

SENIOR AWARDS

Dick Reynolds Leadership Award - This award is given to a senior who has demonstrated service in both athletics and the community. Dick Reynolds was a 1965 graduate of Otterbein lettering in three sports. He served as head basketball coach from 1972-2012 and Athletic Director from 1993-2012.

Nancy Myers Norris Scholastic Award- This award is presented to a student-athlete with the highest GPA in honor of Nancy Myers Norris who graduated from Otterbein in 1961. This award was contributed to Otterbein by Judge Alan Norris in honor of his wife.

“Deke” Edler Memorial Athletic Award – This award is presented to an outstanding basketball player who has exemplified athletic and sportsmanship excellence and is in honor of Deke Edler who coached both basketball, played one season for the Cleveland Indians of the National Football League in 1923 and served as the head football coach at Otterbein from 1929-1934.

Dr. Joanne Van Sant Leadership Award- This award is presented to a senior athlete who displayed outstanding leadership through her dedication and participation to athletics. The award is in honor of Joanne “Dean Van” Van Sant who played an integral part in developing women’s athletics.

Harry W. Ewing Outstanding Football Award- This award is given to an outstanding senior football player in honor of Harry W. Ewing. Ewing who worked at Otterbein from 1934-1958. He served in various roles including Football Coach, Athletic Director, and Physical Education Instructor.

Roger K. Powell Athletic/Scholarship Award- This honor is awarded to a senior athlete who has achieved high academic excellence while participating in athletics. Roger K. Powell was a 1922 graduate of Otterbein, member of the football team, and longtime member of the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Jo Ann Tyler Spring Sport Award- This is awarded to an outstanding spring sport participant. This award is in honor of Dr. Jo Ann Tyler who coached tennis and golf and taught in the Health and Physical Education Department for 1962-1997.

Dr. Marilyn Day Athletic Scholastic Award- This award is presented to a senior athlete who has placed high value on academic and excellence and athletic participation. This award is in honor of Dr. Marilyn Day who was the Women’s Athletic Director and Chairman of the Health and Physical Education Department from 1953-1997.

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Augsburger-Ballenger Outstanding Athlete Award- This honor is awarded to a senior athlete who made an outstanding contribution to Otterbein through dedication and participation in athletics. Both Harold Augsburger and Dwight "Smokey" Ballenger participated in football, basketball, and baseball in the late 1930's and were long time supporters of Otterbein Athletics.

Norris –Elliott Scholastic/Athletic Award- This award is given to a student athlete who achieves high academically and who has lettered in two sports. Alan E. Norris was a track athlete at Otterbein graduating in 1957. He went on to teach at Otterbein before becoming a federal judge. Denton W. Elliott graduated in 1937 after participating in four collegiate sports. He became a lieutenant commander in the US Army and also served as an Otterbein Trustee.

Royal F. Martin Outstanding Spring Sport Award- This award is given to an outstanding spring sports participant. Royal F. Martin was a Coach, Athletic Director, Professor, Dean, and Interim President over his 42 years at Otterbein beginning in 1913.

Dorothy McVay Outstanding Athlete Award – This award is presented to a senior who has displayed outstanding contribution through her dedication, sportsmanship, and participation in athletics. This award is in honor of Dorothy McVay, who has been a generous supporter of Otterbein University Athletics and the Westerville Community.

William "Doc" Freeman Senior Leadership Award – This Award is presented to senior student who plans to be a Certified Athletic Trainer who has been active with the OCATS and involved in helping develop other student athletic trainers. Doc Freeman was a long time Otterbein team physician starting in 1962 and is the namesake of the Freeman Athletic Training Center. This Award is presented to senior student who plans to be a Certified Athletic Trainer who has been active with the OCATS and involved in helping develop other student athletic trainers.

The Rudy Owen Merit Award- Rudy Owen was the first athletic trainer at Otterbein University. This award is given to a student who shows tremendous dedication to student athletes and who is in good academic standing.