chosen for a long term display in a large wall photo mural in the NC Dining Hall. While at Newberry, I served on the South Carolina Housing Officer Association (SCHOA) Executive Board as the State Representative for SEAHO and Vice-President. I represented the members of SCHOA on the Regional Executive Board for the Southeastern Housing Officers Association (SEAO). SEAHO is the regional housing organization that is comprised of members from 10 states.

In my free time I am an assistant coach for Youth League 3-4 grade and the 5-6 grade girls’ basketball teams. I volunteer at Neighbors in Need (Program for Food Insecurity) and My Sisters Place (Domestic Violence Shelter for Madison County NC). I also knit hats for preemies at Mission Hospital and make pottery bowls for the yearly Empty Bowls fundraising event. I raise funds for local mission trips, and visiting homebound senior citizens. I serve as a mentor of new professionals in the housing field at local, state and regional levels. I enjoy spending time with family and friends, traveling, creative cooking, hiking, fishing, gardening, crafting, reading, fiber arts, photography, painting and pottery.

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In January I was asked to serve as the Interim Associate Vice President for Student Development and Dean of Students at MHU through December of 2018. This leadership position at MHU oversees the Student Development Division and is part of the Presidential Leadership team. This is an exciting and challenging position that is giving me a excellent opportunities to learn more about higher education. As well as be able to connect in new ways with peers across campus, the state and the region.

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After working at Newberry College for seven years, I left to pursue a new challenge at Mars Hill University (MHU) as their Director of Residence Life in North Carolina.
ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS:
THE NEED IS REAL

For nearly 40 years, our alumni and friends have contributed to the Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship. It has been invested wisely through the years and a portion of the earnings is awarded as scholarships each spring on Honors Day for the next school year. When I came on board as Alumni Director in 2007, we had seven applications that year. We were able to award each of those students a portion of the award. This was repeated for a few years to worthy students who qualified. Then as the pool of applicants grew, we were only able to award to some of the applicants.

For the 2018-2019 school year, the Financial Aid office received 44 alumni scholarship applications. Our endowment is not large enough to meet the needs of all these applicants. We must build our endowment. Tuition has increased through the years and the endowment earnings are even more important as a recruiting tool or as a retention tool to keep our enrollment growing. These students have chosen OCU for a number of reasons. The most repeated comment on the essay portion of the applications was:

"After I made the first campus visit, I knew this was where I was supposed to be, everyone made me feel at home".

Think about it, the need is real.
Thoughts from a Hobby Gardener:  
Go Forth to Serve, Go Forth to Grow  
by Karen Mills Hales, Class of 1976

This article came about as a result of my presence on social media. I am relatively new to Facebook, but it has not taken me long to figure out the sort of posts friends like best—babies, pets, and flowers. Susan Sullivan, Director for OCU Alumni Relations, recently commented how much she enjoyed my flower gardening posts, and I reciprocated with how much I enjoyed her colorful chicken posts. Then she sent: “IDEA!! What would you think of having a story about your green thumbs in the Connection alumni magazine? I don’t think I’ve ever had a story regarding an alum and a gardening hobby.”

So, the person who loves the challenge of an assignment said, “I’ll give it a try!”

I grew up in a southern Illinois farming community and can’t remember a time when the growing season wasn’t a part of my life. My dad was a car salesman in nearby Mt. Vernon, Illinois, during most of my childhood, but he farmed on the side with Grandpa Mills. We always had a crop of some kind on our forty acres and a large vegetable garden. My mother was usually the main keeper of the garden and later in life, when she actually had time for a hobby, she enjoyed growing an abundance of flowers.

My two grandmothers were also avid gardeners. I saw them as curators of a variety of house and garden plants and observed care and propagation. Grandma Ruby Mills showed me how to make new plants from leaf and stem cuttings and I learned of bulbs, tubers, and corms. (My brother Randy, aka OCU professor Dr. Randy Mills, remembered the back breaking task of having to move her giant “elephant ear” plants to the basement every fall.) Grandma Vera Newell would have my cousins and me go out the day before a killing frost and pick a final bouquet of zinnias and marigolds while also harvesting the seeds for next year’s flower bed. All these things that were taught and observed stayed with me.

When I was a student at Oakland City College in the early 1970s, I thought I needed a few plants in my dorm room in Brokaw Hall. Not having much room or money to spend on plants, I brought several coleus cuttings from home and put them in vases and bottles filled with water on the window ledge. The coleus rooted and grew quite large and colorful with the bright sun coming in from the west. After that, wherever I was living there was usually a thriving plant or two around.

After leaving college, getting married, and becoming a teacher, I continued the habit and hobby of keeping plants. I have always wanted a personal greenhouse, but probably the closest I ever got to having one was my large classroom with nearly a full wall of windows. Here I kept my house and porch plants from late fall till spring, having, at one time or another, Boston ferns, asparagus ferns, geraniums, Christmas cacti, begonias, and probably many I’ve forgotten. My kindergarten students enjoyed helping me care for them. When a colony of ladybugs would decide to vacation in our classroom during the winter, I would encourage my...
students to put the lady bugs on our plants to eat the aphids. My students always enjoyed planting seeds in early spring and if they were lucky had nice plants to give their moms on Mother’s Day. (In case they weren’t lucky, I would save the day with nice bedding plants from the garden center.)

Being a teacher also allowed time to enjoy the summer growing season at home. When we were younger, John and I had large vegetable gardens and did a lot of food preservation. At some point we gave that up, except for having raised beds with a few tomato plants, but I continued to grow lots of flowers.

In 1999, John and I moved back to my family’s farm place (also, next door to my school) where we built a new home. Yes, I was home again! I took much delight in thinking about all the planting possibilities in this familiar setting. With a large woods to the east and south there was no planting to be done there, but we soon set about establishing a new lawn and foundation planting. In the years that followed, we planted several trees on the west side and added perennial beds around the house featuring several varieties of day lilies. To supplement perennial plantings, I always include colorful annuals such as lantana, cosmos, zinnias, and marigolds. Butterflies and hummingbirds enjoy these and several butterfly bushes. In shady areas, I have sometimes featured large containers of impatiens. A nice addition to the landscape has been brother Randy’s long abandoned rock collection. We continue to have a bean or corn crop on our farm acreage and a few times have rented out our land to the local pumpkin farmer.

When I retired from teaching in 2011, I looked forward to devoting more time to flower gardening and landscaping. I thought I might experience a post-retirement identity crisis, but soon developed new routines, and with grandchildren, volunteering at school, and my lifelong love of plants I was able to establish meaningful activities.

As John and I have started traveling more in recent years, I’ve cut back on planting and also have attempted to plant only the most drought tolerant and disease/pest resistant plants. From my experiences I have also learned: Deer will not eat lantana. Deer will eat just about everything else. A vinegar/salt solution is the safest and best weed killer when applied on a hot, sunny day. A strong smelling bath soap, shredded with a cheese grater and sprinkled around containers and flower beds, really does keep deer from destroying plants. The best way to get rid of Japanese beetles is to remove them by hand and drop them into a container of soapy water. A hollowed out tree stump makes a wonderful planter; the rotting center provides a super blast of nourishment along with a mixture of good soil. Soil is everything and well drained soil is a must. (These are my best and truest recommendations!)

Some say you can never go home again, but I literally did and love spending my days on this land. On a cool spring or summer morning, you will likely find me outdoors planting, dividing plants, pruning, watering, fertilizing, pulling weeds, spraying weeds, mulching, or whatever else the day calls for. After a full morning of work, I’ll sit on the porch, look over my results and think (as did our Creator) “it is good.” Gardening has truly been a spiritual practice and my connection to the Divine. A quote from author Willa Cather best sums up my feelings of attachment and stewardship for...
this place I inhabit and call home: “We come and
go, but the land is always here. And the people
who love it and understand it are the people who
own it—for a little while.”

Karen Mills Hales graduated from Oakland City
(College) University in 1976 with a BA degree in
Elementary Education. She taught kindergarten
at Farrington CCSD #99 in rural Bluford, Illinois,
for 34 years. She has written and published
three books about one-room schools and the
history of her community widely known as
“Horse Creek” where she and her husband,
John, continue to reside. Along with taking
care of plants, Karen and John enjoy traveling
and spending time with granddaughters Kara,
Whitney, and Jenna Milner.

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us be good stewards by saving money on returned
mail. Thank you.
RESERVATION FORM FOR 2018 ALUMNI LUNCHEON

- **DATE:** SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2018
- **LOCATION:** STUDENT LIFE CENTER
- **MEET & GREET:** 10:00 A.M. TO NOON CDT
- **LUNCHEON:** NOON CDT IN DINING HALL
- **AWARDS PROGRAM IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING LUNCH**
- **CAMPUS STORE OPEN FROM 10:00 - NOON**

**CLASSES TO BE HONORED**

25 YEARS - 1993
50 YEARS - 1968

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RESERVATION FORM FOR 2018 ALUMNI LUNCHEON

NAME: _____________________________________________ CLASS YEAR: ____________
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Please make ________ reservations at $15 per person. Enclosed is my payment of ________.

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THANK YOU!
Kyla Krieg ’03 has been named Director of Outreach and Engagement for Ivy Tech Community College. She will oversee the Princeton, IN site and the Tell City Career and Technology Center, serving five counties in southwest Indiana. Previously, Kyla had been site manager and director of the Princeton Ivy Tech site since 2014. She holds a bachelor’s degree from Butler University and a master’s degree from Oakland City University. Kyla is active in the community, serving on several boards and active in multiple organizations.

Jane Vyring Tichenor’s ’64 new book “Clinging to a Promise” is now available on Amazon and follows her earlier book “Misunderstood Devotion” released in 2012. Jane Vire Tichenor received a B.S. from Oakland City University, M.S. from Indiana University, and D.E.S certification from Appalachian State University. She began her career as an elementary school teacher and continued her career as a Writing/English professor at Indiana’s Community College. Jane has received numerous awards including OCU’s Alumnus of the Year Award, Indiana Community College President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching, Glenn W. Sample Award for Excellence in Teaching, and National Association for Developmental Education Award for Outstanding Service to Developmental Education Students. She is retired and divides her time between Indiana and Florida.

Antonia Babauta Lyzenga ’58 released her new book “Happy Island and the Typhoons” (2017) as a sequel to her first book “Happy Island” written in 2012. These are delightful books recommended for ages 9-12. They are both available on Amazon. Antonia was an educator for three decades and was named OCU Alumnus of the Year 2012. She resides in Nevada with her husband.

First time author at the age of 92, Anna Lucille Head-Hammond ’55 completed “Sarah and the Soldier’s Tin Box” in 2017 and it is now available on Amazon. Her novel draws on the experiences of a full, interesting life and is set in the Industrial Revolution in Europe. Many will remember her as Professor Lucille Head of the OCU English department in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Mrs. Hammond resides in Angola, Indiana, near her son, Bob Head.
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Josh ’05 & Rachel ’06 Slater
CELEBRATE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAIPAN CHURCH

Saipan Community Church celebrated its 70th anniversary on Easter Sunday with 450 in attendance and two baptisms according to Pastor Josh Slater ’05. Rev. David Stevens (son of founding pastor and missionaries Ed and Gertie Stevens) and wife Lois were in attendance. Ed Stevens established ministry outreaches on Guam, Saipan, Tinian (a leper colony after WWII), and Chi Chi Jima. According to Pastor Josh, “David looked like a kid in a candy store, we were even able to go to Tinian.” This was the first time that David has returned to Saipan since his father’s passing in 1953. GBIM was honored to partner with Saipan Church and Yigo Church (pastored by Bob Murphy), Guam to facilitate this trip for the Stevens.

Above: Rachel ’06 and Josh ’05 Slater with the Stevens’ on Easter

Above: Beautiful Easter Baptism in Saipan
Anthony R. Brantley, Jr. ‘01 of Arkansas City, Kansas passed away June 2017. He is survived by Belena Daugherty Brantley ’01.


Mark Broshears ‘70 of Oakland City, Indiana passed away May 2017.

Mary E. Middleton Parnell of Fort Worth, Texas, widow of former music professor Bryan Parnell, passed away February 2018. She is survived by Steve Parnell ’74, David Middleton ’57.


Gary Lee Harper ‘64 of Oakland City, Indiana passed away January 2018. He was predeceased by his wife, Margaret Earl McConnell Harper ’56 and is survived by brother, Hal Harper ’77.

Mary Lou Sturgeon ’67 of Petersburg, Indiana passed away January 2018.


Darrell Ragland, Sr. ‘03 of Evansville, Indiana passed away October 2017.

Franklin D Sablan ’66 of Indianapolis, Indiana passed away August 2017.


Roy Sanders ‘57 of Oaktown, Indiana passed away December 2017.


Jay L. Sparks ‘77 of Haubstadt, Indiana passed away October 2017. He is survived by his wife, Becky Ditzer Sparks ‘81.

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Robert S. “Bob” Miller, P.H. D., Indianapolis, Indiana passed away March 2018. He was Professor of Social Studies at OCC in 1960s-70s.

Darlene M. “Dolly” Young ‘68 of Oakland City, Indiana passed away March 2018

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