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HERE AND NOW

Mentoring Program Now in Motion!

Hello Cardinal Alumni,

Happy New Year! I hope 2017 is off to a wonderful start for all of you! This academic year has already seen many highs... Our women's cross country program won their second straight OAC championship, the new wrestling program is off to a fantastic start, and our student-athletes finished the fall semester with a combined 3.15 GPA. We are excited for all that 2017 has to bring. Best wishes to you and your families in the New Year!

If you have ideas about what you would like included in this update, would like to learn additional ways to become involved or support Otterbein Athletics, or have new contact information, feel free to contact us at cardinalathletics@otterbein.edu.

Go Cards!
Dawn Mamula Stewart '98
Athletic Director

News and Events

[2017 Women's Track and Field Preview](#)
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[Back to Back! Women's Cross Country Repeats as Conference Champs](#)
[John Pyles Represents in NCAA Pathway to Opportunity Ads](#)
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[Wrestling Featured in City Scene Columbus Magazine](#)

Girffiths Hired to Take Over Men's Soccer Program

Otterbein Athletics has officially launched its new alumni-mentoring initiative for current student-athletes. This program is now in motion and under pilot from January through April of 2017, matching each alumni mentor with a current student-athlete who may share the same career aspirations, sport program interest, or other familiar connections.



The mentors, already placed for this year, and mentees will soon begin meeting once per month during this five-month period and will be provided with discussion topics in order to become better acquainted. Although our first set of mentors has been selected, please don't hesitate to complete [this survey](#). If you live in Central Ohio and are interested in mentoring next academic year. Dawn Stewart, director of athletics, or Brandon Koons, head women's soccer coach, will follow up. Feel free to contact Stewart (dstewart@otterbein.edu) or Koons (bkoons@otterbein.edu) with any additional questions.

SPRING BREAK DESTINATIONS

Baseball | Orlando, Fla.
(Feb. 24 to March 5)

Softball | Clermont, Fla.
(Feb. 24 to March 2)

M/W Tennis | Orlando, Fla.
(Feb. 28 to March 2)

M/W Golf | Austin, Texas
(Feb. 26-28)

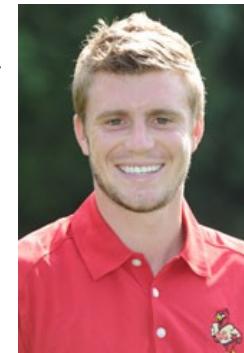
W-Lacrosse
Georgia Trip, playing Piedmont,
Berry & Lagrange
(Feb. 26 to March 1)

M-Lacrosse
at Birmingham-Southern (Feb. 28)
and at Berry (March 3)

Ride with Cardinal Pride

Otterbein University has hired Jason Griffiths to the position of head men's soccer coach, announced recently by Dawn Stewart, director of athletics.

Griffiths takes over following the departure of Gerry D'Arcy, who compiled a 274-211-37 mark spanning the past 28 seasons at the helm before recently announcing his retirement. [>> Read More.](#)



Newest Project - Cole Victory Bell

In November, Otterbein Athletics had the pleasure of renewing an old tradition - by ringing our new victory bell. The bell, donated by William (Bill) and Barbara Cole '54, was dedicated on November 12, 2016 as the Otterbein Football team beat Marietta on Senior

Day, 49-21. Prior to Bill and Barbara's donation, the Towers Hall Bell once rang after every Otterbein athletic victory until the tradition eventually faded. We are grateful to the Cole's for their generous donation and the renewing of this celebratory tradition for Athletics. The bell is located just inside Gate B of Memorial Stadium.



Alumni Spotlight

Three Former Student-Athletes Earn 2016 Young Alumni Awards

The University's commitment to experiential learning, realized through the Five Cardinal Experiences, proudly offers a point of national distinction. The Young

Alumni awards are given in recognition to those age 40 and younger whose contributions exemplify one of Otterbein's Five Cardinal Experiences: Community Engagement, Global and Intercultural Engagement, Professional Achievement, Leadership and Citizenship, and Research or Creative Achievement. The Otterbein Young Alumni Awards are held annually during Homecoming. [>> Read More.](#)



(L to R) Scott Arthur '99,
Nathan Speiser '05, Rayshaw Wilson
'02

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[Otterbein Loses Beloved Alumnus Bill LeMay '48](#)

[Jessica Castle MSN FNP '16 grad chosen for nursing fellowship](#)

[Otterbein Promise House Support and Donations Increasing](#)

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