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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

This issue of BGSU Magazine includes stories that vividly illustrate the transformative power of a Bowling Green State University education. Read about outstanding faculty who provide inspiration and mentoring to students, and the far-reaching effects of their efforts. Learn more about our innovative academic programs, such as new forensic science offerings, that position students for success in emerging fields and advance knowledge that enriches society. Celebrate our athletics programs that never lose sight of the student in the student-athlete equation. The University's continued emphasis on quality, value and access provides a pathway for students and alumni to make a difference in the state, the nation and the world.

In addition to the moving personal stories shared time and again by students and alumni, the University continues to gain national attention for our efforts and achievements. In January 2015, Bowling Green State University joined an elite selection of national universities with the Carnegie Foundation's 2015 Community Engagement Classification. BGSU is a longtime leader in the area of service-learning and student community engagement. According to the National Survey of Student Engagement, the University has one of the highest participation rates in the country. Reserved for universities with noteworthy community engagement, the Carnegie Foundation designation is a meaningful affirmation of BGSU's values and commitment.

A new feature in BGSU Magazine celebrates the ever more vital role of private philanthropy for the University's continued progress. In an era of declining allocations from the state and changing student demographics, gifts to BGSU change lives. On behalf of the entire University, I thank and applaud our loyal alumni and donors for their generosity and vision in providing student scholarships, support for outstanding faculty, enhancements to academic programming and the resources for state-of-the-art facilities. Together, we will build the future of this great university.

Regards,

Mary Ellen Mazey, Ph.D.
 President



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On the cover: Dr. Steve Lab with students Christa Wheeler and Erika Gardner. Photo by Craig Bell.



BGSU tops for military and veteran education

Military Advanced Education magazine awarded BGSU the designation of a "Top School" in its 2015 Guide to Colleges and Universities, measuring best practices in military and veteran education. The University is also ranked as one of the "Best Colleges for Veterans" by U.S. News & World Report, a "Best for Vets" by Military Times EDGE, and was named a Military Friendly College and University by G.I. Jobs.



BGSU receives Carnegie award

The University's longtime commitment to community engagement has again been recognized nationally with the prestigious 2015 Community Engagement Classification from the Carnegie Foundation. According to the foundation, BGSU "documented excellent alignment among campus mission, culture, leadership, resources, and practices that support dynamic and noteworthy community engagement." Just 361 colleges and universities—less than 10 percent of the more than 4,000 institutions nationwide—now hold this prestigious designation.

"The classification is a wonderful recognition for the day-to-day work of faculty, staff and students who are engaged

in the community as volunteers, as part of a service-learning course, as interns, as researchers, and active citizens committed to linking their skills, expertise, and passion to making a change in the world," said Dr. Jane Rosser, director of service-learning. "It builds on a deep and pervasive legacy of community engagement at BGSU and it puts us in an elite category of institutions who are deeply committed to civic engagement and public service."



Bowling Green named one of "Best College Towns in America"

The financial website WalletHub recently named Bowling Green one of the "Best College Towns in America." Bowling Green came in at 28th out of 280 cities and towns on the list and is the second highest ranked city in the state. The website evaluated the "best or worst combination of academic, social and economic atmospheres." Their 23 key metrics included the quality of higher education, crime rates and the cost of living. Bowling Green ranked high in "Wallet Wellness" and "Youth Oriented Environment."



Master of criminal justice online program nationally ranked

Bowling Green State University's master's of criminal justice online program is one

of the best in the country according to U.S. News & World Report. In the inaugural edition of the Best Online Graduate Criminal Justice Programs, the BGSU program was listed at No. 17. Students in the program are from locations including Chicago, Cleveland and Columbus to Tucson, San Antonio and Pensacola, Fla. They usually are already employed in jobs such as case managers, detectives, juvenile detention center officers and probation officers and are pursuing the master's degree to further their careers and advance their education.



Accolades for BGSU Firelands theatre program

The BGSU Firelands theatre program received multiple accolades from the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival for its recent production of "Gruesome Playground Injuries." The Kennedy organization encourages, recognizes and celebrates the finest and most diverse work produced in university and college theatre programs throughout the country. The cast and crew of the "Gruesome Playground Injuries" production will perform at the festival's 2015 regional Fringe Program and several of the BGSU Firelands student performers were nominated for the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship. Theatre faculty member, Gretchen Lynne Wingerter, was also awarded the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival Gold Medallion in January 2015 for her contributions to college theatre.



Alumnus continues to gain national attention

Almost every "Top Books of 2014" list included "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr '99. The New York Times, NPR's Fresh Air, San Francisco Chronicle, The Week, Entertainment Weekly, the Daily Beast, Slate.com, Christian Science Monitor, the Washington Post, the Seattle Times, the Oregonian, the Guardian, Kirkus and more all included Doerr's latest work on their lists with glowing reviews. Deftly interweaving the lives of a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France, Doerr illuminates the ways, against all odds, people try to be good to one another.



Trustees approve academic facility enhancements

The BGSU Board of Trustees approved \$28 million in capital improvements at its final meeting of 2014 in a continuation of the University's efforts to upgrade academic buildings and support projects that enhance student success.

The Bowen-Thompson Student Union will be the new home of Career Services and the Office of Student Employment. The Department of Architecture and Environmental Design will be united under

one roof, which will enable the program to pursue full accreditation by the National Architectural Accrediting Board and to launch a new master's degree. Infrastructure improvements will support transformed academic spaces in Moseley, Hanna, South and University halls. Classrooms in the Education Building, Olscamp Hall, the Mathematical Sciences Building, Eppler and Business Administration will be renovated to modern, flexible classroom spaces that facilitate and support cooperative and problem-based learning.



Master's degree expands architecture program offerings

The Department of Architecture and Environmental Design added the professional Master of Architecture degree starting in fall 2014. The graduate degree program had achieved the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) Initial Candidacy status in August 2013 and is projected for "Initial Accreditation" in 2017. The master's degree applies the "4+2 model" for completing an NAAB-accredited professional degree in architecture. BGSU's undergraduate architecture program, which was initiated in 1992, leads to the Bachelor of Science in Architecture, the pre-professional degree in the field. Adding the master's tier is a natural progression for the program to provide students with seamless professional education to fulfill the requirements for architectural licensure.



BGSU to host global workshop addressing harmful algal blooms

In summer 2014, Toledo, Ohio, issued a "do not drink" water advisory to the more than half million residents who rely on the municipality for safe water supplies. The state of emergency arose from high levels of microcystin caused by harmful algal blooms in the region's water supply from Lake Erie. These harmful algal blooms are not unique to Lake Erie; they are a global phenomenon that affect millions of people worldwide.

BGSU will host a workshop in April 2015 for pioneering scientists and public-health leaders to discuss current science on the bloom formations and the prevention and remediation of the blooms. Sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association and led by BGSU's Dr. George Bullerjahn, professor of Biological Sciences, and Dr. Robert McKay, Ryan Endowed Professor of Biology and director of the Marine Biology Program, information gathered at the event will guide the development of a workshop paper that presents future strategies for bloom prevention, mitigation and research goals.

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES



New research examines spiritual dimensions of marriage

A recent study by BGSU researchers sheds light on the spiritual dimensions of marriage that predict better behavior in marriage. The study was led by Dr. Annette Mahoney, professor of Psychology and member of BGSU's Spirituality and Psychology Research Team. It was funded by a \$1.2 million grant from the Templeton Foundation, which later gave an additional \$100,000 grant to the project.

Couples rated the depth of their "spiritual intimacy" and the "sanctification of their marriage." Higher rankings as reported by the couples in both areas were predictive of more positive behavior by the spouses under observation. It is rare for what people say about their relationship to predict how they behave when their interactions are directly observed by researchers, Mahoney said.

Traditionally, such studies about spirituality and marriage have relied on general questions about involvement in organized religion. These kinds of questions do not tackle why marital spirituality could make a difference or identify specific spiritual beliefs or behaviors about marriage that couples could cultivate to strengthen their unions, Mahoney said.

The results were published in the October 2014 issue of the *Journal of Family Psychology*. Joining Mahoney in the research were BGSU graduate student Katherine Kusner and Dr. Kenneth Pargament, professor of Psychology, and Dr. Alfred DeMaris, professor of sociology.

Murray honored for commitment to special education

Dr. Mary Murray, associate dean for student services and teacher education in the College of Education and Human Development, received a 2014 Kathe Shelby Leadership Award during Ohio's annual Special Education Leadership Conference. The award is presented to an outstanding special education leader. Murray has long been an advocate for children with special needs as well as for their parents, drawing on their experience and making them part of the educational process for their own children as well as for BGSU students preparing to be intervention services specialists.

Lu elected fellow of leading scientific organization

Dr. Peter Lu, Ohio Eminent Scholar in Photochemical Sciences at Bowling Green State University, has been elected a Fellow of the American Physical Society, a preeminent scientific organization. Nominated by the society's Division of Biological Physics, Lu was selected "for his significant contributions to the quantitative understanding of protein dynamics, in particular, in enzymatic reactions by developing novel single-molecule spectroscopy and methodology."

"Dr. Lu's election to the society places him among an elite group of scientists around the world, and I'm especially pleased to see him receive this honor," said Dr. Mike Ogawa, vice president for Research and Economic Development. "Peter's groundbreaking work in single molecule spectroscopy has added great strength to Bowling Green State University's Center for Photochemical Sciences."

Lu has been with BGSU since 2006. An expert in biochemical nanoscience, he concentrates on the motions and properties of single molecules of proteins and enzymes as they perform their biological functions. His projects are supported by federal funding organizations including the Department of Energy and Department of Defense, the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation.



Dietetics program uses social media to boost learning

You might find dietetics students tweeting in Carrie Hamady's classes, but far from casual conversations with friends, their Twitter chats are responses to assigned readings and interactions with Hamady or other professionals in the field. Hamady, an instructor and coordinator of undergraduate dietetics in the School of Family and Consumer Sciences, won the Innovations in Dietetics Education Award at the Food and Nutrition Conference and Expo (FNCE), at the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics annual meeting, with her presentation "Using Twitter to Enhance Engagement in Undergraduate Nutrition Courses." FNCE

is the world's largest meeting of food and nutrition professionals.

She and colleagues Drs. Mary-Jon Ludy and Dawn Anderson used an innovative teaching grant to develop new ways to structure their classes. Graduate student Molly Kayser was also involved with the project.

"The field of dietetics itself is growing along with new ways of sharing information," Hamady said. "BGSU dietetics majors, whose intensive course of study includes classes in biochemistry and internships with accredited institutions, must be prepared to serve as educators in whatever job they find themselves. With their BGSU degree, they will have social media among their tool kit."



Barlow Commission tops extraordinary year for Kuehn

In fall 2014, Dr. Mikel Kuehn received the Barlow Endowment Commission for Music Composition, one of the leading commissioners of contemporary music in the United States. This comes on top of his being

named a Guggenheim Fellow in spring 2014, when he also received a 2014 Ohio Arts Council Individual Excellence Award.

"This award is not only wonderfully prestigious for our Professor Kuehn, but also a confirmation of the very high level of our composition department faculty," said Dr. Jeffrey Showell, dean of the College of Musical Arts. "Among the current four composition professors, there have been two Guggenheim awards, one Fulbright, and one Barlow Endowment Commission. Extraordinary!"

A prolific composer, Kuehn's work is performed frequently worldwide, and he has numerous composition commissions.



Research by Sheffer, students sheds new light on 1960s

Research by Dr. Jolie Sheffer, associate professor of English and American Culture Studies, and her students is resulting in a journal article by a master's student and a digital gallery on the University Libraries site that will illuminate the late 1950s and 1960s. In addition, Sheffer is working on a book about the post-1990s surge of popular culture representations of the time, from TV shows such as "Mad Men" to movies like "The Help" and "The Butler."

She is taking an intense look at the period and the current fascination Americans have with that time. Her students have also been drawn into the topic and some are pursuing their own related strands of research. Joshua Catalano, a graduate student in American culture studies from St. Marys, Pa., has written a paper on BGSU's response to the killings at Kent State University that has been accepted for publication by the journal *Ohio History*.

Sheffer is interested in the deep background of social movements, particularly race relations and civil rights, the focus of much of her scholarship and teaching. She was selected as a 2015 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Scholar to participate in a three-week institute at Jackson State University.

P O R T R A I T S O F P H I L A N T H R O P Y



Chapman Learning Community was the first of BGSU's initial learning community model which grew across campus and earned the University recognition in U.S. News & World Report's "Americas Best Colleges" for eight consecutive years. A generous gift from one of the co-founders of Chapman Learning Community, Dr. Tom Klein, and his wife Dianne, will ensure that innovative teaching and learning continues to shape the BGSU community.

Founder looks to the future with generous gift

It put BGSU at the forefront of an emerging trend in higher education and brought the University national recognition, but 15 years ago it was just an idea – enhancing learning by bringing students with similar interests together under one roof in "learning communities."

Dr. Thomas Klein, then serving as a professor in BGSU's Department of English, saw residential learning communities as a key component to acting on former President Sidney A. Ribeau's goal to make BGSU "the premier learning community in Ohio and one of the best in the country."

Klein recruited fellow faculty members who were known as Master Teachers to develop the University's first learning community, the Chapman Learning Community. Klein, Dr. Jack Nachbar, Professor Emeritus of Popular Culture, and Dr. Robert Midden, then an associate professor in the Department of Chemistry, are credited as the co-founders of the Chapman Learning Community. The original goal was to enroll 200 students who would live and study together in BGSU's first formal living-learning community. The success of the initial learning community model grew across campus and earned the University recognition in U.S. News & World Report's "Americas Best Colleges" for eight

consecutive years. Now, BGSU students can choose from 10 residential learning communities and five theme communities across campus.

Klein was driven by what he and other thought leaders in higher education called "the fragmented and over-specialized nature of higher education."

"Learning communities allow universities to reconnect the loose parts of education and are key to restoring learning to its essential wholeness," said Klein. "The evidence for student success within learning communities is indisputable – increased levels of retention, higher grade point averages, and improved student satisfaction. However, the real value is manifested as students break down traditional academic boundaries between disciplines, between faculty and students, and between academic and student affairs."

Klein retired in 2004, but his commitment to BGSU's residential learning communities has been unwavering. To ensure the learning community model continues to bring innovative teaching and learning methods to BGSU, Klein and his wife Dianne have made a substantial gift to be given every year during a 10 year period.

"Ongoing attention to building our learning communities is essential to preparing students for futures where collaboration, critical thinking and interdisciplinary efforts are increasingly important," said Klein. "Only by building educational practices that reflect and enforce these values can we say we have done our jobs as teachers."

For more information on how to establish a scholarship, fellowship or other philanthropic endeavors, please contact University Advancement at (888)-839-2586.



The new Carillon Society at BGSU will recognize loyal donors such as Jarrod '03 and Erin '01 Hirschfeld for making gifts to the University for three consecutive years or more.

Introducing the Carillon Society

Since graduating in 2003 with a bachelor of science degree in financial economics, Jarrod Hirschfeld has maintained close ties with his alma mater.

"While a student, I served as undergraduate student representative to the Board of Trustees, as well as president of the Economics Club and treasurer of the University Ambassadors," said Hirschfeld. "I learned the value and importance of involvement and leadership, and this sparked a deeper love and understanding of the University."

Hirschfeld is a financial adviser at Wilcox Financial and attributes much of his happiness and success to his time at BGSU.

"My wife, Erin, was also a student at BG when we met. We both earned degrees that led to great careers. I met my mentor, Mike Wilcox. I have an absolute responsibility to give back to the place that gave me so much."

Hirschfeld has served as chair of the BGSU Alumni Board and is very active in the northwest Ohio alumni chapter. Additionally, he and his wife have supported the University with yearly gifts.

Loyal alumni and donors such as the Hirschfelds are one of the cornerstones of BGSU's success, providing the means by which the University can prepare students for lifelong career growth, lives of engaged citizenship and leadership in a global society.

In appreciation of this important loyalty commitment, a new recognition society – the Carillon Society – has been established. The society will recognize and honor giving of three consecutive years or more and members will be automatically enrolled.

The first class of members will be welcomed into the Carillon Society in fall 2015 at a celebratory luncheon and ceremony. Gifts of any amount to all areas of the University are counted toward Carillon Society membership. Notification will be mailed to members. Consecutive years of giving are counted by fiscal year, which runs from July 1 to June 30.

"It is such a pleasure to honor loyal donors such as the Hirschfelds with the new Carillon Society," said Rebecca Kocher, assistant vice president of alumni relations and annual giving. "Regardless of the area you support each year, or how much you choose to give, the impact of your gifts is powerful. The Carillon Society is one way in which BGSU can say thank you."



Fellowships such as the Mary Ellen Mazey Fellowship for Women in Science are key to recruiting and retaining talented graduate students to BGSU.

Mazey Fellowship supports student research

Lowly creatures though they may seem, crayfish are an early indicator of an ecosystem's health. Sara Lahman, a Ph.D. student in sensory ecology from Delta, Ohio, is researching how altering an organism's environment can affect its ability to extract and respond to information, using the crayfish as her test subject.

Lahman, who will graduate in May 2015, is the inaugural recipient of the Mary Ellen Mazey Fellowship for Women in Science, created by the BGSU president. The \$16,000 award covers the cost of her teaching assistantship this year.

"I am so proud of Sara and her work," Mazey said. "She is contributing important knowledge to her field, and she is bringing along other young people and encouraging their success."

Competitive financial packages are necessary to attract outstanding graduate students, such as Lahman, who generate knowledge, attract top faculty, and play a critical role as teachers and mentors to undergraduate students, the president added.



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Story by
Bonnie Blankinship

Pictured from left to right: Dr. Jon Sprague, RPh, Ph.D., director of the Ohio Attorney General's Center for the Future of Forensic Science; Dr. Jeffrey Minor, professor and chair of the Department of Biological Sciences; Dr. Steve Lab, professor and director of the Criminal Justice Program; and Dr. John Cable, professor and chair of the Department of Chemistry

Photos by Craig Bell and Brad Phalin



BGSU PREPARES PROFESSIONALS TO SOLVE CRIME IN WAYS THAT ARE MORE COMPLICATED THAN TELEVISION SHOWS SUGGEST.

In 2012, a small town in North Dakota received national coverage when two teenage boys died of “designer drug” poisoning within hours of each other. Families were devastated, and law enforcement worked feverishly to identify the substance and track its source before another victim was struck. The drug would eventually be traced to a “hobby chemist” who concocted a lethal variant of Ecstasy.

Today, Bowling Green State University is preparing the professionals who will one day use their expertise to both solve and prevent crimes such as the North Dakota case. The University has added undergraduate specializations in forensic biology, forensic chemistry and forensic criminal investigation, and a master's degree with a concentration in each is in the planning stage.

Combine all that with BGSU's innovative collaboration with the new Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) facility that opened in fall 2014 on the northwest side of campus, and the potential for great things becomes clear.

As the North Dakota scene is repeated across the country, it highlights the challenge for law enforcement and scientists to stay one step ahead of criminals, not only in drug cases, but in all other types of crime as well.

Unlike popular media's portrayal of the “solitary geniuses” like Sherlock Holmes, when it comes to solving crimes, it really takes more of a village — a village of trained professionals. In the North Dakota drug case, for instance, forensic chemists would analyze the substance to identify it, forensic toxicologists would study its effect on the body, forensic biologists would study DNA left at the crime scene, and forensic investigators would seek the perpetrators.

“Forensics is a process that uses a whole variety of tools to answer questions in criminalistics,” explained Dr. Jeffrey Miner, professor and chair of the Department of Biological Sciences.

Although television crime dramas make it all seem glamorous, a lot of basic, solid work by chemists and biologists often goes into solving crimes, according to Miner and Dr. John Cable, professor and chair of the Department of Chemistry. While they may never actually even meet the investigators who deliver evidence for analysis, thus ensuring objectivity, chemists' and biologists' roles are crucial in interpreting evidence.

“It's a team that works together in a very removed fashion,” said Dr. Steve Lab, a professor and director of the Criminal Justice Program. Working often in parallel, each expert contributes a piece of the eventual case for prosecution, he said.

The new BCI facility houses a veritable village of such professionals, and BGSU students will benefit from access to them through guest speakers who can share the applied version of what students are learning in their classes, classroom presentations and internships, along with donated equipment. The state-of-the-art crime lab will provide investigative and laboratory services for law enforcement in a 22-county region.

In turn, the University assists the bureau. Shortly after the facility opened in November, criminal justice faculty Drs. Philip Stinson and Michael Buerger conducted the first of a series of professional

development trainings for the BCI staff, on ethical issues in forensic science.

Other professional development will include training in new Supreme Court rulings, and on preparing and delivering expert testimony. Eventually, BGSU graduate students in forensic sciences will also receive this training, according to Lab.

“Opening this new building with all of its cutting-edge equipment and technology will not only help local law enforcement solve crimes, but also open new possibilities to students who are interested in careers in forensic science and criminal justice,” said Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine.

When DeWine promoted the new BCI facility being situated on the BGSU campus, he called for it to be as open to the public as much as possible. Lab was among the University personnel who visited other state crime labs in order to have input into the building's design. As a result, the hallways are lined with windows giving a view into the labs so students and other visitors can observe the methods scientists use to process evidence.

“This allows students to see real investigations taking place without risk of contaminating the evidence,” Lab said.

The University is closely connected with the bureau through Dr. Jon Sprague, director of the Ohio Attorney General's Center for the Future of Forensic Science, an exceptional partnership between the state and BGSU dedicated to nurturing leaders who will revolutionize the profession of forensic science.

“I see the goal of the center as two-pronged: education and research,” Sprague said. “In fact, we may be unique in the country in being dedicated to those two pursuits. My role is partly that of a facilitator, helping to connect the center educationally to BGSU, helping develop the master's programs in the forensic sciences, and promoting research in the forensic sciences.”



Dr. Scott Rogers (left) and Alanna Heestand, a junior in forensic biology, measure reagents for work with DNA, which is the focus of laboratory exercises in the Forensic Molecular Biology Techniques lab class.

professionals and for students in forensic science-related fields.

“I see the potential here to create and build something unique and innovative,” Sprague said, “for the state and for the nation.”

Sprague has a background that meshes with the interdisciplinary nature of forensics. With a Ph.D. from Purdue University, where he also taught, he is a pharmacologist and toxicologist by training whose research focuses on the neurobiology of addiction and drug toxicities. He has extensive academic as well as administrative experience, most recently as University Director of Academic Research and Head of Pharmaceutical Sciences for the College of Pharmacy at Ferris State University.

Before joining Ferris State, he served as dean and professor of pharmacology at the Raabe College of Pharmacy at Ohio Northern University. That was where he found himself drawn into the study of recreational drugs when, in 2011, previously unknown substances sold as “bath salts” and “spices” hit the streets and people began dying from them. Technically legal, these chemical compounds were variations on the more common but illicit drug Ecstasy. Sprague studied their neurotoxicity and worked with the Ohio Board of Pharmacy and the BCI to help write laws both specific and broad enough to make them illegal.

college, BGSU, with its new specializations, seemed like the right fit for her.

“I'm drawn to the idea of using science to make sure we have the right person in crime cases and to put criminals behind bars,” Quinn said. “I've always enjoyed math and science. In high school, I took part in a career day activity called ‘Murder and Mayhem,’ with a



Celebrating the ribbon-cutting for the BCI building (left to right): Ohio Rep. Randy Gardner, BGSU Trustee Betty Montgomery, BCI Superintendent Tom Stickrath, Trustees President Fran Voll, Bowling Green Mayor Dick Edwards, President Mary Ellen Mazey, Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine, and Congressman Bob Latta.

The State of Ohio's new Bureau of Criminal Investigation facility provides BGSU with an unparalleled partnership. BGSU faculty provide the bureau with professional development and the bureau provides students and faculty with exposure, training and equipment in the field of forensic sciences.

Now Sprague will work to make the center a resource for the prevention and solving of all types of crime, as summed up in its mission statement: “As the teachers/scholars of forensic science education, we are committed to nurturing leaders in the forensic sciences, developing professionals who contribute to the greater good of society by protecting the public and ensuring justice, advancing the profession and practice of forensic sciences through cutting-edge research.”

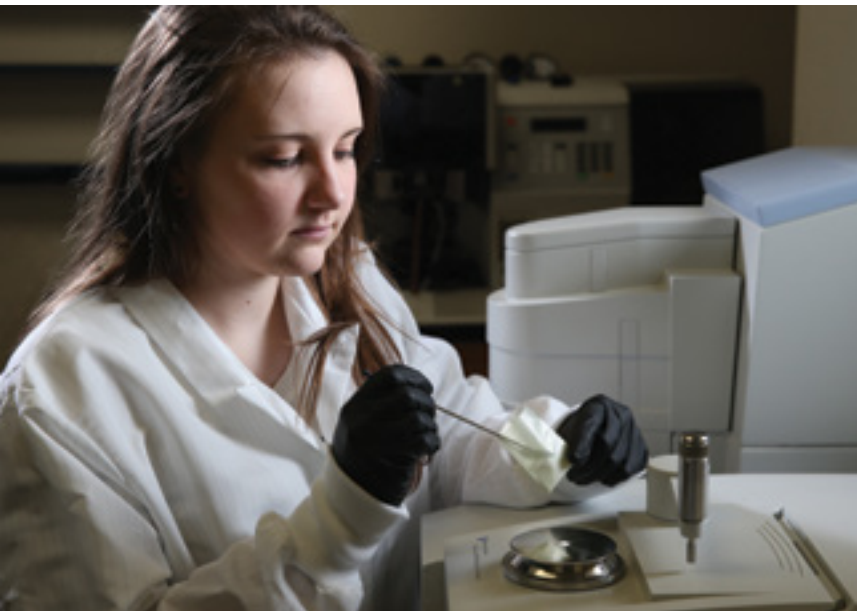
Meanwhile, since BGSU began offering the forensic specializations in 2013 following the announcement of the BCI building to be located on campus, “we see a great deal of interest,” Cable said. “At Preview Days large numbers of people come by our table to talk about it. We're excited to bring students in; it's attracting undergraduates.”

Among those students is Katie Quinn, a first-year student from Dayton who had long had an interest in what she described as “the science aspect of criminal justice.” When it came time to choose a

forensic anthropologist and a general forensics professional, and it was really fascinating. I'm looking forward to hearing from the professionals from the BCI and would love to have an internship with them.”

While she is concentrating on her core chemistry curriculum, Quinn is also getting a taste of forensic chemistry this semester in a class for non-majors and is a member of the Chemistry Club.

The forensic specializations in chemistry and biology build on the foundational curriculum in those disciplines and will provide graduates with multiple career options, Miner said. Students with the forensic specializations take the same rigorous sequence of courses as always, but in their second two years will add focused classes in such biology topics as forensic and molecular biology laboratory techniques and molecular DNA analysis, and, in chemistry, analytical and forensic chemistry. Both majors will take a class in law and legal issues in forensic investigation, along with the criminal justice majors.



As a Forensic Chemistry major, Bethany Abbott receives instruction in methods such as mass spectrometry and gas chromatography to be able to identify and analyze minutes parts of a sample.

Most of what students learn in their core courses will translate to the forensic arena. For example, Miner noted that biologists can apply their skills and knowledge in medical entomology to help answer questions in criminal investigations. Identifying insects or soil samples that might be present on evidence or victims can help pinpoint the location of criminal activities, as can analyzing the contents of victims' stomachs — a technique the biology department already uses to track the movements of fish in its ecological research studies.

The molecular lab classes will be small, and students will work closely with Dr. Scott Rogers, who has experience in the discipline and developed much of the forensics curriculum for biology.

"Science is driven by technique," Miner said. "You have to be able to do high-end work to get a job in the molecular biology and forensic sciences areas. I think every undergraduate student in molecular biology and forensics, including some graduate students, will want to take this course."

Senior Christa Wheeler, a forensic biology major from Grafton, Ohio, said she foresees the skills she has gained in her undergraduate research project being directly transferrable to forensic investigation.

"I work in the lab of Dr. Ray Larsen, who studies *E. coli*," she explained. "I have my own virus strain. I extract DNA from viruses and compare it with other virus strains. I feel very lucky to have had that experience. My first day on campus, I went to an event for freshmen and transfer students where faculty shared their research work. Afterward, I approached him and by the next day was working in his lab, and I've been there ever since."

Wheeler was a biology major at Lorain County Community College, which has a joint program in biology with BGSU. "My mom

is a nurse, and I knew the hospital/doctor's office setting was not for me," she said. "I've always had an interest in criminal investigation — figuring out how it all happened and bringing the perpetrator to justice. Combine that with biology and you have forensic biology. When I heard BGSU had started a forensics program, I decided to transfer."

For the chemistry department, the new specialization represents an important new direction.

"Twenty years ago, we as a department created our niche specialization in photochemical sciences," Cable said. "Now, with the BCI coming to campus, it was a natural for us to add forensic chemistry. We will need to expand our coursework and faculty as the program grows, especially in analytical chemistry. Having Jon Sprague here is a huge step in helping with that.

"I had long thought forensics would be a natural extension of analytical chemistry," Cable said. "That's where the overlap lies. Analytical chemists basically ask 'What is this substance and how much of it is present?' Linking this with forensic science means applying the standard techniques we use to samples relevant to forensic investigations."

Looking for the presence of and identifying drugs would be a primary example, he said. Other substances typically might include paint, ink and other compounds.

Analytical chemists utilize such methods as mass spectrometry and gas chromatography, and the chemistry department will train forensics specialist students in applying these to investigations, Cable said.

In designing the forensic chemistry course, he and Dr. Stephania Messersmith, Department of Chemistry, worked with the assistant laboratory director and laboratory supervisor at the BCI lab in Bowling Green.

Already the three departments have received valuable equipment donated when the BCI moved into its new quarters and updated its scientific instruments. A gas chromatograph/mass spectrometer and an infrared microscope will help chemistry students detect and analyze minute parts of a sample, Cable said.

"This expands our ability to teach undergraduates," he said. "This is very expensive equipment that would be tough for us to buy."

The same is true for the biologists, Miner said. "The new equipment will allow us to teach the hands-on molecular laboratory techniques students will need to work in forensic biology."

As crime show fans know, it's nearly impossible to conceal the presence of blood and other fluids from investigators. Now BGSU students will learn to use some of the special equipment used by police to detect those substances.

"The BCI has donated black lights and other alternative light sources," Lab said. "When you spray Luminol® on a crime scene and then shine these lights on it, fluids like blood and semen just light up."

Criminal justice students in Dr. John Liederbach and Buerger's classes have already been examining and experimenting with the new equipment, Lab noted.

BGSU students are prepared for the cross-disciplinary nature of criminal investigations with coursework in biology, chemistry, criminal justice and forensic sciences.

Senior Matt Dove, a criminal justice major from Columbus, is already planning to return to BGSU for his master's degree in forensic investigation after graduating this May and gaining some work experience in law enforcement.

"Having a master's is very helpful in terms of advancement," he said. "In federal law enforcement, you start two grades higher with a master's and in some departments it applies in lieu of experience."

He said having the BCI building on campus will add to an already very hands-on program in criminal justice.

"I've wanted to be a policeman since I was a little kid, and I want to eventually be a homicide detective. Our program is so strong because of our amazing professors. They have great experience in the criminal justice field and they bring that into the classroom. Both Dr. Buerger and Dr. Stinson started as policemen, and Dr. Stinson went on to get his law degree. Unlike some other schools' programs, where you learn 'about' criminal justice, here we learn what you'll actually see, and we get hands-on experience."

"In Dr. Buerger's criminal investigations class we learned the steps you'd need to take and what to look for. My courts class with Dr. Stinson was extremely helpful and a part of criminal justice that you don't always get. We observed real court proceedings. Plus we're required to do a 480-hour internship that's double what most programs require."

Dove's own internships, with the Toledo parole and corrections systems, gave him a gritty look at the realities of crime and punishment. The internship is so valuable in landing a job, he said, because "it's not just about having the degree but also about having the experience."

That experience can be tough, and the curriculum addresses that. In Dove's chosen specialization of homicides, "Once it's happened, there's nothing more you can do, but I want to help people by bringing some peace and some closure to the families. You see a lot of bad things, and part of our curriculum involves learning healthy coping mechanisms so you don't become that cynical, downbeat person," Dove said.

Lab is diligent about helping graduates find jobs, Dove said, sharing information about what departments around the country are hiring. And Dr. Melissa Burek, who taught his prisons class and designed the drug policy course, provided strategic guidance to him and another highly motivated student in plotting out their coursework so they could get a head start on their graduate coursework while undergraduates.

The future of forensic science at BGSU holds great potential, and those involved are beginning to envision rich possibilities. "I would like to develop a collaboration for teaching among the other three crime labs in the state, where we could have guest lecturers," Miner said. "I'd also like to collaborate on research proposals to the National Institutes of Justice, and explore links to current research to see how the tools being used could be used in forensics. I also want to foster the link with our alumni who are working in the field."

Beyond criminal justice, biology and chemistry, "I can see forensic science eventually weaving through nearly every college in the University," Sprague said. "Forensic psychology looks at the criminal mind, forensic neurobiology could study criminal behavior; in the business college, there could be forensic accounting, and computer science could include the study of digital evidence such as the trail of emails, logins and Google searches."

"I think we're all excited," Wheeler said. "If anyone is interested in forensics, there are great things happening here right now. I'm kind of sad to be graduating in May because I'd love to stay and see how it all plays out." ■



Dr. Steve Lab, professor and director of the Criminal Justice Program (center), and John Liederbach, associate professor of Criminal Justice, examine equipment donated by the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) as they prepare students for successful careers with a 480-hour internship requirement that's double what most programs require.

THE POWER OF ONE

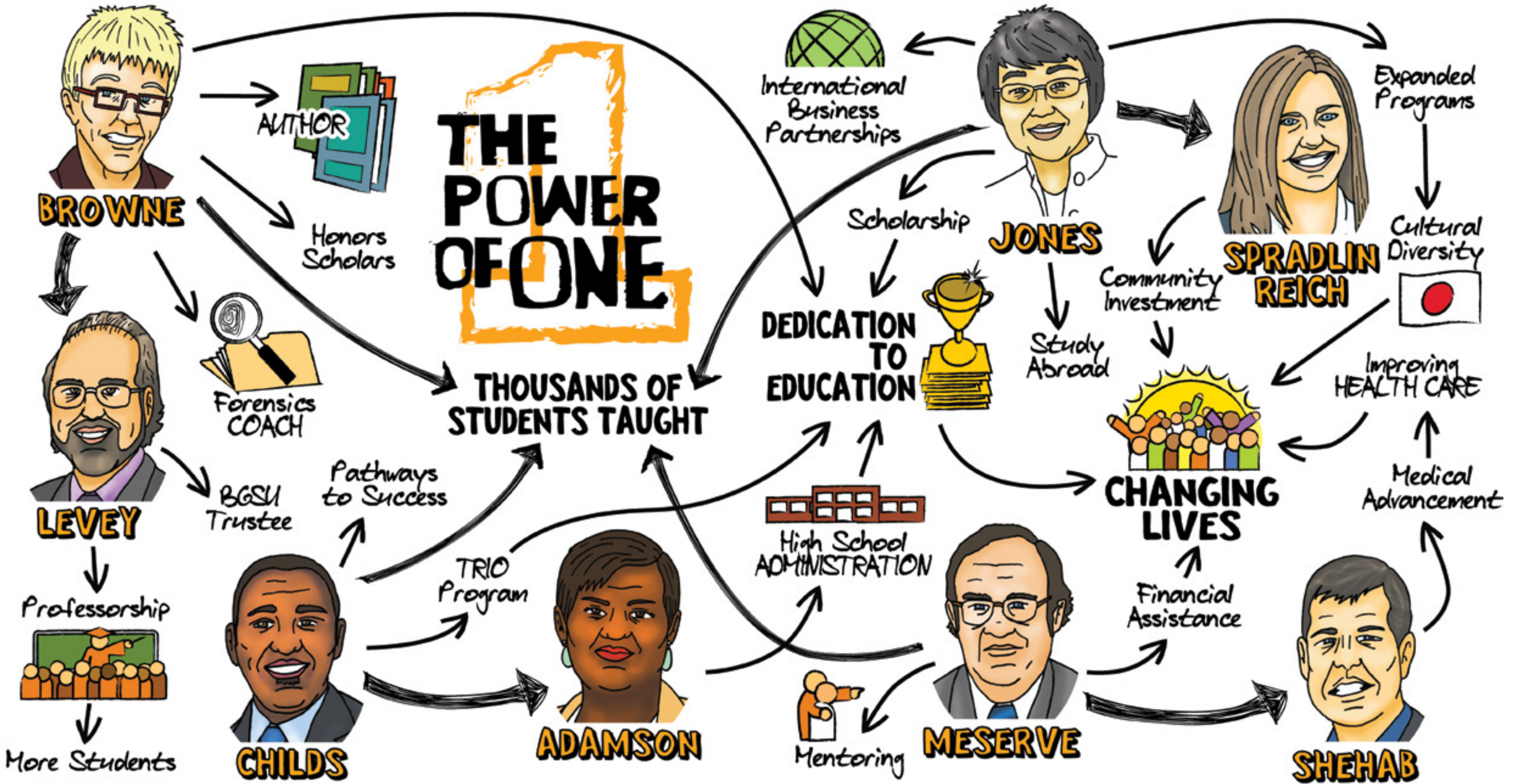


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EVERY PERSON CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

BGSU faculty and staff embrace their role in preparing students for meaningful futures. They are accessible, willing to share their time and knowledge, and eager to work in partnership with students. Faculty and staff challenge students with tough questions, open doors to internship and international opportunities, and guide them through research and publishing processes. Sometimes it is simply a helping hand or sympathetic ear that makes a difference for students.

For each life touched, more possibilities unfold as that student goes on to make a difference for families, communities and organizations throughout the world with the **Power of One**.

“THE POWER OF ONE EXEMPLIFIED.”

“I often wonder how different my life would be if I didn’t have the good fortune of having Dr. Neil Browne as a teacher,” said BGSU Board of Trustees member David Levey ’71, retired executive vice president of Forest City Enterprises Inc., an \$8 billion, publicly traded real estate firm based in Cleveland.

M. Neil Browne, Ph.D., J.D., is a Distinguished Teaching Professor Emeritus in Economics.

BROWNE

In 1968, Levey walked into Browne’s economics class without any idea that his life was about

to change. He remembers being in class and trotting out one of the popular phrases of the time, “power to the people.”

“Neil just pounced on that,” said Levey. “He asked me ‘which people, what power?’ It really wasn’t a very thoughtful statement, and his response challenged my whole thought process, which was fuzzy and unclear.”

From there, Levey said he began a transformation from a good student to a great learner. Browne taught him to ask questions, analyze data, check sources, justify decisions and seek challenges.

“He taught me so much more than the subject matter,” Levey said. “We discussed art and literature, current events and history, culture and society. I didn’t know it at the time, but this foundation of critical thinking and liberal arts became the heart of my future success.”

One of Levey’s great joys in life was returning to campus as a University Trustee 37 years after his graduation to find that Browne had continued to hone his craft in undergraduate teaching.

“Neil is so accomplished; I assumed he had moved on to other arenas of higher education,” said Levey.

Browne is the co-author of more than 50 books and over 100 research articles in professional journals. One of his books, “Asking the Right Questions: A Guide to Critical Thinking,” now in its 11th edition, is a leading text in the field of critical thinking and the

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most translated book in the world from publisher Prentice Hall. He has won numerous teaching awards at BGSU and nationally, is the director of the University’s Honors Scholars Association, and coaches the Mock Trial Team.

“With Neil’s incredible research and publishing record, he could devote himself solely to these activities,” said Levey. “Fortunately for generations of BGSU students, his true passion is for undergraduate teaching. He is willing to put in any amount of time needed to show a student that he or she can climb higher than they ever thought they could.”

“It has always been my goal to maximize the benefits of a public university by showing the students the joys and rewards of a rich intellectual existence that are more typically associated with privileged private universities,” said Browne. “Many BGSU students have experienced very little of the world beyond their own families and communities. Challenging class work, Honors Scholars lectures and trips, arts performances, book fairs, Mock Trial tournaments, undergraduate research ... nurturing undergraduate students through these experiences makes me feel like maybe it’s been a good thing that I’m alive. I just don’t get that feeling from other areas of academia.”

AND AT BGSU THEY DO.



To celebrate Browne’s passion for undergraduate education, Levey and his wife, Shirley, established the Neil Browne Endowed Professorship.

“Neil is the power of one exemplified,” said Levey. “He has taught hundreds of students each year for 47 years. His impact is immeasurable and humbling. With this professorship, another great teacher will have the inspiration and resources to change lives at BGSU.”

“YOU CAN DO THIS.”

When Lakeisha Adamson ’00 attended her BGSU freshman orientation, she quickly found herself overwhelmed.

“I was the first person in my family to go away to college,” she said. “As my mom and I went through the orientation day, I became more convinced that I was in over my head. The classes seemed too difficult, the campus too big, and everything just too expensive.”

She turned to her mom and said, “I can’t do this. It’s too hard and will cost us too much money.”

Before Adamson’s mother could answer, Sidney Childs, Ed.D., assistant vice president for Student Affairs - Access, Diversity and Inclusion Programs, and director of TRIO programs, introduced himself, having overheard their conversation. He was associate director of Student Support Services at the time.

ADAMSON

Now, Adamson is principal intern at Damascus High School in the Montgomery County Public School System in Maryland. She credits her success to Childs.

“Without Sidney, my mom and I would have just headed right back home,” said Adamson. “He wasn’t my adviser or anything, he just cares about people and wants them to aim high. He didn’t just say I would be fine, he worked to make sure that I was.”

Childs led Adamson through the financial aid process, connected her with resources throughout campus to adjust to college, and found social organizations that would expand her horizons. When she struggled during her first semester, he made sure she received

tutoring and pushed her to stay focused and motivated.

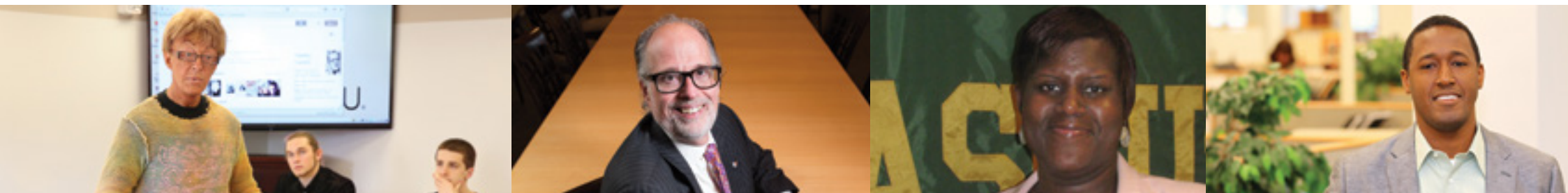
His help didn’t end there. “Sidney was always challenging me to be my best. He was compassionate, but demanding, asking me what my purpose was,” said Adamson. “Following his example, I earned two master’s degrees and gained the skills, credentials and compassion needed to support and guide my own students to success in the most diverse public school system in Maryland.”

Adamson is one of the many students who found their path at BGSU with help from Childs and the TRIO programs. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education,

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TRIO focuses on first-generation, low-income students as well as students with disabilities. It comprises four programs: Upward Bound, which sends mentors and tutors into secondary schools to increase the rate of completion and prepare students to enter and graduate from college; Educational Talent Search, which identifies and aids middle and secondary students with academic, career and financial counseling; Student Support Services, a learning community for undergraduate college students providing holistic advising, tutoring and financial aid; and the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Scholars Program which encourages students to pursue graduate studies.

“This work isn’t just a job, it’s my passion, my mission, my calling,” said Childs. “A number of people helped me achieve a quality education, and it is my responsibility to share that gift. Often, underrepresented and first-generation students don’t have the resources to navigate the world of higher education – they can feel very lonely and overwhelmed. Every story like Lakeisha’s and the incredible work she does for her own students strengthens my resolve to ensure a valuable and quality experience for each BGSU student.”



From left to right: M. Neil Browne, Ph.D., J.D., Distinguished Teaching Professor Emeritus in Economics; BGSU Board of Trustees member David Levey ’71, retired executive vice president of Forest City Enterprises Inc.; Lakeisha Adamson ’00, principal intern at Damascus High School; and Sidney Childs, Ed.D., assistant vice president for Student Affairs - Access, Diversity and Inclusion Programs, and director of TRIO programs.

SPRADLIN REICH

“THE BEST TEACHER I EVER HAD.”

Born and raised in Tiffin, Ohio, Sheila Spradlin Reich '87 came to Bowling Green determined to pursue a career in international business.

“I had never even been on a plane before, but I knew I wanted to see the world,” she said.

Spradlin Reich was in the first class of students taught by Akiko Jones at BGSU. Jones has now taught at BGSU for 31 years and is the director of the Asian Studies Program.

“Hands-down, Akiko was the best teacher I ever had,” said Spradlin Reich. “Frankly, I was just taking the class because I wanted a job. Japanese investment was growing in the Midwest at the time, so I simply wanted to learn to speak Japanese for my future career.”

Instead, Jones brought Japanese culture to life for Spradlin Reich and her classmates, and Spradlin Reich studied with Jones for three years. During her senior year, Spradlin Reich finally took her first plane trip when she traveled to Japan to complete an internship Jones arranged for her.

Now, Spradlin Reich is managing director of international banking at Huntington National Bank. She is expanding Huntington's international reach and participates in frequent economic trade missions to drive global trade and foreign investment in the Midwest, thereby improving the lives of countless families and communities.

“That first internship set the course for my career,” said Spradlin Reich. “I never would have risen through the ranks of international banking without the foundation provided by Akiko.”

JONES

Part of the magic of Jones's teaching is that she engages students far beyond the classroom. Each semester she invites members of the Japanese Club, which she founded, to her home for traditional Japanese meals, and students accompany her on month-long summer trips to Japan. She is also part of the Peace Studies Program and has taken students in that program to Hiroshima every other year since 2006. Her efforts also reach beyond the campus community as she promotes business connections between the United States and her native country.

Jones was recognized with the 2013 Teacher of the Year award in the post-secondary category by the American Association of Teachers of Japanese.

In addition to the thousands of students she has taught at BGSU, Jones has further expanded her reach with the recently established Akiko Kawano Jones Study Abroad Scholarship to enable students to study in Japan. She and her husband, Dr. Eric Jones, a retired faculty member from the College of Education and Human Development, had previously established the Marguerite and J. Charles Jones Memorial Teacher Education Scholarship, in 2007.

“PART OF THE FAMILY.”

It is a rare day when Lee Meserve, Ph.D., Distinguished Teaching Professor of Biological Sciences, isn't seen somewhere on the BGSU campus proudly sporting his orange and brown. Whether that is in the classroom, where he has taught for 41 years, at one of the numerous sporting events he faithfully attends with his wife, Marge, or treating a student to coffee in the Union while providing advice about applying to medical school. Meserve is always present, always engaged, and always willing to go the extra mile to make a difference for students.

MESERVE

Meserve's sincere and genuine interest in helping students achieve their dreams is what convinced Tom Shehab '90, M.D., M.M.M., F.A.C.P.E., that BGSU was the right choice for him.

“I was a football player and being recruited by a number of schools to play, but my main concern was making sure I could graduate from college and attend medical school,” he said. “So, the Bowling Green coach took me to see Lee in the biology building.”

Shehab remembers Meserve at the time as “... a mountain man of a guy with a big beard and dressed in a flannel shirt.”

The two spent most of the morning together, and Shehab was convinced that Meserve really cared about his dream of becoming a doctor and that both Meserve and Coach Moe Ankney would do everything they could to help him.

Shehab became a physician and also earned a master's degree in medical management from Carnegie Mellon University. He spent 12 years as a practicing physician specializing in gastroenterology. He was involved in a number of entrepreneurial health-care-related ventures and held multiple physician-executive roles. Most recently, Dr. Shehab served as chief of staff for more than 1,000 physicians at

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor and as the chair of medicine for Integrated Health Associates, a multi-specialty group consisting of more than 300 providers.

Shehab is currently a principal at Arboretum Ventures, a health-care-focused venture capital firm investing in medical devices, diagnostics, health care information technology, and health care services with a goal of reducing health care costs and improving patient outcomes. The potential for the lives changed by his work is immense, and Shehab credits Meserve for his progress. Shehab describes Meserve as the type of leader who produces the next generation of leaders, thereby exponentially changing lives.

SHEHAB

“Other than my dad, Lee is one of the most important mentors I ever had,” he said. “His presence is a defining measure in my life, and not just at BGSU. He and Marge attended our wedding and are part of our family.”

“I love working with college students as they have continued to make me think for the last 41 years that I am 29 years old, like I was in the fall of 1973 when I arrived at BGSU,” said Meserve, who has received every teaching honor awarded by BGSU. “I recall several times in my own educational pathway when I questioned my direction in life, and there were faculty and staff members who helped me answer those questions. It has always been a pleasure serving in that helping role myself. Marge and I go to weddings, receive announcements of births, and are welcomed into homes across the country because of the students who have touched, and continue to touch, our lives.”

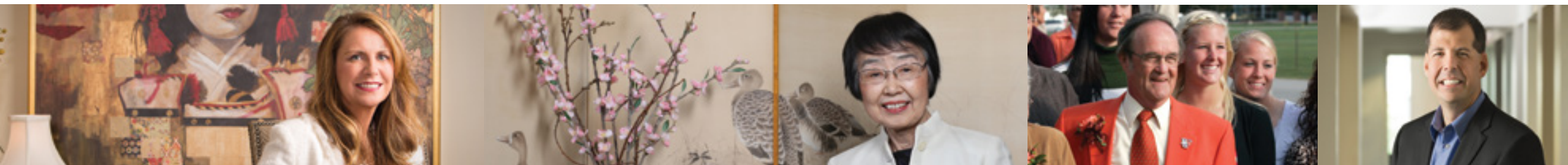
If Meserve's influence wasn't already extraordinary, consider the additional financial support he and Marge provide to BGSU students. They are inaugural Champions Circle donors, annually contributing the equivalent of one year's tuition and fees to help an individual student-athlete year after year. They have endowed the Meserve Scholarship, given to the senior male and female student-athletes of the year. In 2013, the couple made a transformational \$1 million gift that touches future generations of student-athletes, the Department of Biological Sciences and the Meserve Softball Field.



THE POWER CONTINUES

In the fall, as BGSU welcomed the Class of 2018, a young scholar attended Neil Browne's weekly Honors Scholars lecture and was elated to find an intellectual home that “... is everything I hoped college would be.” She has started her own academic journey as an undergraduate research assistant for Browne. Sidney Childs is shepherding a student through the graduate school preparation and application process. The determined young man from Detroit never even imagined he could graduate from college until he met Childs. Akiko Jones will be connecting students with interest in expanding their horizons to businesses and opportunities in Japan. Lee Meserve is writing dozens more letters of recommendations for students with dreams of becoming doctors who bring comfort, care and cures to our world. One person can make a difference, and at BGSU they do. ■

—TERRI CARROLL '88



From left to right: Sheila Spradlin Reich '87, managing director of international banking at Huntington National Bank; Akiko Jones, instructor and director of the Asian Studies Program; Lee Meserve, Ph.D., Distinguished Teaching Professor of Biological Sciences; and Tom Shehab '90, M.D., M.M.M., F.A.C.P.E., principal at Arboretum Ventures.



FALCON ATHLETICS: CHANGING LIVES, NOT JUST THE NUMBERS ON THE SCOREBOARD

BY MATT MARKEY



The celebration of BGSU's rich athletic legacy customarily begins with the most momentous of accomplishments – the hockey team's 1984 national championship, distance runner Dave Wottle's gold medal in the 1972 Summer Olympics, the Falcon men's basketball team led by Nate Thurmond and Howard Komives defeating second-ranked Loyola, the college division national championship won in the 1959 football season, and the dynasty built in the women's basketball program.

But the BGSU banner stretches well beyond the championship rings, the wall-to-wall trophies, the All-American honors, and the former Falcons who have gone on to success in the professional sports ranks. For every NFL great and BGSU grad such as Dave Preston and Chris Jones, and every successful pro such as LPGA golfer Claire Bautista, there are hundreds of additional student-athletes who have taken their Bowling Green State University education and accomplishments and built something magical away from the spotlight and the field of play.

Falcon athletics is certainly about competing, the pursuit of excellence and winning championships, but the big picture encompasses so much more. It is the academic accomplishments and broad platform of skills built from competing in collegiate sports that ultimately open doors and reveal opportunities for the overwhelming majority of BGSU student-athletes. They won't all be professional athletes or gold medal winners, but all of them will have worn the colors, competed on the field of play, and had the opportunity to use their education and student-athlete experience as the foundation for a prosperous and productive life.

"At the end of the day, our most important job is to make sure that our student-athletes have everything they need to be successful, on the field, on the court, and in life," BGSU Director of Athletics Chris Kingston said. "That is the most critical job we perform. We want them to have a great experience while they are here, and be prepared for everything they will face once they leave."



The time management, prioritization and preparation that Dr. Jeff Allen '99 developed as a student-athlete has served him well as he works to accelerate the development of new cancer drugs as executive director of Friends of Cancer Research.

"We attract some very high-caliber student-athletes," Kingston said. "And with the quality coaches and staff we have in place, and our facilities, we expect to see these student-athletes achieve great things both academically and athletically while they are here, and then see them go on and continue to excel in their lives beyond college."

For some, their names won't necessarily resonate through the years when Falcon athletics are discussed, but in many cases, their imprint on the world will.

POISED FOR SUCCESS JEFF ALLEN, PH.D., '99

During his career as one of the nation's leading experts on cancer research, Jeff Allen, Ph.D., '99 has been summoned to testify before Congress, but that experience was not as intimidating as one might expect. Allen's BGSU student-athlete experience had effectively prepared him for the glare of the spotlight, and the intensity of the pressure.

After having stood alone at the top of the diving tower while competing for the Falcons, and staring at the surface of the pool 10 meters below while a hushed crowd was frozen in the moment, Allen found the congressional encounter surprisingly similar.

"Going before Congress can be a nervous experience, but I have to say I can clearly remember the nerves as a young student-athlete," he said. "I think athletics and competition can really prepare you for stressful situations you might encounter later in life."

Allen was a biology and pre-med major at BGSU, and a captain of the swimming and diving team as a senior. The 1999 graduate was a two-time Academic All-Mid-American Conference honoree, and a recipient of the MAC Commissioner's Award for academic achievement.

Now the president of a Washington D.C.-based health care advocacy organization, Allen said his student-athlete experience at BGSU was one where the importance of academics never placed second. He and his fellow swimmers and divers knew that they had to have their academic house in order before they thought about jumping in the pool.

"Academics were always encouraged to be priority number one," Allen said. "Most of the people I trained with over the years were also pretty dedicated students, so it was just part of what we did, but it definitely helped to know that if there was ever some sort of academic conflict, the coaches were flexible and made things work."

Allen heads Friends of Cancer Research and has been its executive director for nine years. The Bowling Green native and cum laude graduate of the University later received his Ph.D in cell and molecular biology from Georgetown, and also worked as an endocrinology fellow at the National Institutes of Health.

The Friends organization focuses on accelerating the development of new cancer drugs through federal policy, working with government agencies, academic researchers, industry partners,

and Congress. Allen said his interest in the field of cancer research was ignited by a cell biology class he took during his senior year at BGSU.

"I remember it very vividly, because that's when it all clicked for me," he said. "I saw that the cellular intricacies that were responsible for driving the growth of cancer could actually be potentially turned on and off, which is really the basis for cancer drug development."

Allen said that what he learned as a BGSU student-athlete about time management, prioritization and preparation has served him well as a scientist, whether he is giving testimony or working on policy with multiple entities.

"In a remarkable way, you learn very early as an athlete that it is all of the preparation that leads to a championship, and an appearance in a very public venue in your career is not all that dissimilar an experience. The more you prepare, the better you are going to do," he said.

"I'm fortunate that I find myself in a role now that allows for a similar kind of commitment to what I had as an athlete competing in a sport that I loved."

HEALING THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY MAJOR RYAN DIEPENBROCK, D.D.S., '01

The United States Air Force has just one facial cosmetic surgeon currently serving in its ranks, and he was once a member of the Falcon football program. For four seasons, Major Ryan Diepenbrock, D.D.S., '01 was BGSU's long-snapper – a position where your name is never mentioned unless you make a major mistake, and Diepenbrock never faltered.

Diepenbrock was a three-time member of the Mid-American Conference's All-Academic Team who carried a 3.42 GPA as a pre-med/pre-dentistry major. He was named to the Gold Key National Honor Society, and twice named to "The National Dean's List", to which only one-half of one percent of university-level students qualifies.

"My expectations when I came to BGSU were initially to be able to use football to help me gain an education," Diepenbrock said. "As a long-snapper, I was given a talent not many people had, and it helped me earn a scholarship. It was up to me to make something out of that opportunity, but I had a lot of help."

Diepenbrock, whose parents are both BGSU graduates, was able to achieve a balance between the time commitment that football required, and the demands of his rigorous academic load, with that aforementioned "help."

"As a biology major, some days it was very hard to meet all of my obligations and get everything done, but one of the things I really liked about BGSU was that the importance of my education was never questioned – our coaches emphasized it," Diepenbrock said.

Diepenbrock earned a National Football Foundation post-graduate scholarship, and after a brief stint in pro football, he went on to receive his dentistry degree from Ohio State. After eight years



Major Ryan Diepenbrock, D.D.S., '01 never faltered as a long-snapper for BGSU and is now the only facial cosmetic surgeon serving in the ranks of the United States Air Force.



of advanced training with the Air Force in oral and maxillofacial surgery and facial cosmetic surgery, he now lectures across the country on those subjects.

"I owe a lot of credit to the people at Bowling Green who taught me, coached me, and helped me get started, and then stay on the right track," he said. "When you are taking 20 hours of class during football season, you learn how to be organized, stay focused and multi-task. Playing college football is the epitome of time management lessons, and I think that experience helped me get through dental school and into my specialty."

Since he is stationed on the west coast, Diepenbrock has not performed cosmetic surgery on many of the wounded returning from Iraq and Afghanistan to the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Maryland, but he does spend a lot of time training other surgeons who will likely fill that role.

"The reason we do cosmetic surgery is to teach soft tissue management, and soft tissue handling in facial cosmetic surgery directly correlates with soft tissue management in a trauma setting. Many of the surgical principles are the same," he said. "What I teach the residents . . . can be transitioned into the wartime setting to better manage and care for our airmen, soldiers, sailors and Marines."

Diepenbrock said the breadth of his BGSU experience – melding together his course load, study time, lab work and his football commitment – has made him a better surgeon.

"When I was on call as a resident, and it was two in the morning and there were sick patients in the trauma bay, it would feel like the world was crashing on your shoulders," he said. "But for me it was similar to two-a-day practices in football, so it was time to dig deep and just push through it."



BGSU senior Carmen Young credits lessons learned as a student-athlete for helping her become a campus leader.

LEARNING TO COMPETE FOR LIFE CARMEN YOUNG

Head women's swimming and diving coach Petra Martin has built a championship-caliber program in her five seasons at BGSU, and watched the development of her student-athletes take place well beyond the outline of the pool.

"They really learn how to handle their time, how to be task-driven, how to prioritize, and how to complete tasks," Martin said. "They have to juggle school, their studies, community service, training, as well as all other facets of college life. They are picking up very valuable tools that will serve them well when they go out into the real world."

Martin believes one of the best ways to prepare student-athletes for the demands of competition, and for the challenges that will lie beyond their college days, is to continually seek to enhance their confidence level.

"I think our student-athletes understand that it takes dedication, hard work and perseverance to be successful in their sport," she said. "I also like to put them in situations where they have to make decisions on their own, and through these situations and exercises gain confidence in being able to make good choices by themselves."

Martin continually nurtures the competitive spirit in her student-athletes, which is another tool she has seen BGSU swimmers and divers carry well beyond their college days.

"It is great to win, and we all want to be in first place, but seeing those athletes being able to take care of themselves and have good direction in their lives and being able to contribute to society when they leave here, that is huge," she said.

Carmen Young seems ready to follow that course. The senior from Virginia was an Academic All-MAC choice last season after winning the breaststroke in two dual meets, and competing in three events at the conference championships.

Young said her involvement on the swimming team helped her budget her time, organize and strategize, and learn the importance of building a network. She now serves as president of Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, meets regularly with University President Dr. Mary Ellen Mazey and Director of Athletics Chris Kingston, and is comfortable speaking to groups.

"I'm very different now," the dietetics major said. "I have a leadership role, not just on the swim and dive team but on campus as well."

HONOR THE PAST, CREATE THE FUTURE SUPPORTING BGSU STUDENT-ATHLETES

Sid Sink '72 is one of BGSU's most decorated athletes, a 10-time All-American in track and cross country, and a two-time NCAA champion, and he also served as a coach for track and cross country, and then later as an administrator in the athletic department.

"I have always believed that the student-athlete experience is a huge part of college life, and that Bowling Green has done a great job with it," Sink said. "It's not always about athletics – you also learn how to interact with other people, and how to manage your time, because even with practice and travel and all, your educational obligations didn't change."

Sink said that during the "Falcon Athletics Legacy Weekend" in October 2014 he met with a number of former BGSU athletes who have gone on to very productive lives after college.

"There are a tremendous number of good, productive and highly motivated people that have come out of the athletic programs at BGSU, and a lot of what they are today is the product of what they learned while they were athletes here."

Jane Myers, assistant director of athletics for development, got a firsthand look that weekend at the real product of BGSU athletics – lives changed, not just the numbers on the scoreboard.

"When our former athletes come back, you see that so many of them are very successful in leadership or management positions in their careers. I think this is a direct result of the lessons learned as BGSU student-athletes perseverance, commitment, preparation, dedication, loyalty and hard work. These qualities lead to success in collegiate athletics and in life."

For Director of Athletics Chris Kingston, helping to sculpt BGSU's student-athletes into the leaders of tomorrow is a critical part of the role the University.

"Our mantra is to honor the past, create the future and make history now, and we really believe in that," he said. "That's a reminder of the greatness that has come before us, and the greatness we can achieve that is ahead of us."

The move forward is being sustained on multiple fronts. The "Bring Back the Glory" campaign has brought significant renovations to the BGSU Ice Arena, and created a synergy that will only grow after the hockey team's incredible 2014-15 winning season. The addition of the Sebo Center, FieldTurf, permanent lights and a state-of-the-art video scoreboard have elevated the game-day experience at Doyt Perry Stadium as will a new \$4 million investment from the University to provide vital infrastructure improvements to the facility. Private support will also be essential to realize the full potential of a modern renovation that builds on the football team's recent successes including its first bowl game victory in a decade with a defeat over South Alabama in the inaugural Raycom Media Camellia Bowl.

But in the near future, nowhere on campus is the enrichment of the athletic experience likely to be more evident on the bricks-and-mortar level than at the baseball complex, where a major makeover will take shape. The "Knock it out of the Park" campaign promises to be nothing less than a grand slam.

Last season, the Bowling Green baseball team played its first 27 games away from home field, since wet grounds often made the natural grass at Steller Field unplayable. The Falcons were also forced to move their "home-opener" against Northern Illinois 175 miles away, to a ballpark in Indianapolis, since that facility had artificial turf.

Weather has not been a good friend to Falcon baseball, but that issue should be quickly neutralized under the first phase of the "Knock it out of the Park" effort, which is expected to include the installation of artificial turf, the state-of-the-art artificial surface that covers the playing field at Doyt Perry Stadium. The move would allow the Falcons to play, despite adverse conditions, and begin a transition of monumental proportion for the program.

The notion of providing financial support to the baseball program and upgrading its home got a great start before the current campaign began, thanks to the generosity of Hall of Fame baseball player Gary Haas '74, whose recent \$1 million gift, with his wife Debbie, is the largest ever by a former student-athlete.

"I'm hoping this gift sets a standard for future student-athletes to give back," said Haas, who was part of Bowling Green's 1972 Mid-American Conference Championship and NCAA Regional team. "I wanted to give this gift to help the baseball program, but I want all student-athletes to remember their time at BGSU and give back once they are successful in their careers."

Kingston sees the planned improvements at the baseball complex, along with other facility upgrades, as part of addressing three essential priorities for athletics – scholarships, facilities and endowed coaching positions.

"We have some real jewels in the Sebo Athletic Center and the Stroh Center," Kingston said. "We need to continually improve our spaces to stay competitive in recruiting and retaining the best student-athletes and giving them the best experience. It will be important to raise private dollars to keep moving forward."



Excellent facilities are critical to student-athletes such as Jasmine Matthews who views the place where she trains and plays as a second home.



Women's basketball player Jasmine Matthews made it clear that for the student-athletes, those jewels – the facilities – do matter.

"That's one of the first things you see when you get off the exit – the Stroh Center with all of that glass and its unique look. It really stands out, and once you see it you know it is something very special and a fun place to play," Matthews said. "As a player, that is your second home, so where you play and the quality of the facility is very important."

Kingston said he views facilities as part of the three essential elements that must be in place for BGSU student-athletes to achieve success in the classroom and on the field of competition. It's about people, resources and opportunities, in Kingston's vision for the Falcons.

"Our most important job is to make sure that our student-athletes have everything they need to compete for championships and compete at the highest level," Kingston said. "We need to do everything we can to provide a full complement of scholarships for all of our teams, and the best coaches and facilities possible."

That winning formula will keep changing lives for Falcons on the court, the field, the pool, and beyond. ■



The "Knock it out of the Park" initiative will transform Falcon baseball.



EMBRACING THE UNEXPECTED

Jennifer Higdon's life has been full of surprises. The BGSU alumna and composer admitted during her commencement address on Dec. 19 that much of her success, both personally and professionally, would likely have never happened had she stuck with her original plan at the University to become a professional flutist.

Instead of playing in an orchestra, Higdon '86 is one of America's most acclaimed and most frequently performed living composers. She has become a major figure in contemporary classical music, with commissions in the orchestral, chamber, choral, vocal and wind ensemble genres. An opera, written by Higdon and based on the book "Cold Mountain," will premier in August 2015 in Santa Fe.

In addition to giving the commencement address, Higdon was awarded an honorary doctorate from BGSU during the ceremony.

She holds doctoral and master's degrees in music composition from the University of Pennsylvania, a bachelor's degree in flute performance from BGSU, and an Artist Diploma in music composition from the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, where she now holds the Milton L. Rock Chair in Composition Studies.

Her Percussion Concerto won the Grammy for Best Contemporary Classical Composition in January 2010. Higdon also received the 2010 Pulitzer Prize in Music for her Violin Concerto. ■

1960s

Gary L. Manning '64, Delhi, N.Y., wrote "Grandpa's Tale: Indian Territory," a book following the life of his grandfather, George Manning, through the Old West. The book is available through online booksellers.

Robert Dyer '65, '67, Warrenton, Va., teaches online courses for George Washington University's Health Care MBA program. He is a professor emeritus of marketing at George Washington University and former instructor for BGSU's College of Business Administration. He has published three case studies which are used in the classroom for advanced undergraduate and graduate courses in marketing, entrepreneurship, global business and sports management.

Gil Bean '69, Mays Landing, N.J., has released his first novel, "By the Breath of Their People." This is the first book in a trilogy that intertwines historical and contemporary stories.

James Zeller '69, Ponte Vedra, Fla., received the CLHM designation from the Luxury Home Marketing Institute. He was also awarded a membership in the Million Dollar Guild for successfully marketing four homes within six months for sales of more than \$7 million.

1970s

Donald Scherzer '71, Shaker Heights, Ohio, was named a 2015 Ohio Super Lawyer in the field of Criminal Defense: White Collar by Ohio Super Lawyers magazine.

Ralph Clapp '72, Lima, N.Y., was inducted into the Section V Baseball Hall of Fame as a player and coach and the Rochester Softball Hall of Fame. Before his retirement, he taught and coached in the Rochester, N.Y. area for 35 years.

Pauline Furman '73, '75, Bingham Farms, Mich., is executive director and owner of The Center for Individual and Family Counseling in Southfield, Mich. She recently hosted a talk show "Matters of Your Heart" on WADL TV. The show featured discussions on post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression and domestic violence.

Steve Sieberon '73, Dillon, Colo., is a law professor at Creighton University in Omaha. He has also published a book titled "The Naked Mountaineer – Misadventures of an Alpine Traveler."

Sally Holt '75, Holland, Ohio, is a clinical audiologist for Northern Ohio Medical Specialists in Sandusky, Ohio. She has assisted the deaf and hearing impaired for more than 50 years.

Thomas Moffitt '75, Hamilton, Ohio, retired after 43 years as a public school administrator in southwest Ohio. He has been elected to his 12th term as president of the Ohio to Erie Trail Board, a nonprofit that oversees the establishment of a recreational trail from Cincinnati to Cleveland.

Judith Dunn '76, Omaha, Neb., is director of professional development at Clarkson College. She was recently recognized by Clarkson's Omicron Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International for her continued dedication to the chapter.

Bruce May '76, Spencer, Ohio, wrote and recorded "Dr. Groovy's Never-ending Summer Festival: A Rock Opera," an award-winning indie film on the national circuit of film festivals.

David Maroon '77, West Chester, Ohio, retired from Princeton City Schools after 35 years of teaching band in the public schools. He is currently a tour planner/sales representative for Noteworthy Tours, Sandusky, Ohio.

Jeanne (Wendell) Dieterich '79, Fremont, Ohio, retired after 35 years as program coordinator for the Sandusky County Park District.

1980s

Robin Reardon Sanchez '80, Winter Garden, Fla., is a member of the Southeast regional board of Canine Companions for Independence and is raising her third puppy for the organization.

David L. Ball '81, Huron, Ohio, retired in 2014 from the Willard City School District where he served for the past five years as the athletic director. He was named the 2014 Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Director of the Year for Ohio's northwest district.

David Bennett '82, Cambridge, Ohio, is a judge for the Guernsey County Common Pleas Court Probate/Juvenile Division.

Allen Del Prete '82, Largo, Fla., retired as human resources manager for the city of Clearwater, Fla. after 23 years of service.

Patricia Wise '82, Toledo, Ohio, is a partner with the law firm Niehaus Wise & Kalas. She holds Martindale-Hubbell's AV-Preeminent rating for her legal ability and high ethical standards and testified in January 2014 at a United States Equal Opportunity Commission hearing on workplace harassment.



THE "FOUR R'S" TO SUCCESS

Eileen O'Neill '90 said she can trace her enormous success to the "four R's"—relationships, responsibility, risk taking and working "really, really hard." O'Neill, the brains behind such hit shows as "19 Kids and Counting" and "The Little Couple," truly paid her dues to reach her current position of Global Group President of Discovery Studios. O'Neill was the BGSU commencement speaker Dec. 20 and also received an honorary doctorate.

She started at Discovery Communications as an unpaid intern while earning a graduate degree in popular culture from the University. She was hired by DCI's networks operation department immediately upon graduation.

"Looking back over 25 years I can honestly say there is no task too small that hasn't somehow made me a better leader now," O'Neill said. "Having been the first 'tape librarian' at Discovery I had no idea the mundane tasks of trafficking tapes to editors or vendors would make me realize years later I had a head start on knowing key producers, or how my decision to air or pull a show would impact a maze of people."

O'Neill told the students at commencement that in a world attached to devices, it's still human contact and relationships that will truly be a key part of their success. ■

Ronald Ciancutti '83, Lakewood, Ohio, has worked for the Cleveland Metroparks for the past 30 years where he currently serves as the procurement director. He received the National Purchasing Institute's Achievement of Excellence Award and the Government Finance Officer Association's Award for Innovation in Public Finance.

Jean Dimeo Edwards '84, Silver Spring, Md., is the managing editor for USA Today magazines in McLean, Va.

John Zielinski '86, Plant City, Fla., is senior vice president for Crossman & Company where he directs all leasing and management services for Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Rob Gillmor '89, Spring, Texas, is principal for Ernst & Young's Houston office. He serves as the organization's global coordinating partner focusing on clients in the company's oil and gas industry sector.

1990s

Kristin Menhorn '90, Toledo, Ohio, received her M.Ed in reading from Lourdes University in 2014.

Anthony Milano '90, El Dorado Hills, Calif., created a new company, www.towncharts.com which provides data about every town in the United States including demographics, housing and the local economy.



ROBERT KRUSE '49 HAS SPENT HIS WHOLE LIFE THINKING ABOUT CARS

The 88-year-old entrepreneur has worked for top-selling dealerships all over the U.S., but there's one car he'll never forget — his first.

"I bought my first car my sophomore year of high school — it was a Ford Model A," he said. "It cost me \$95 and I sold it later for \$105."

Kruse received a Dean's Lifetime Achievement Award from BGSU's College of Education and Human Development in Nov. 2014 for his accomplished career in the automobile industry. At the height of his career with Chevrolet, Kruse oversaw 170 dealerships throughout Minnesota. Later, he launched several of his own entrepreneurial

ventures, providing consulting in dealer management and marketing for the auto industry at the firms Unicorn Enterprises and Lyon Share Ltd.

A 1949 graduate, Kruse also served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and later when recalled, during the Korean War.

The key to Kruse's success, he said, is that he always performed to the best of his ability, no matter the assignment.

"It's very simple," he said. "You don't always have to be a superstar. If you know what your objective is, what you're trying to accomplish, and you study, listen and find out what's expected of you, people will take notice." ■

Anthony Snyder '92, Appleton, Wis., is change catalyst for Thrivent Financial. He manages a network of change agents as the organization embarks on a new human capital management system. He serves on the boards of the Appleton-Fox Cities Kiwanis Club and the Outagamie County Chapter of Thrivent Financial.

Renate Muller Wildermuth '93, Shippensburg, Pa., is an adjunct instructor of German at Shippensburg University and freelance writer for the Albany Times Union and Adirondack Life Magazine. Her second romance novel, "Home Sweet Stranger," has been released under the name of Adria Townsend.

Shen Wang '98, Pittsford, N.Y., is the principal design engineer for ON Semiconductor in Rochester, N.Y.

Richard D. Marble '99, Big Rapids, Mich., received the 2014 Robert A. Watkins Award from the Michigan branch of the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science in recognition of his dedication to the "sharing of skills and knowledge with fellow colleagues."

2000s

Mark Beebe '00, '09, Columbus, Ohio, performs financial and compliance audits for nonprofits, benefit plans and closely held businesses throughout all industries at Rea & Associates Inc. He is a member of the American Institute of CPAs and the Ohio Society of CPAs.

Melissa DiNofia-Bozzone '00, Drexel Hill, Pa., is the director of advancement at the Baldwin School in Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Jason Bozzone '01, Drexel Hill, Pa., is the assistant dean for career and student development and special events for Temple University's College of Education.

Jessica Tsoufio '01, North Canton, Ohio, is Ohio's 2014 Milken Educator Award winner. She has been a teacher in the Plain Local School District since 2002 and earned the state designation of master teacher in 2012.

Ben Antonelli '02, '03, Hilliard, Ohio, specializes in assurance services and consults with clients on financial reporting, internal control and other operational issues for Rea & Associates in Dublin, Ohio. He is a member of the Ohio Society of CPAs, the American Institute of CPAs and the Young Professionals Network of Columbus.

Diana Golob '02, Lakewood, Ohio, is senior vice president at Hanna Commercial Real Estate. In 2014, she was president of Commercial Real Estate Women and also named Member of the Year.

Kay Robinson '02, Edmond, Okla., is the director of student engagement at the University of Central Oklahoma. She has been named to OKC Biz Magazine's Forty Under 40 Class of 2014.

HAROLD FLAGG '49 NAMED TO FRENCH LEGION OF HONOR

Harold Flagg was part of a large influx of new students who enrolled at the University after the end of World War II. An Ohio farm kid drafted right after he had graduated from high school, Flagg had served in North Africa, France and Germany.

During his time overseas, Flagg had seen Paris in the days immediately following the cessation of fighting, and found himself enamored with the French language, the culture and the country.

He would study French and journalism at BGSU, and foster a lifelong relationship with both, visiting France and several former French colonies during his long career working for publications in Florida and The Bahamas.

"I think I must have been French in another lifetime," said the 88-year-old Flagg. "I like to think I made good use of my studies of the French language when I was at BG. I learned a lot, and the exchange students there helped me, especially with the slang."

France recently honored Flagg for his military service on French soil nearly 70 years ago. In May 2014, in a ceremony in south Florida aboard the USS New York, Flagg received the French Legion of

Honor medal from Captain Philippe Petitdidier of the French navy. "I am extremely proud of my knighthood and the Napoleonic award," Flagg said about the distinction, which is the highest honor bestowed by France. "It is nice to be honored for your military service, no matter what your role was in the war."

Flagg has authored four books in retirement, and plans to continue his literary pursuits.

"Languages and writing have always been my passion," he said. "I am still amazed each day at the power of words." ■



Brad Bores '05, Bellevue, Ohio, produced and directed "When the Bell Rings." The film about 40-year-old former boxer David "Dino" Wells debuted at the 2014 New Orleans Film Festival and received the Grand Jury Prize for best documentary. See www.whenthebellrings.com for more information.

Matthew McGleam '07, Chicago, Ill., is project manager for the Public Building Commission of Chicago.

Mark W. Pontious '07, Oxford, Ohio, is director of parent and family programs at Miami University (Ohio).

J. Michael Vecchio '07, '08, Chicago, Ill., received his Ph.D. in Criminology and Criminal Justice from the University of Missouri-St. Louis in 2014. He is an assistant professor of criminal justice and criminology at Loyola University Chicago, specializing in youth gang violence and victimization.

Jamie Hoover McConnell '08, Roseville, Ohio, received the Achievement in Service Award at the 2014 National Association of Extension 4-H Agents conference.

Keith Sweigert '08, Huron, Ohio, has completed five years with Merrill Lynch Wealth Management.

Alaina Kantner '09, Chicago, Ill., is a certified cicerone (beer sommelier).

Alex Walton '10, Cottonwood Heights, Utah, is working for Overstock.com.

Andrew Welfle '10, Norwalk, Ohio, participated in the 2014 American Institute of CPAs Young Leadership Academy.

Michael Zimmerman '11, Dover, Ohio, received his juris doctor from Case Western Reserve University School of Law in 2014 and joined the law firm of Fitzpatrick, Zimmerman & Rose Co., LPA in New Philadelphia, Ohio.

Kevin DeVore '12, Culver City, Calif., was co-editor of "When the Bell Rings." The film about 40-year-old former boxer David "Dino" Wells debuted at the 2014 New Orleans Film Festival and received the Grand Jury Prize for best documentary.

Tyler Drees '12, Minster, Ohio, is the product photographer/videographer for Casad Company/Totally Promotional. He creates all of the 360-degree photography and product detail videos for all of the company's products.

Jennifer Hlavin '14, Cleveland, Ohio, is an associate with Bialosky + Partners Architects.

FORMER STUDENT BROADCASTER JOHN ALLEN '62 REMEMBERS THE "BEST OF TIMES"



It was the best of times! BGSU...1958-1962.

It was my privilege to be a student during that period, and a special privilege to be a student broadcaster during those years. I was majoring in radio-TV, with a second major in journalism. Instructors like Stone and Tucker in broadcasting, and Duerr in journalism helped me prepare for a lifelong career in the radio industry.

I wanted to be a sports broadcaster, and our Falcon teams were terrific! Doyt Perry was winning championships with Bob Coburn, Bernie Casey and Chuck Comer. Players I knew, like Jack Harbaugh from Crestline, and Archie Tunnell from Port Clinton also starred on the gridiron. In basketball, Harold Anderson's teams featured first Jimmy Darrow, then Nate Thurmond and Howard Komives.

We broadcasters marveled at Darrow twice scoring 52 points in a game...with no 3-point shot. He did it against Marshall, and then Toledo...two of the best teams in the MAC! Thurmond and Komives combined to beat Loyola of Chicago, the eventual NCAA champion. There was BGSU's undefeated football season in 1959, and regular MAC championships. And I enjoyed every minute of it...

"BG now up by 10, with only 12 seconds left in the half...Jennings has the ball for Miami...in the lane, turns and shoots. Blocked by Thurmond again. Wavy Junior has the loose ball, passes ahead to Komives at the head of the key, he shoots, good! Just before the buzzer, and the Falcons lead at halftime, 48 to 36."

After graduation, I was fortunate enough to be the "Voice of the Falcons" on WFOB Radio in Fostoria, and the thrills continued. Later, I spent 40 years as a broadcaster for WFLS Radio, in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

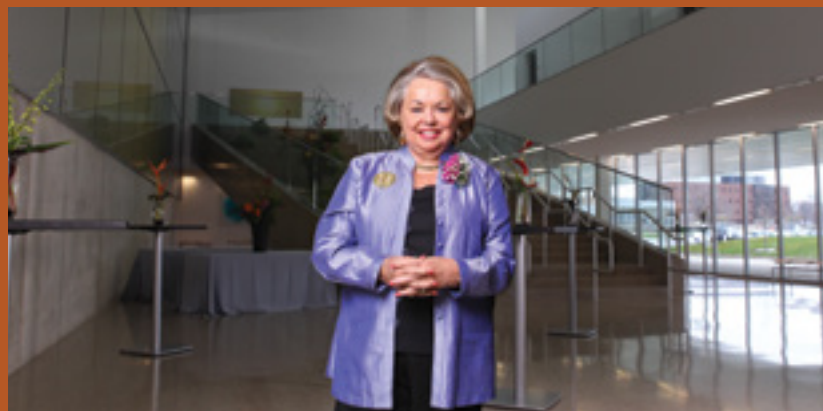
The training and background I received at BGSU, both in the classroom and on the radio, were critical in preparing me for a lifetime of broadcasting. When I visit the University now, I am impressed with the variety and number of opportunities for broadcast students. I get back to visit as often as possible, and enjoy it every time.

Go Falcons—Fear the Bird! – John Allen '62 ■

Bowling Green State University was saddened to learn of the death of Mary Wolfe '68, '06 (Hon.) on Oct. 23, 2014. She was an alumna, a former art history faculty member and gallery director and, with her husband, Frederic (Fritz), a longtime and generous supporter of the arts at BGSU and around the region.

In 2005, the Wolfes and the Wolfe Family Charitable Foundation presented a \$1.5 million leadership gift to the University for the construction of the Wolfe Center for the Arts. After receiving her master's degree in art history and painting from BGSU in 1968, Mary Wolfe taught the history of art until 1976, and served as director of exhibitions for the McFall Center Gallery until the mid-1980s. Throughout her life, she continued to give talks about art and art history to area groups and made many international trips to see art. A member of the Ohio Arts Council, she received the Governor's Award for the Arts in 2011. ■

COMMUNITY MOURNS LOSS OF ALUMNA, ARTS PATRON MARY WOLFE



ALUMNI

- Rosella (Zuber) Roff '33
- George Rohrs '37
- Marjorie (Swartz) Engle '39, '41
- Mary (Hawley) Gernert '39
- Violet (Brubaker) Bible '40
- Gene (Lewis) Bostwick '40
- Annetta (Gainer) Knull '41
- Arlene (Neidhardt) Horvath '42
- Mary (Komminsk) Ahl '43
- June (Wassermann) Bishop '43
- Ralph Boroff '43
- Helen Niehousmyer '43
- Marjorie (Williams) Christman '44
- Mary (McKnight) Baumgartner '45
- Betty (Nickel) Andrews '46
- James DeLesDernier*
- Ruth (Black) Bolce '48
- Alfred Cook*
- Ruth (DeConick) Flanders '48
- Leonard Fox*
- Jane (Russell) Johnson '48
- Emil Kohntopp '48
- William Thompson '48
- Grace (Shiffer) Clayton*
- Charles Dudgeon '49
- Betty (Sandra) Josif '49
- Carol (Hinkleman) Morten '49
- Carl Smith '49
- Leland Bandeen*
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- Robert Dwyer '50
- Barbara (Jordan) Kahn '50
- John Lange '50
- Norm Meese '50
- Robert Nichols '50, '52
- Shirley (Kerr) Noland '50
- Janis (Herbert) Schmidt '50
- Robert Sullivan '50
- Dora (Rockwood) Titus '50
- Nancy (Warden) Walden '50
- Frances Weirich '50, '58
- Warren Wirth '50
- Charles Aronson '51
- Orin Harter '51
- Angelyn (Palermo) Lee '51
- Joanne (Williams) Rood '51
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- Benny Pate '53
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- Alfred Fanta '54
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- Grace Vaughan '54
- Lee Barr '55
- Marilyn (Durnbaugh) Bennington '55
- Ray Miskell '55
- Kirt Rockel '55
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- Wendell Swords*
- Kathryn (Neff) Griffin '57
- Leon Ham '57
- Rolland Huss '57
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- Amaryllis (Russell) Van Allen '57
- Keith Biler '58
- Clayton Kelley '58
- Robert Lawrence '59
- Charles McKenna '59

- William Park '59
- Gordon Wilkerson '59
- Kenneth Curtis '60
- Carol (Helman) Dolph '60
- Elizabeth (Moorhead) Gardner '60
- Margery (Low) Grimm '60
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- James Furcron '61
- Paul Hirschfield '61, '63
- Sara (Smith) Jamieson '61
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- Nancy (Moore) Runion '61
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- Joan (Kollman) Beaver '62
- Dominic Infante '62
- Ronald Pottorff '62, '64
- David Waterhouse*
- Edward Wead '62
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- Gene Snyder '63
- Nancy (Joslin) Tollis '63
- Susan (Keim) Weber '63
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- David Drummond '64, '66
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- Marcia (Stepanovich) Kelemen '64
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- James Rice '64
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- Skip Hostetter '65
- Ann Leathers '65
- Treva (Eisaman) Miller '65, '69
- Arthur Saxton '65
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- Karen (Warden) Suchy '65
- Ruby (Bruninga) Garrison '66
- Edward Grace '66
- James Grant '66
- Richard Groff '66
- Donald Hosie '66
- Alex Lucas '66
- Robert Reed '66
- Carolyn (Murray) Scheid '66
- Ben Shaver '66, '68
- Eve (Simon) Sisson '66
- George Stefan '66
- Carol (Woosley) Wise '66
- John Borrelli '67
- Mary (Gardiner) Daley '67
- Anne Freeburne '67
- James Gibson '67
- George Griffin '67
- Theodore Klammer '67
- Katherine (Theis) Liber '67
- Diane (Kline) McGivern '67
- Marilyn (Mannisto) Meighan '67
- Mary (Ramon) Normand '67
- Catherine (Uhle) Quinn '67
- Roger Richards '67
- John Gongaware '68
- Nancy (Brink) Haldy '68, '84
- Jean (Farr) King '68

- Joan (Norton) Kuhlman '68, '74
- David Luxford '68
- Linda Nettin '68
- William Powell '68
- Marianna (Schneider) Schneider '68
- Marjorie (Patterson) Shoemaker '68, '70
- Daniel Singer '68
- Ruth (Nelson) Troyer '68, '72
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- Alexander Ambrogio '69
- Diana (Spitsnaugle) Asman '69
- Thomas Bryan '69
- Carol (Lee) Girton '69
- Randall Gloege '69
- Maryjane (Colson) Huffman '69
- Frances (Kasanicky) Julian '69
- Wesley McDonald '69
- Frank Newell '69
- Jean (Parmenter) Seel '69
- Kent Thomas '69
- Charles Trafford '69
- Larry Nighswander '70
- Janice Nollenberger '70
- Greg Reynolds '70
- Donald Beachey '71, '73
- Thomas Bishop '71
- Valerie De Mathews '71
- Camille (Dedonno) Gilliland '71
- Michael Hilson '71
- Patricia (Fosnight) Joseph '71
- Arnold Klayman '71
- James Pierson '71
- Kenneth Rinehart '71
- Richard Smith '71
- Patty (Shipman) Fretz '72
- Greg Irons '72
- Sue (Giles) Marshall '72
- Mary (Peterson) Meyers '72
- Geraldine (Lamb) Risner '72
- James Harton '73
- Deborah (Smith) Poff '73
- Eric Schultz '73
- Sandi (Metera) Shinaberry '73
- Michael Stimac '73
- Katherine Huddleston '74
- Gretchen Kunz '74
- Donald Rowe '74
- Stephen Sommerfield '74
- Alice (Kreinbrink) Jaqueth '75
- Jean (Roles) Moomaw '75
- Robert Scullion '75
- Joseph Stell '75
- Suzanne Strick '75
- James Denos '76, '81
- Robert Hart '76
- Joseph Koerper '76
- Gary McBride '76
- Judith Momirov '76
- David Whited '76
- Paul Knake '77
- Ronald Kreyenbuhl '77
- Albert Lee '77
- Robert Luke '77
- Glenn Stiles '77
- Donald Dietsch '78
- Mary (Wolfe) Rosenberger '78, '85
- Lee Wierwille '78
- Faye (Senney) Boslett '79
- Earl Britt '79
- Vitas Puskorius '79
- Michael Young '79

- Ruby (Burkhart) Cobb '80
- Elizabeth (Cavender) Queen '80
- Jeffrey Raker '80
- Steven Putman '81
- Wendy (Jacobs) Ramos '81
- Judy (Nomina) Rich '81
- Marc Fanning '82
- Dennis Deters '85
- Jill Graffius '85, '87
- John Flick '86
- David Gerwin '86
- Daniel Stringer '87
- Janet Reed '90, '95
- Ramona Kromer '91
- Christopher Pawlicki '91
- Robert Rusnak '91
- Jay Evanoff '92
- William Walton '94
- Coetta McDonald '96
- David Whyde '99
- Matthew Cook '00
- Jaclyn (Motzer) Smith '00
- Audra South '00
- Mary (Gardner) Byrnes '01
- Shannon Page '02
- Roger Freeman '03
- Briana (Oriold) Schutze '03, '06
- Elizabeth Reed '05
- James Schall '05, '09
- Lorien Bourne '06
- Scott Gast '06
- Jenna (Fisher) Jeske '08
- Sister Audrey Elfring '09

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- Virginia Starr, Professor Emeritus of Music Performance Studies
- Nancy Ward, Student Union secretary

* Denotes an alumnus who attended, but did not earn a degree from BGSU.

WHAT'S NEW

BGSU Magazine receives multiple submissions for the Alumni Notes section of each issue. It is not our practice to print engagement, marriage or birth announcements. BGSU reserves the right to edit or omit any information submitted. Please send your accomplishments to bgsualumni.com or:

Mileti Alumni Center
Bowling Green State University
Bowling Green, OH 43403-0053

Your full name (include birth name if appropriate)

Date of birth and graduation year (earliest degree)

Street address

City State Zip code

Is this a new address? ___ Yes. ___ No.

Preferred telephone number (include area code)

E-mail address

Place of employment

Position/title

Work address

Location (city/state)

Work telephone number (include area code)

Is this ___ A promotion? ___ A new employer?

Are you currently married? ___ Yes ___ No

Your spouse's full name (include birth name if appropriate)

Is he/she a BGSU graduate? ___ Yes ___ No

Spouse's date of birth and graduation year

E-mail address

Place of employment

Position/title

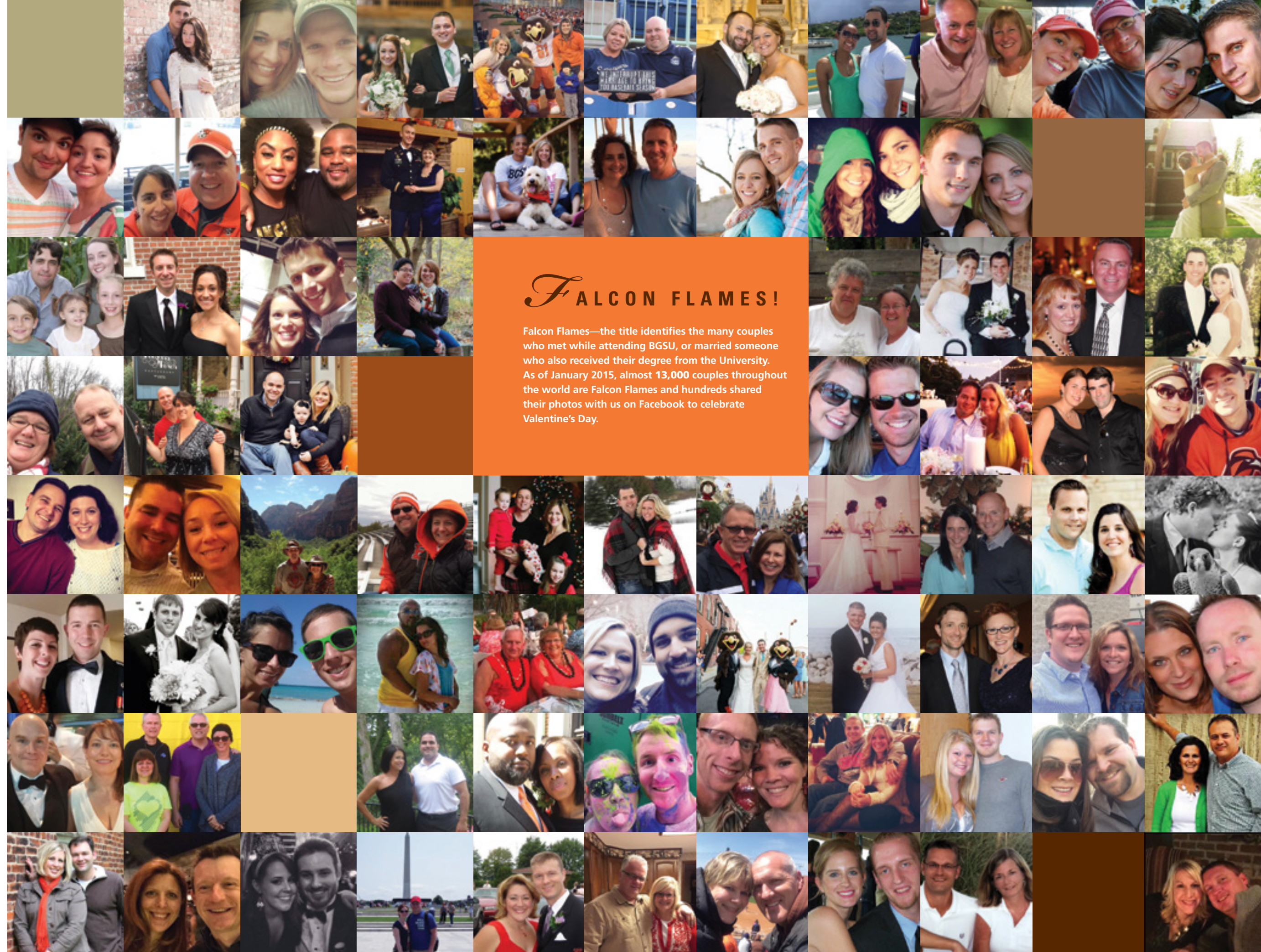
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FALCON FLAMES!

Falcon Flames—the title identifies the many couples who met while attending BGSU, or married someone who also received their degree from the University. As of January 2015, almost **13,000** couples throughout the world are Falcon Flames and hundreds shared their photos with us on Facebook to celebrate Valentine's Day.

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