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## Service of Worship

In praise to God for the lives of Dr. Claudine Cutchin and Ms. Adélaïde Cutchin

By Madison Brooks  
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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 Adélaïde 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. Adélaïde 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 to "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).

## Our Souls Remain

By Corabelle Tally  
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The breath was knocked out of us when we lost the two of you  
Without warning or caution our lungs no longer functioned

Falling to our knees we cried up to the Lord  
How could you have done this? This is not what they deserved  
or needed

We lay on the ground, having no inclination to move  
The pain too unbearable, too raw, too unsettling

Living a life without you had never been considered  
Making our way in the world alone was unjustified

Yet we knew what had to be done  
Picking up and moving on was the only way to continue

Life can and never will be the same  
The pain of loss seeming too great to bear

Through our hearts and memories we will remember you  
Never forgetting the way that you made us feel

The world will continue on but not everything will  
Small parts of our souls will forever remain unchanged

Remembering the love we felt for the both of you  
Until we will see you once more

## Remembrances of Dr. Cutchin and Adélaïde

By Hannah Salo  
Staff Writer

Dr. Cutchin and her daughter Adélaïde had been a constant presence on campus for many years. Adélaïde was a history major who graduated this past December. Dr. Cutchin was Dean of Arts and Sciences, history professor, and advisor. She taught the dreaded HIS 103 and was known for her infamous tests. She also taught the upper classman history classes with topics ranging from Ancient Rome to Nazi Germany, Piracy to the current classes on the Roaring 20s and the Great Depression. She kept all of the projects history majors allowed her to keep, like a suitcase Rebecca Fellows and Claire Slomski made for a Jew during Nazi Germany and the daily life of a Nubian Medjay book during Ancient Egypt that Hannah Salo and Fellows made. Dr. Cutchin was loved by everyone she met. Her door was always open to anyone who wanted to stop by. Below are thoughts from various history majors/

minors.

When I came to OCU in the spring of 2015, the first professor I met on campus was Dr. Cutchin. Nervous as can be, I talked to Dr. Cutchin about studying history and what I could expect from 2015 till I graduate in the fall of 2018. I can remember our discussion about the Soviet Union and her love for chocolate and animals. She is who I strive to be like as a pre-service educator. I love you Dr. C! Don't be eating too much chocolate in Heaven! – Cameron Gudgell

Doc was a professor of mine since my freshman year four years ago. This year was a year of extreme loss for me. I lost my grandma suddenly, one of my high school friends to suicide, and one of my best friends to a drunk driving accident. I spent the semester in a hole that I could not pull myself out of. Dr. Cutchin took the time to care about me and help me through it all. I have grown so close to her over the past four years, and I had plans to dedicate my graduation to her and now I will for sure. I

can say for sure that I would not be where I am if it were not for her. She is going to be so, so, so missed. She never met a stranger and was loved by everyone. She was a friend and family member to all of her students. She was a chocolate loving, Star Wars obsessed, animal mom. We are going to miss her so much. – Kenzee Hutchinson

I will never forget the many conversations I had with Dr. Cutchin about France and the future. It was she who convinced me to change my major to history as I was trying to decide what I wanted to change it to. She encouraged me to dig past the surface, and she always looked at the positive side. She would threaten us with forums and then laugh and say, "I know, you don't like forums" as she gave us the "Cutchin look" and said we could just write a paper instead "this time." I loved staying after class to talk with her or going to her office to discuss different theories or



# Nothing Gold Can Stay

By Rev. Robert Asa, Ph.D.

Robert Frost (1874-1963) was an American poet who won four Pulitzer prizes and the Congressional Gold Medal for his poetry. But his personal life was plagued with grief and loss. In 1885 when Frost was 11, his father died of tuberculosis, leaving the family with just eight dollars. Frost's mother died of cancer in 1900. In 1920, Frost had to commit his younger sister Jeanie to a mental hospital, where she died nine years later. Mental illness apparently ran in Frost's family, as both he and his mother suffered from depression, and his daughter Irma was committed to a mental hospital in 1947. Frost's wife, Elinor, also experienced bouts of depression. Only two of six children outlived their father. Frost's wife, who had heart problems throughout her life, developed breast\_cancer in 1937, and died of heart failure in 1938. Frost never remarried.

This man of sorrows penned a poem in 1922:  
Nature’s first green is gold,  
Her hardest hue to hold.  
Her early leaf’s a flower;  
But only so an hour.  
Then leaf subsides to leaf.  
So Eden sank to grief,  
So dawn goes down to day.  
Nothing gold can stay.

Frost described himself by the ambiguous term “Old Testament Christian.” Across his long life span he spoke of his faith and his unbelief, and the epitaph on his tombstone is a line from one of his poems: “I had a lover’s quarrel with the world.”

Today, and for many days to come, we have a lover’s quarrel with the world. With an ungloved fist it took from us two beloved persons: Claudine and Adélaide Cutchin. With whom do we lodge a complaint? To whom do we raise a lament? Or ought we do so?

The shock of sudden, tragic death may be new to you. You may never have experienced the death of someone whom you knew closely. Perhaps you

live in the fantasy that death is only for the old and sick, or for all those persons whom you do not know. You may believe hopefully it will never touch you or yours. We are reminded today that it can come as a rude, uninvited visitor that can rob us of our dearest and best.

What are we to make of this moment of shared grief? First, it is a necessary moment even if every fiber of our being would prefer that it go away. But grief cannot be wished away, talked away, prayed away, or pushed away. To feel grief is to be human--to experience a God-given capacity which enables us to survive loss. Your most lofty, short-term goal right now is to survive. That will evoke and require tears. The worst possible reaction to loss is to suppress your feelings as if they don’t exist. They very much exist. Feel your feelings.

Second, this moment of grief is not a momentary moment but an open-ended moment. Grief evolves very slowly though we wish we could hurry it along. It can erupt unpredictably and erratically. Grieving usually begins with shock and denial, then moves to anger, bargaining, and acceptance. In time we move to whatever the new normal will be for us. But these so-called stages can overlap and intertwine, go backwards, and seemingly leap forward, though usually only for a short while. Even so, the way we grieve is unique to the individual. The time required to grieve appropriately is usually at least a year. Then after grieving there is open-ended mourning which goes on even longer, perhaps for the rest of our lives. This is not morbid. It is human.

Our culture is poor at grieving and mourning. We hear far too prematurely about “healing” or “moving on.” Not yet. We are too mired in dismay to consider such things at this moment. Someone has said: “A death has occurred and everything is changed by this event. We are painfully aware that life can never be the

same again. That yesterday is over. That relationships once rich have ended. But there is another way to look upon this truth. If life went on the same without the presence of the one who has died, we could only conclude that the life we here remember made no contribution, filled no space, meant nothing. The fact that this individual left behind a place that cannot be filled is a high tribute to this individual. Life can be the same after a trinket has been lost, but never after the loss of a treasure.”

Third, this moment of grief needs to be shared with others. This cross is very heavy to carry alone. It is true that some people need solitude more than friends to work through their feelings. And friends can get it very wrong when they begin theologizing about the whys and wherefores, which never really comforts the bereaved. To support a grieving person, don’t begin blathering about “the will of God.” You are not privy to it; don’t pretend you are. Instead, just be present if they want your presence. Let them talk if they want to talk. Please remember this: do not confuse the facts of life with the acts of God. Many things happen in this world which are not God’s will.

Fourth, this moment of grief needs to be shared with God. But how? Through your tears. Turn them Godward. Do not fear lamenting to God. Do not be ashamed if you are angry with God. Do not fear confronting God. If you believe he is derelict in his duty, tell him so. Do we have cause for anger? Yes, just as there was anger and anguish and pain directed Godward in that terrible cry from the cross, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

But what good will this do? Not even God can undo the past. But he can come to us in the present. What can he do now? He won’t erase your pain magically. He will come to you in caring persons who put a hand on your shoulder and speak words of tender support. That is the act of God for you and to you. Look horizontally if you want to experience grace;

Dr. Cutchin  
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ideas. I am so glad I got to spend my college years with you as my advisor, Dr. Cutchin. I’ll never forget you, and one day, I’ll make that trip to France like we always talked about. – Hannah Salo

I will always look at France and think of you. I will watch



look to caring persons who embody God’s love.

The Scottish Bible commentator William Barclay said this: “If even in the darkest hour, we believe that somehow there is a purpose in life, and that somehow that purpose is love, then even the unbearable becomes bearable, and even in the darkness there is still a glimmer of light.”

I began by referencing Robert Frost. He told us nothing gold can stay. Our friends, Claudine and Adélaide, were gold, and how we grieve that they could not stay. Frost wrote another, better-known poem, “Stopping By Woods on a Snowy Evening.” The text of the poem describes the thoughts of a lone rider, pausing at night in his travel to watch snow falling in the woods. Despite the loveliness of the view, he reminds himself that other tasks beckon.

Whose woods these are I think I know.

Star Wars and remember you. Thank you for showing me where to dream at in this life. Thank you for being my teacher, advisor, and friend. I know I will forever try to teach like you and bring as much laughter and joy to my own students as you brought to us all. Claudine Cutchin and Adélaide, may you rest in God’s peace. – Rebecca Fellows

His house is in the village though;  
He will not see me stopping here  
To watch his woods fill up with snow.  
My little horse must think it queer  
To stop without a farmhouse near  
Between the woods and frozen lake  
The darkest evening of the year.  
He gives his harness bells a shake  
To ask if there is some mistake.  
The only other sound's the sweep  
Of easy wind and downy flake.  
The woods are lovely, dark and deep.  
But I have promises to keep,  
And miles to go before I sleep,  
And miles to go before I sleep.

Claudine and Adélaide, having traveled their miles, now sleep. Adieu, nos amis. [Farewell, our friends].

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# The feeling of home

Rusch's main goal for the future is to stay at OCU and thrive. "I want to be here indefinitely. My main goal is to become a full time art professor. We have lost a lot of programs and I would like to help bring them back. We need some of that hands-on-stuff," Rusch smiles with the promise of the future in her eyes.

Hose's future goals are to be involved with the university for as long as possible. Her family wants to stay involved at Oakland City "for as long as God would allow us to be here."




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# Faith

## Soulfest is coming your way

**By Corabelle Tally  
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Coming soon to Oakland City, Indiana is Oakland City University's Annual Contemporary Music Festival. Soulfest is the annual concert featuring many different groups of singers that focus their music on praising God.

Soulfest will be taking place on April 1, 2017 at 6:00pm and is absolutely free. The concert

will be located in Oakland City University's Johnson Center at 138 N. Lucretia Street in Oakland City.

This year's event will feature Stars Go Dim, Cochren & Co, Adelaide and Oakland City University's very own Earth Light and The Great Command.

More information can be found by visiting the Oakland City University website at [www.oak.edu](http://www.oak.edu) or by calling at 1-800-737-5125.

## Pastor and wife duo inspires campus

**By Julia Heatherly  
Staff Writer**

The phrase "inspiration" has a world of meanings. But people commonly use it for when someone inspires them from doing a kind act. That is how Charity and Kinzer Havill relate. They are kind and inspirational.

The Havills are both from Princeton, Indiana. They attended Princeton Community High School and graduated in 2014. Charity and Kinzer are the Resident Directors of Jordan Hall,

which is the freshmen mens' dorm. They work as a team in Jordan Hall. However, they have different strengths and weakness that each one of them compensates for. For instance, Mrs. Havill handles the administrative aspect of the job, while Mr. Havill handles the disciplinary, counseling and interacting with the residents. Another role the Havills mentioned was setting a godly example to the residents in Jordan. They want their marriage to be an example of what pursuing a relationship with someone should look like.

The Havills attend Somerville Community Church, where Mr. Havill is the lead Pastor. They also attend McCullough Grove Baptist church when Mr. Havill does not preach on Sunday. Somerville Community Church is a small church; they do not have Wednesday or Sunday night services but are always looking to invite new people to their church. At McCullough Grove Baptist Church, Mrs. Havill helps out with the girl's youth group and the nursery when the help is needed.

The couple has a great passion for Jesus and serving him. Their faces often light up when speaking about him. They each have different favorite Bible verses that inspire them.

Mr. Havill said his favorite verse is Ephesians 2:8-9. ESV, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." Mr. Havill's favorite book from the Bible is Matthew. "As Christians, we need to live how Jesus lived," stated Mr. Havill.

Mrs. Havill's favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:6. NIV,



"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests known to God." Mrs. Havill's favorite book is Psalms, because "You can find something about rejoicing. There are chapters in Psalms that teach you how to praise God."

Mrs. Havill is a Human Biology major with a minor in Chemistry, while her husband, Mr. Havill, is a Christian Studies major with a specialty in Pastoral specialization. He is also minoring in Christian Ministries.

The Havills are a great, godly example of what students on campus should be looking to when pursuing a relationship with someone.

Mr. Havill stated, "A lot of people think that love is this ooey gooeey feeling that once I find the right person I'll be good forever. However, you will find a flaw in that person, but true love is able to overcome. You love someone because you love them."

That is something the Bible teaches and something the Havills both believe in.



## A camp retreat with Jesus

**Rebekah Busler  
Staff Writer**

There are few who would deny that thinking about the future is a stressful thing. Trying to plan far ahead and gain some stability and control over things to come can take its toll, and it is far too easy to get lost in the hustle and bustle and lose sight of God and His purpose for that future.

Camp Allen exists as a year-round place to come, relax and reconnect with God as one figures out his/her ideas without the stress, a place to be still and know God.

Saturday, February 20, was OCU Day at Camp Allen. Several groups and faculty members from Oakland City University went to the camp to lead a worship service and introduce younger students to the university.

The OCU group left Friday afternoon to make the long car ride to Missouri and arrived that evening. They spent the rest of the night preparing for the next day. Each group took turns practicing in the chapel, as others made copies of schedules and got other things together for the arrival of students the next day. Saturday the busses of junior high and high school students arrived around noon, and, after everyone was signed in, it was time for OCU Day to officially begin.

Everyone met in the chapel

for the opening ceremony, and, after a closing prayer, the students were split into families as each family went with three to four advisors for some icebreaking activities.

Later that afternoon everyone met back in the chapel for worship service. The service started with some skits by the Good News Players. Among them were Birdcage and Choices, and the group closed with Clincher. After GNP finished, Kinzer Havill delivered his testimony.

Next, there was a short break for dinner before the students were again split into their color groups for breakout sessions. Each group rotated to different rooms as they met with members of the athletics, academic affairs and student life staff. The group was told more details about OCU in general, as well as what each department would provide and what the student would need.

Once breakout sessions were complete, the students again met in the chapel for the last event of the day, musical worship. This was led, first, by Earthlight and was closed by Great Command. After one last closing prayer, OCU Day was officially completed.

It was a busy and eventful weekend at Camp Allen, but also a successful and fulfilling one. Each group, along with expert handling of stage lights and sound equipment, gave their own beautiful worship.

GNP's skits ranged from amusing to powerful, but each was moving with its own message. Kinzer was a great speaker, and his testimony was delivered with a great balance of facts, storytelling and encouragement. The breakout sessions were informative and designed so students could

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## Dreams

**By Heather Smith  
Guest Writer**



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. (I Corinthians 2:13)

Disney princesses and Fleetwood Mac have sung about them. Some Native American tribes have fashioned dream catchers as protective charms. The field of psychology has devoted years of research to dream interpretation. For an intangible, transitory entity, dreams get a lot of attention.

There are several references to dreams and visions in Scripture: An angel of the Lord came to Joseph in a dream to dispel his fear of taking Mary, an expectant mother, as his wife. The wise men from the East were warned in a dream not to return to King Herod as they travelled home from visiting Jesus, a young child exalted as King of the Jews. Dreams and visions play significant roles in the Old and New Testament.

In the 21st century, the word "dream" has many meanings. When graduating high school, you may have been asked by well-wishers,

"What are your hopes and dreams?"

A recently unemployed individual is dreaming that the two dollars he/she clutches so tightly will purchase a winning lottery ticket. A single mother is dreaming that her six-year-old son will be cured of cancer. A first-generation student is dreaming of someday getting a doctorate.

In Genesis, a cupbearer and a baker, unnerved by their dreams, sought dream interpretation. Joseph responded, "Do not interpretations belong to God?"

Just as some dreams during REM sleep are sweet and other are nightmares, chasing our real-life dreams may result in success or failure. One thing is certain; we should take all our dreams, fears, sorrows, and joys to the Almighty God who has infinite wisdom so that He may direct our paths.

PRAYER: Dear Lord, I seek Your wisdom and direction. Please be my Light and Guide. Amen.



# Coffee

By Julia Heatherly  
Staff Writer

Christ  
Offers  
Forgiveness  
For  
Everyone  
Everywhere

The phrase “Holy Grounds” can bring about a range of thoughts. From a warm cup of coffee on a frigid morning, to a pick-me-up after a stressful day at the office or even something else; the range of emotions are endless.

Erin Smithers was a book of information concerning the origin and prosperity surrounding Holy Grounds and how it first formed.

The catering food service for Oakland City University is Pioneer, and Holy Grounds formed because Pioneer wanted to have a coffee shop on campus. Other Pioneer schools, besides OCU, already had a Starbucks on their campus, and the administration was hopeful that it would be successful here.

The coffee shop received its name by having a contest between the staff and student body called “Name the coffee shop.” The university then



came together for this contest and submitted their ideas to the administration. The Executive Office narrowed the list down to two possibilities. The winner of the contest then received a gift card.

Holy Grounds is a draw for prospective students because it has a warm, inviting atmosphere. It is a great place to study with friends, and then there is that unforgettable aroma of coffee each day.

A great work opportunity exists at Holy Grounds. They currently have seven student workers on staff right now, working flexible hours.

Located right next to Holy Grounds is Procrastination Station. This is another place that most students love to hang out in.

Procrastination Station was named by OCU student Tyler Rust. Originally an empty room, a few students took advantage of its perfect placement as a hangout between Holy Grounds and the Oaks. The original Oakland City Rebels were Harlee Rae and Steven Toepfer, Jessica

Eberhardt, Tony Retter, Kevin Pinnick and Lindsay Prow.

A great benefit of Holy Grounds is they offer frequent flyer cards. Every time a customer purchases a coffee, the barista will mark the card until 10 marks are achieved. After the tenth time, the customer is able to get a free cup of coffee.

Campus students who have a meal plan can automatically get \$50 in flex points on their I.D. and these points can be used in the Holy Grounds and in the Oaks. Commuter students are able to purchase their own flex points if they desire. They can do this by going to the cafeteria or talking with Erin Smithers or Barb Watson.

Not only does Holy Grounds offer coffee, but they also offer activities for all students at Oakland City University. There are many special events, such as Mic Night, Trivia Night, and Worship Nights this semester. Be on the lookout for all the fun.

Do not forget your cup of coffee!

# Oaks to grow

By Rebekah Busler  
Staff Writer

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.

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# You are closer than you think

By Julia Heatherly  
Staff Writer

If you are into nutrition and fitness, Jennifer Lantrip is the person to talk to. She is a Team Beachbody coach for 21 Day Fix and Shakeology. Lantrip is from Owensville, Indiana, and is an Admissions Counselor here at Oakland City University.

Lantrip stated the many ways the 21 Day Fix/Program has inspired her: “I could not get back on track myself,” Lantrip said. She knew she wanted to get healthy and lose weight; however, she could not find the motivation.

She stated, “I have been in really good shape by running 5K’s and half marathons.”

Yet, because she had some changes in her life, she could not find what she needed.

Recently, she got into one of the free “Crockpots and Crunches” groups in which she gets a healthy crockpot recipe as well as an ab workout for the day. Once she started seeing what the free group did for her by keeping her accountable and motivated, she wanted more.

Her coach asked her if she wanted to take the program a step further and if she wanted to do a program like 21 Day Fix/Shakeology.

She stated, “Sure,” not knowing at the time exactly where this program was going to take her.

Lantrip already had the 21 Day Fix program but ordered Shakeology and the Core De Force workout program that helped her get where she is

today.

She stated that, “With the motivation of my coach and the accountability group, it worked out beautifully and helped me get my motivation back.”

After she had finally found her motivation, her coach had asked her if she wanted to become a Team Beach Body coach because she was very encouraging to the other team members. She always has good advice to motivate them and always listens to their struggles before finding solutions to help them change their lives.

She stated, “The reason why most coaches become a coach is because they love to help people.” She also stated that she wanted to become a coach so she could help other people be healthy. Her favorite aspect about being a coach is about the health and nutrition aspect. She has always had a passion for it because she was a dental hygienist for twenty-two years. Being a coach allows her to talk about something she is passionate about. For Lantrip, being a coach embodies everything she loves...nutrition and fitness. She enjoys encouraging others and helping them become the healthiest people they can be.

Lantrip stated, “One thing I like about the shakes is that you can choose different flavors: vanilla, chocolate, café latte and green berry tea.” There are also two vegan flavors for those that have stomach issues: strawberry and chocolate. They are easier

to digest and milder on the stomach.

There are quite a few recipes for a consumer to try on Pinterest, in Team Beachbody and in your Challenge group.

In order to qualify to be in the group, you have to be in a challenge group which includes working out at least 3 times a week, logging workouts, drinking Shakeology and logging that five times a week.

These criteria qualify you for the prize money in the Health Bet Challenge. Lantrip mentioned that there were really no disadvantages to the bet.

Lantrip stated, “To see a plan that has all the food that God has naturally provided for us represented and people successfully losing weight and being healthy, that is pretty huge.”

When someone is doing any type of weight-loss journey, he/she must have goals to set for themselves and be determined to reach those.

Lantrip has goals for herself, and she is well on her way to reaching them. She used to think it was a weight thing and about the scale; however it is not. “It is about becoming the healthiest me I can possibly be,” she explained.

A huge goal for her was focusing on her sleep, nutrition and workouts. Since she has been doing 21 Day Fix/Shakeology, the goals have gotten better.

Her weight loss journey is one that has made her the strong woman she is today.



## Julia’s journey with Shakeology

My journey with this program all started eight years ago when I was a freshman in high school.

I decided to quit eating “junk” and start eating things that were more nutritious and healthier for my body; however, I could never stay on track.

I kept going back to the foods I loved. I have a sweet tooth. The program I am currently in has helped me achieve my goals.

If you are truly committed to changing your life and being the healthiest person you can possibly be, then sign up today. You will not regret it. I am so happy I did. I know I still have a long way to go in my journey, but I am thankful for the things that happened in order to get me where I am standing

today.

Each fitness and nutrition journey is unique, and 21-Day Fix/Shakeology empowers team members and coaches to make their personalized fitness goals a success.

When I started this program, I thought it was all about numbers and the scale, but realized quickly it was not. I gained so much self confidence in my body and muscles; I never thought I could have a healthier lifestyle.

For a year, I was ridiculed by my family and peers for being average. I did not care what others thought, but I knew it was time to make a change.

I prayed before going on this journey to see if it was the right thing to do. I’m so glad I did, because it changed my life.

# Education teacher inspires all

By Julia Heatherly  
Staff Writer

Mrs. Kristi France is originally from Boonville, Indiana, but currently lives in Newburgh, Indiana.

France has been teaching at Oakland City University for a year and a half, and she loves her job. She is the coordinator and a full-time professor for the Early Childhood Education Program.

She stated that her favorite part about being a teacher is that “I like teaching how to be a teacher the most. I like teaching different strategies and teaching others how to be a hands-on teacher.”

“So many people know you can stand up and lecture and do a PowerPoint. But if you can teach someone to change his/her perspective and change a PowerPoint or lecture into a hands-on activity, that is probably my favorite part,” she said.

France also stated a few goals that the education department has implemented and are working towards.

They have restructured the bachelor’s program for early childhood by adding four new programs, which makes it a lot stronger when graduates go out into the field and try to find jobs.

They also have partnered with Head Start, and they are hoping next year to have a Head Start classroom here in Oakland City for observations and field experiences.

Now being offered is the Bachelor’s in Early Childhood Licensing Program. A person can be a licensed teacher, which is called a “P3 License.” This license is from pre-school through third grade.

Another goal the education department hopes to achieve is to be recognized by The National Association of the Education Freedom Children and go through the accreditation process and be labeled as an excellent Early Childhood program.

France also stated, “I would love to have a lab classroom here on campus.”

She had the privilege of going to Oakland City College for a year before it was named Oakland City University.

She also went to University of Evansville and received her Associates degree in Early Childhood. She also attended Ashford University, Clinton, Iowa, where she received her degree in Organizational Management, with a specialty degree in Early Childhood.

France later received her Master’s degree from Ashford

University in Education, with a specialty in Early Childhood.

Before she was the coordinator and a full time professor here at Oakland City University, she had many other jobs.

France’s first job was at Warrick Christian School, where she taught preschool.

She then became an Early Childhood home visitor before she was a lead teacher for Head Start.

After about fifteen years or so, France became manager and director of an Early Childhood Center. She also had the opportunity to be the advisor for the education, early childhood and many other programs at Ivy Tech in Evansville, Indiana.

France chose early childhood education because loves working with children.

“I feel as though God gave me a passion and a love for young children” she said.

When France was three years old, she starting dancing. By the time she was eleven years old, she was teaching three, four and five-year-olds how to dance. That was her first teaching experience.

She also helped teach Sunday school and Bible school classes as well.

“It came very natural to me to work with young children”



she said.

“My philosophy is if one student needs extra time for a test, then other people do too. So, I try to give it to everyone. If someone has a documented disability, I am going to sit down with that person and find out what is going to work and what is

not with the regular way I would do class. I really try to plan it in a way that is not seen by everybody and is the norm in my classroom. If it is noticed, it is a special plan where nobody needs it,” France said.

France is truly a blessing for Oakland City University.





# Eager to leave, longing for home

By **Kylee Newberry**  
Staff Writer

All her life, all she wanted to do was leave.

She felt she had grown too big for her quiet little corner of Southeast Missouri. She felt it was holding her back from the opportunities the world had to offer. Most people from Zalma never left. She wanted to be one of the few who escaped.

And she did, at least temporarily.

Eighteen-year-old Kylee Newberry decided her freshman year that she wanted to explore the world.

“My first thought was, the sky’s the limit,” Newberry explained. “I researched colleges across the country. New York University in New York City; Elon University in Elon, North Carolina; and the

University of Southern Alabama in Mobile. I just wanted to leave Zalma. I even looked at colleges in other countries and different study abroad programs in London and Sydney.”

Newberry quickly realized that big dreams cost big bucks.

“My family had enough to get by, but we really did not have much extra. I just found it fun to look at far away colleges, but I knew it wouldn’t happen. My sister paid for college without much help, and I knew I would have to do the same.”

She decided on Stephens College, an all-female liberal arts college in Columbia, Missouri.

“My sister went there, and she talked me into it. My sister had gotten away, so I thought it would be an opportunity for me.”



At Stephens, things started out on a good note. Newberry was happy. She loved her professors, and her classes were great. It wasn’t until the election grew nearer that the

realization hit her like a slap in the face.

“I realized that I took for granted where I came from. My bed suddenly was too hard. Walking outside was suddenly too noisy. The city was not for me. The election only exaggerated it. I was surrounded by people who made me feel inferior because of my conservative beliefs. I became depressed, and by the middle of November I was absolutely miserable. I cried a lot.”

Newberry began looking to transfer schools, and eventually one caught her eye: Oakland City University, a Christian college in Oakland City, Indiana.

“I was looking at schools, and I was either going to transfer to SEMO, near home, or Oakland City. I knew a lot of people at Oakland City, and I liked that it was a Christian college, so I decided on going there.”

Since transferring colleges, Newberry has finally found a

place where she feels like she belongs. She has found friends and a supportive community, people and a place she says are always supporting her. She is thankful for the experiences she gained her first semester.

“I really learned a lot by being in that situation. I realized I made a mistake when I wanted to leave my roots and where I came from. Leaving made me more proud to be from Zalma. It is not something I am ashamed of.”

“I think anyone who wants to leave a small town should think back and appreciate what they have,” Newberry says, “because they don’t realize what they have until it is gone.” “Those people have been there for you your whole life. That community has molded you and shaped you into the person you are. That is an amazing thing, and you should be proud of your roots. Never forget where you came from. I am glad I’ve now figured that out.”

# From college to the real world

By **Madison Brooks**  
with assistance from  
**Dr. Jervaise McDaniel,**  
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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 alumni 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.



**Toyota Motor Manufacturing of Indiana.**  
**Back Row – Left to Right: Jennifer Hollinger, Office Assistant Adult & Professional Studies, Dr. Cathy Robb, Dean School of Business, Reed Farmer, Caleb Crabtree, Alec Sandefer, Logan Potter, Dacia Wilkerson, Connie Jones, Christian Marks, Dionte Williams and Addison Wagler.**  
**Front Row – Left to Right: Dr. Jervaise McDaniel, OCU Faculty, Reed Farmer, Ty Webb, Lauryn Davis, Jenna Knepp, Hannah Tupman, Olivia Carroll and Elliott Spruell, OCU Faculty.**

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 alumni 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

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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.



**Crosspointe Classroom Setting. Front row: Alex Sandefer; Second row: Hannah Tupman, Sam Lee and Luke Taylor; Third row: Max Lanham and Kansas Carpenter; Back row: Dr. Carlotta Reynolds, Brittany Fulkerson, Kristiana Pumpure, Braelyn Cargal, Elliott Spruell and Dylan Allen.**



# Arts and Media

## Leaving the old behind

By Corabelle Tally  
Co-Editor

Photographer Alexis Rusch is presenting her artwork in The Michael Dunn Gallery here on the campus at OCU from Feb 1 to Mar 30, 2017, from 10am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. The closing reception will be held Mar 30 from 6pm to 8pm with the gallery talk at 7pm. The title of her show is “Forgotten Structures,” with all photographs taken by Rusch over a three year time span.

The inspiration behind her show started with the “idea of dealing with space. For example, a basement could be an area to hang out, or maybe a storm shelter, or even a storage area,” Rusch reveals.



She believes that by “exploring old structures, looking at them now and remembering what they used to be in their prime,” we can be reminded of where we came from.

Rusch has traveled to many different places such as Terre Haute, Indiana, Tennessee, Georgia and Michigan in order to take pictures. She believes that “every space can be used in so many different ways. There are always reasons why we leave things and spaces behind, and, often, instead of fixing something old to be useable again, we want something new.” Originally from Vincennes, Indiana, Rusch’s favorite part of taking pictures of these structures is “learning the history of the area. There are always secrets, and often many famous people have been there prior. Something so big happened here, and now it just sits all alone and abandoned.” More information about Rusch can be found on her website at [www.alexis-rusch.format.com](http://www.alexis-rusch.format.com).



## Translations of nature

By Corabelle Tally  
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Artists Abby Laux and Caleb Ellis recently displayed their artwork in The Michael Dunn Gallery at OCU from Dec 5 to Jan 27, 2017. The title of their show was “Interchange,” which featured mixed media pieces created by Ellis and oil paintings created by Laux.

Laux’s pieces focused not just on the beauty of landscapes,

but on the connection between humans and nature. She is captivated by humans’ desire to control nature while being so dependent upon it. Laux believes that through art, people may be able to become closer to nature once more.

In Laux’s artist statement, she described her landscapes as a “blend of representation and expressionism.” Her artworks are inspired from the many places that she

has traveled such as national parks in the United States, England, France, Ireland, Switzerland and her rural home in Indiana. Overall, Laux says that “I want my landscapes to make visible my translations of nature and have that resonate with another person’s soul.” More information about Abby Laux can be found on her website at [www.abbylaux.com](http://www.abbylaux.com).

## Star Wars: Rogue One movie review

By Rebekah Busler  
Staff Writer

*Rogue One* is the latest Star Wars movie to hit theaters and the first in the Star Wars Anthology series. Upon gaining rights to Star Wars, Disney announced they would be reviving the franchise with a sequel trilogy taking place a few years after the end of the original movie trilogy. The first movie in the sequel trilogy was released in theaters December 2015, and the next installment is set for theatrical release later this year. In addition to the sequel trilogy, Disney also announced the creation of the Star Wars Anthology series, a collection of theatrical live action movies depicting side stories of the Star Wars universe. The first of these, *Rogue One*, was released in theaters December

2016. Taking place directly before the first 1977 movie, *Episode IV: A New Hope*, it chronicles the mission to obtain the death star plans, which starts the plot of the original trilogy.

The movie focuses on a small Rebel team consisting of Jyn Erso (Felicity Jones), a young renegade, Cassian Andor (Diego Luna) a Rebel officer, Chirrut Imwe (Donnie Yen) a blind warrior, Baze Malbus (Jiang Wen) a mercenary, Bodhi Rook (Riz Ahmed) a former Imperial cargo pilot, and K-2SO (Alan Tudyk) a reprogrammed Imperial droid. Starting when Jyn’s father is captured by the Empire and forced to build their ultimate weapon, he manages to secretly build a weakness into the station. Defecting from the Empire, Rook brings a message from Jyn’s father explaining

the chance he has given the Rebels. This starts the team off on their mission to obtain the plans and send them to the Rebel base.

Being a side-story meant to give detail to existing plot points within the franchise, *Rogue One* breaks a few traditions of the Star Wars movies. However, it does not change so much that it alienates itself from the franchise, and the changes are done with purpose. First, the lack of a word crawl in the opening, so far, makes this only theatrical Star Wars movie not to feature one. Since it takes place directly before *Episode IV*, there is not much need for one, because the setting has already been established. Next, *Rogue One* does not feature a Jedi character at all, not even a minor side character. This is

## Corabelle’s poetry corner



Editor’s Notes: Everyone is invited to submit their poetry for possible inclusion in the next issue of “The Collegian.” Submit your entries to Corabelle at: [tallycorabelle@myocu.oak.edu](mailto:tallycorabelle@myocu.oak.edu).

### Capturing our soul

By Corabelle Tally

We write to live, we write to thrive  
With every word our soul leaks  
Its white liquid covers the lined page  
Shining, shimmering, it is as pure  
As the letters that describe our heart.

No amount of words could ever completely empty our soul  
But every reader will know a part of us  
Soon forgotten but forever remembered  
Just a blot of ink on a page  
That will forever hold capture over our soul

### Ticket to the unknown

By Aricka Prentice

There’s no expiration date and there’s definitely not a time stamp  
you don’t really get to decide how either.

For some reason we had a ticket into this world but not really a  
destination in mind.  
We are all traveling on the same train but it never seems to have  
a stopping point.

It may pause briefly and allow some to get on and off but never  
being completely empty.  
Never really knowing when to get off.

It seems as if this ride will go on forever and with an unknown  
destination for us all.  
We may choose to sit in front or back, who to sit next to and  
which car to sit in,  
unaware and confused about the way this train operates.

We cling to our tickets and it may seem strange at first, we begin  
to figure out some of the answers to those questions and we start  
to understand how it works.

Coming to realize that we don’t all have the same date or time,  
we just have to hope we end up in the same place, just at different  
times.

practically unheard of within the franchise, but it fits the context of *Rogue One*. It has been established that the only Jedi in this timeline are Obi-Wan and later Luke, both of which have their story told in the original trilogy. Trying to shoehorn a Jedi character into the story purely to star in this movie would have come across as incredibly forced and gone against the established canon. Instead of alienating itself, *Rogue One* fits seamlessly into the main story. The trilogies tell the heart of the conflict, the struggle between the light and dark sides of the force, but *Rogue One* shows what the Anthology series will serve as: an expansion on the Star Wars universe. It not only details the mission that started the story, along with introducing us to several new worlds, but it also shows what the story was like from different angles. *Rogue One* features a diverse cast of characters; and uses them to show the rebellion, the Force, and the Star Wars universe itself through several new eyes. Even the back-story and

occupation of each character is used to add a new element to the story’s world. *Rogue One* is a rather dark movie. While not gory, or even particularly graphic, it does center around a war and does not try to sugarcoat some of the darker themes that go along with that. They also make the most of the few short scenes featuring the franchise’s most iconic villain. Darth Vader has never been so chilling. For all its darker moments, *Rogue One* does have a good theme and message throughout: the value of hope; fitting for the back-story of *A New Hope*. While a good movie, *Rogue One* is not for everyone. It is fast paced, full of action and contains several intense or dark moments. It is mostly made for fans of the Star Wars franchise, as those who are not familiar with the movies might not get as much out of the expansion to the story and setting. Even for those who are not familiar with Star Wars, it is still an enjoyable action/sci-fi movie, with likable characters and a good story.



# Sports

## Lady Oak follows dad’s dream

By Julia Heatherly  
Staff Writer

Chelsea Jellison is 22 years old, and grew up in English, Indiana. It is about an hour east of Oakland City, Indiana, and is in Crawford County. Jellison is a commuter and says “It can be tough at times, but my parents help me out a lot.”

Jellison’s major at Oakland City University is human biology. Her plans after she graduates are to receive a job/internship in pharmaceutical sales, nutrition or health administration.



Chelsea Jellison with her teammate Olivia Carroll.

Jellison has transferred many times for her love of basketball. First, she started out playing for the Vincennes University Trailblazers for a year.

She then transferred to Indiana University Southeast where she went to school part time to get a better degree. While at IUS, she received a basketball scholarship for OCU from Coach Terry Enlow and has been playing for the Lady Oaks ever since, playing shooting guard.

The atmosphere on the court is one that Jellison loves. Jellison says, “It is the best team I have ever played with;



Chelsea with her favorite fan, her dad.

they are really close and they are like family to me.”

She also stated that they “communicate well and share the ball. Therefore, this is why the Lady Oaks have a winning record this season.” A goal she hopes to achieve is for the Lady Oaks to win the National Championship and have a winning record.

Jellison has been playing basketball her entire life. She started in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, playing biddy ball, and then moved up to elementary school. Her basketball career continued on to middle school, and then to high school. Chelsea also broke the 1,000 points record in high school, where she attended Crawford County High School.

She also played on an AAU traveling team during the summers when she was not in school. Her favorite memories from playing basketball was traveling with her dad while she played on the AAU traveling team.

Jellison states, “My dad is my biggest fan and he always wanted to go with me on weekends.” Jellison stated that her dad inspired her to play basketball.

Her dad played when he was young, and she grew up learning how to play from him.

He played one year in college and then ended up receiving a full time job. He never got the opportunity to have a basketball career in college, so he is living his dream through

# Just like him

By Corabelle Tally  
Co-Editor

Raised in Jasonville, Indiana, Kelsey Pilant is a senior majoring in psychology. She plans on getting involved with either the school counseling field or social work field after graduation. Pilant has been very involved in OCU basketball since her arrival in 2015.

Transferring to Oakland City University from Olney Central College was the right decision for Pilant. She stated, “OCU not only allowed me to continue my basketball career, but OCU also offered a great psychology program. By choosing OCU, I was able to continue working towards my degree while playing basketball. Plus it’s close to home so my parents can still come see me play.”

Since she was 10 years old, Pilant has been playing basketball. While in high school, Pilant also played volleyball and softball. Her favorite memory from high school basketball was from her senior year in high school when they won the first ever basketball sectional in school history.

The inspiration behind Pilant’s desire to play basketball came from her father. “When I was little, I would look at all of my dad’s basketball trophies that he has



Kelsey Pilant with her father, Brian.

sitting around the house and I would tell myself that I wanted to be just like him. So, as soon as I was old enough to play basketball, I started playing and have been playing ever since.”

Pilant has enjoyed basketball this playing with such a talented group of girls. As the season continues Pilant stated, “I really enjoy getting to play with this group of girls this year. They have become more like my second family, and I’m really going to miss them all next year.”

The desire for job in of psychology in either the school

counseling field or social work field came from Pilant’s heart. She states that, “I love working with and helping people, so, by going into the psychology field, I will be able to do that for a living.”

After graduation, Pilant will return to her hometown to coach the freshmen girls’ basketball team at her old high school. Set out ahead of her is a life full of opportunities to do the things that she loves so that someday a child will look at her and say, “I want to be just like her.”

## Area pro teams prepare for upcoming season

By Kylee Newberry  
Staff Writer

The 2017 baseball season is quickly approaching. Pitchers and catchers began reporting to Spring Training February 12, with the rest of each squad reporting soon after. The Cincinnati Reds, Chicago Cubs and St. Louis Cardinals all have exciting seasons ahead.

The Cincinnati Reds finished last in the National League Central last season with a record of 68-94. Late in the offseason, the Reds traded star second baseman Brandon Phillips to the Atlanta Braves in exchange for pitchers Andrew McKirahan and Carlos Portuondo. Phillips has been a foundational player for the Reds, and this move is indicative of their rebuilding process, which exists in the main office as well.

Longtime general manager Walt Jocketty announced his retirement last season and beginning this season Dick Williams will be general manager and president of baseball operations. The Reds also hired a new player development analyst, baseball operations analyst, and data scientist.

It will take some time for the new leadership to complete the rebuilding process of the Reds, but with the addition of new pitching, the team is moving in a better direction. The Reds open their season at home against the Phillies on Monday, April 3.

The defending World Series Champions, Chicago Cubs, have a lot to live up to this season. Their wild ride last season was something not even Hollywood could have imagined. They had a record of 103-58 in the regular season and were the first Cubs team since 1935 to win 100 games, and their World Series championship broke the curse, their first championship in 108 years. Notable losses from last season include Dexter Fowler, Aroldis Chapman, and Jorge Soler, but even after their departure, the Cubs still have a solid team with no real weakness.

The only starter from last season that is no longer with the Cubs is Jason Hammel. Kyle Schwarber only played 2 games in the regular season last year, but hit .412 in the postseason. In 2015’s postseason, Schwarber hit 5 homeruns and batted .500 in

the NLDS. His power will be an exciting aspect of the Cubs’ season to witness. The Cubs open the 2017 season in St. Louis on Sunday, April 2.

The St. Louis Cardinals were well behind the Chicago Cubs in the division race last year, but it came down to the final day of the season to decide the Wild Card race. The second wild card spot went to the Giants, but the Cardinals have a lot of positives to take away. After declining Matt Holliday’s contract, the Cardinals signed free agent Cubs outfielder Dexter Fowler. Lance Lynn will make his return after missing all of last season due to his Tommy John surgery. Young star Alex Reyes will miss the remainder of the season after having Tommy John surgery. Other young stars like Luke Weaver, Aledmys Diaz and Seung Hwan Oh filled vital roles in the last part of the season, with Weaver filling in as a starter and Oh settling in to the closer role after Rosenthal struggled early on will be heavily counted on this season. The Cardinals will be looking to catch the Chicago Cubs, with opening day at home against the Cubs on Sunday, April 2.

Congratulations to Wood Memorial’s girls basketball team for winning the 1A State Championship. OCU is proud of you!

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# Living in the moment

By Madison Brooks  
Co-Editor

Matthew Lucas, Master’s student from Seymour, Indiana, made his 1,000th point while in Hawaii over Thanksgiving break. Lucas is currently a shooting guard for Oakland City University’s basketball team. His goal is to be a leader and do whatever it takes to win.

Being involved in basketball for several years, Lucas was inspired by his father, who did not have the chance to play basketball during his time in college. Lucas stated, “My dad is the sole reason why I have been able to accomplish so much through basketball.”

Throughout the years, Lucas has developed many memories from his basketball career. Lucas says that the best memory from basketball is the relationships he has made along the way.

The OCU basketball team, in particular, is “full of jokesters” according to Lucas “Jokes are made and pranks are pulled; however, we know when to be serious.” The relationship between a coach and a player comes from a good attitude and good work ethic, according to Lucas. Throughout the years, Lucas says he would sum up his relationship with his coach in one word: respectful.

Although Lucas has had many achievements in basketball during his collegiate career, he tries to conduct himself with a humble attitude. “It’s nice to see my hard work and dedication pay off, but points aren’t everything,” Lucas explained.

Lucas transferred to Oakland City University after attending his first year of college at Ball State University. OCU was a better fit for Lucas financially, but Lucas also saw OCU as a place where he could achieve his goals of playing sports at the collegiate level.

With a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration with concentrations in Accounting and Marketing, Lucas is currently working towards bigger accomplishments. Lucas is currently working



towards a Master’s degree in Business Administration and graduating this upcoming May. Keeping in mind that his Master’s graduation is right around the corner, Lucas stated, “I plan to start my career right away. I’ve narrowed down my selection to HR Management/Consulting, Accounting Consulting or collegiate coaching.”

Other than being a leader of the court, Lucas is an RA for Dearing Hall, the upperclassmen men’s dorm. Through the three years of being an RA, Lucas says, “My leadership skills have grown each year because of it.”

Lucas has accomplished a great deal while attending OCU. Whether it be playing basketball, pursuing his studies or being a role model through his RA position, Lucas has become a respected student on campus.

Through all of his accomplishments, especially his 1,000th point, Lucas has surely conducted himself with a humble attitude in these unforgettable times. “I’ll always be grateful for everyone that has helped me get this far in life. There’ve been so many people help me overcome adversity, injuries and stress.

One day when I look back at all of this, I’m going to be speechless. I’m going to be blown away by the number of relationships and memories I made through sports. But for now...I’m living in the moment.”

# From Texas to OCU

By Kylee Newberry  
Staff Writer

Carlos Avina, senior point guard from Laredo, Texas, first heard of Oakland City through a friend. “I had explained to her the troubles I had with recruitment following graduation, and she just so happened to know a coach at Oakland City,” he said. “She told me if I wanted to play college basketball as much as I talked about it, she would help me and see if the coach would give me a shot.” When the coach saw his highlight tape, he gave him the chance to try out.

At first, Avina said, it was a difficult transition moving



from Texas to Indiana, but, after a while, it became easier. “I would count down the days

# OCU’s team pictures

## Girl’s 2016-2017 Basketball Team



**Front Row:** Rashawnda Shamell, Chelsea Jellison, Maddison Ubelhor, Kristiana Pumpure, Olivia Carroll and Alicia Wilson.  
**Back Row:** Head Coach Shayne Ross, Kiana Hardiman, Auriel Tribble, Lucy Berlanga, Emily Pitkin, Kelsey Pilant, Aricka Prentice, Braelyn Cargal and Manager Sydney Tedrow.

## Men’s 2016-2017 Basketball Team



**Front Row L-R:** Manager Kody Sloan, Manager Kansas Carpenter, Christian Marks, Darius Barksdale, Joe Hinton, Carlos Avina, Andre Bearden, Jarod McHugh and Manager Diontez Williams.  
**Back Row L-R:** Assistant Coach Charlie Brauser, Tad Thompson, Andrew Scott, Logan Worthington, Head Coach Dr. Mike Sandifar, Addison Wagler, Austin Ladd, Mitch Frederick, Matt Lucas and Assistant Coach Mikel Bredden.

# A blessed time at OCU

By Rebekah Busler  
Staff Writer

Rashawnda Shamell is a child psychology major who also plays guard on the Oakland City University’s women’s basketball team.

She grew up in Evansville, Indiana, where she went to North High School, and was the first student to graduate from both the old and new North.

Prior to coming to OCU, she attended Wabash Valley College in Mt. Carmel, Illinois.

OCU appealed to her because, other than liking the campus and dorms, the classes were set

up so she not only learned what she needed for her major, but how she needed to learn.

Another aspect that attracted her to OCU was the close distance between her home and the campus. Since she plays basketball, distance was important so her family can come to her games, especially to her big fan, her mom.

She’s played basketball since the second grade and has enjoyed playing with the team at OCU. Throughout any ups and downs, she loves her teammates and has felt “blessed to be able to play with such talented women.”



Other than basketball, she also has some experience in other sports. She played volleyball for two years and ran track through all four

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to go home. After that, I was counting down the days to return to school. I couldn’t wait to see my friends and new family.”

His love of basketball is inspired by his parents. “Once I began to truly understand the support and effort my parent put into my athletics, as a kid, it was hard not to love satisfying them,” Avina

says. He grew up playing sports, and played football until his sophomore year of high school when he decided to focus on basketball.

On campus, Avina is involved in intramural sports and also occasionally participates in the dorm wars. He is a health and PE major and will be receiving a minor in business over the summer.

“My parents inspired the major I’m pursuing. Just seeing the smiles they always had through the support, love, and joy of me playing, I’d love to return the favor to other parents and kids.”

After graduation, Avina plans to become a coach and teacher at the high school level and to be a basketball

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# Homecoming 2017

By Kylee Newberry  
Staff Writer

On Saturday February 11, Oakland City University held its annual homecoming game against Wright State University-Lake. This year’s nominees for king were Tracon Brown, Brett Williams, Zach Lanham, Logan Lofland, Dylan Dardeen and Jordan Davis. The nominees for queen were Allie McMinn, Shannon Baxter, Chelsea Doty, Brittany Miles, Madison Brooks and Kashmaraeah Williams. Members of the student body nominate people for king and queen, and then vote on them



the week of homecoming Many of the activities that were scheduled to take place during Homecoming spirit week were cancelled or changed due to the funeral and memorial services of Dr. Claudine and Adélaïde Cutchin. The winner of king was Tracon Brown, and the winner of queen was Brittany Miles. The runners-up were Zach Lanham and Shannon Baxter, and the second runners-up were Brett Williams and Madison Brooks. Homecoming king Tracon Brown stated, “It was a great opportunity to be a part of homecoming. I want to thank

the student body for the support and SGA for the great ceremony.” Homecoming queen Brittany Miles stated, “It was a surprise because all the other girls are wonderful. But it’s definitely an honor and a fun thing to experience. So many memories are being made as I go through my freshman year of college, and I’m glad I can have this to look back on.” Both basketball teams won their games against Wright State University-Lake. OCU’s Student Government President Claire Slomski said she was happy with how the ceremony turned out. “We hope that bringing attention to an athletic event will increase student interest and campus community. All in the homecoming court were examples of individual diversity on campus, and I truly hope they enjoyed their time. As for our winners, congrats to them! I hope they enjoy their titles and cherish their memories at OCU.”

# OCU’s own Jennifer Lopez

By Claire Slomski  
Staff Writer

Jennifer Lopez is a name you’ve probably heard before. However, at Oakland City University, we have our own J Lo, and are happy to have her. Lopez is a first year student majoring in Business Management with a minor in Criminal Justice. Currently a resident of Jasper, Indiana, Lopez commutes from her hometown. Why did she decide to stay close to home and attend OCU? Like so many students, she appreciated the cozy campus and small class sizes. She applied to schools like USI and Ball State, but, in the end, OCU won her heart. Lopez’s goal is to become a social worker and help others. She has enjoyed her business classes thus far and looks forward to starting her criminal justice classes next year. Every student has a

time at OCU? First of all, she hopes to experience personal growth. College is a great place to develop necessary life skills and truly explore strengths and weaknesses. Often shy, Lopez hopes to interact with her classmates and create connections. What would she change here, given the chance? More commuter involvement and activities is at the top of the list. With her schedule, she usually can’t stick around and enjoy the events on campus, although she does hope to attend a baseball game this spring. How does she feel about having the name? She doesn’t mind, in fact, some of her coworkers and friends refer to her as J Lo. Or you can call her Jen or Jenni, but preferably not Jennifer. She is glad to be taking her collegiate journey here and is looking forward to where her future takes her!



# Have no fear...Mac is here

By McKenzie Moore  
Staff Writer

As most of us already know, college is hard; there will be late night study sessions, multiple papers and the occasional crying. College tends to get overwhelming at times, but I’m here to give you some advice to make your college experience a little calmer.

**How to survive winter and Indiana weather?** In the last issues, I basically said to just stay inside when it comes to winter, but we know that is not going to happen. Here is a tip that should help you in dealing with the inevitable Indiana winters. Always check the weather; if you don’t have the app, ask someone who does, because you don’t want be that person who wears shorts or sandals in freezing temperatures. **Sticking to your New Year’s Resolutions?** When it comes to New Year’s Resolutions, setting them is the

easy part, but actually sticking to them is the part that gets everyone in trouble. So, if you’re like me and can only stick to your resolutions for a week, these tips will help keep you on track. Starting off, pick a resolution that is realistic; pick something you know that you will be able to stick to. Next, don’t over think your resolutions; keep it simple. Third, make it fun; resolutions don’t have to be hard work all the time. Pick something easy like keeping your room clean or drinking more water. Lastly, don’t be too hard on yourself. If you don’t stick to your resolutions, remember, honestly, none of us do.

**Staying organized?** For those incoming freshman, listen closely, the most important tip on staying organized is to write everything down. It doesn’t matter what you use, but always write it down. This will ensure that you don’t forget any assignments. Also, keep your syllabus, you’ll find that the majority of your professors

won’t remind you when assignments are due, and it’s up to you to stay organized.



Camp retreat with Jesus

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have focus and be involved with each discussion. The final chapel session was the perfect note to close with, as the two music groups led their own beautiful worship and reminded the students that whatever may come after the trip ends, God is in control and on their side.

Avina

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Avina’s favorite part about attending Oakland City University is the small community. “This small community really helps you get to know people from all sorts of places,” he explained. Throughout his time playing at OCU, Avina says the relationships he has made have had a huge impact on his life. “I’ve made relationships I didn’t think could be possible in such a short amount of time,” he said. His favorite memories of his time playing basketball at Oakland City University are the trips to Hawaii with the team his sophomore and senior years. Avina doesn’t have any regrets. He considers everything that happens a life lesson. “Sometimes you have to sacrifice the present to prosper in the future,” he says.

# The Curious Savage

By Hannah Salo  
Staff Writer

The Drama Club will be performing The Curious Savage on April 6-8 at 7pm in the recital hall of Cornwell Reed. Mrs. Savage, who has been left \$10 million dollars by her deceased husband, is accused of spending the family money frivolously by her three step children. They decide to place her in a sanatorium to save what is left of their inheritance, not to mention their good Savage name. While in the sanatorium, Mrs. Savage meets five other social misfits who cannot adjust themselves to life in the outside world. As her children continue to show up demanding the family

money, Mrs. Savage leads them on a chase, forcing them to decide how far is too far. Auditions were held on January 25-26, resulting in the following cast list.

In order of appearance:

Florence – Claire Slomski  
Hannibal – Jon Thomas Boling  
Fairy May – Jennifer Brown  
Jeffery – Logan Lofland  
Miss Willie – Brittany Miles  
Titus – Zachary Lanham  
Lily Belle – Aimee Clodfelter  
Samuel – Brett Williams  
Doctor Emmett – Daniel Waggoner  
Mrs. Savage – Hannah Salo  
Mrs. Paddy – Maria Perez

The play will be directed by Brittany Latham and Elise Andrews.

is not a fan of winter, so a warm climate like Arizona is the kind of place she’d like to settle. She aims to be a social worker purely so she can help make a better outcome in children’s lives. She wants to be a good influence there for their lives and home environment, anything to keep kids safe.

# Drama outing

By Hannah Salo  
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The Drama Club traveled to Louisville, Kentucky, on January 20, 2017, to see *Pirates of Penzance*. The play was directed by Mrs. Theresa

Boling and performed by a talented group of high school students from Highland Latin School Drama Troupe. The Drama Club is planning another outing to IU for *The Tempest* in March.



Pictured left to right: Rachel Toepfer, Brittany Miles, Jon Thomas Boling, Daniel Waggoner and Hannah Salo.



# Hoops at Oakland City University

