



## New Honorary Inducts Members

First members to a new national honorary, Studia Socialia Americae, for students in the social studies and for those who hold state certification in the area, were inducted during Honors Day. The organization was created by Dr. John Lomax, professor of history, in 2006-7. This year ONU became Studium Premum (the first studia) of the organization.

Charter members are, front from left, Joy Kessler, a senior from Republic, Ohio; Gretchen Hull-Morris, lecturer in history;

Ellen Sondergelt, a senior from Beavercreek, Ohio; and Ashley Reiff, a senior from Elida, Ohio.

Back row, from left, Brian Hoefel, a junior from Akron, Ohio; Dr. Michael Loughlin, professor of history; Matt Fox, a senior from Cardington, Ohio; Jesse Kill, a senior from Elida, Ohio, and Dr. Russ Crawford, assistant professor of history.

Not pictured are Dr. Ellen Wilson, Dr. Michael Romanowski, Aaron Stiger, a senior from Wapakoneta, Ohio; Ben Kretz, a junior from Belle Center, Ohio; and Jon Carver, lecturer in history. See more photos at <http://tinyurl.com/4p7zk6>



## Former Senator DeWine to Speak at ONU Law Commencement

Ohio Northern University will celebrate its 2008 Pettit College of Law commencement ceremony at 2 p.m., Sunday, May 11, in the ONU Sports Center. Approximately 102 students are slated to graduate. ONU President Dr. Kendall L. Baker will preside.

In addition to the juris doctor degrees, ONU also will confer LL.M. degrees to eight lawyers from transitional and emerging democracies that have completed a yearlong course of intensive study in the Democratic Governance and Rule of Law program.

The ONU Sports Center is scheduled to open for the commencement exercises at 12:30 p.m. A musical prelude will begin at 1:30 p.m., followed by the procession of faculty and juris doctorate candidates.

R. Michael DeWine, former United States Senator from Ohio and 1972 graduate of the Pettit College of Law, will deliver the commencement address. DeWine, who currently serves as an adjunct professor of political science at ONU, was awarded an honorary degree from the University in 1995. His daughter, Alice DeWine, is a member of this year's graduating class.

DeWine served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1983-1991, followed by a stint as Ohio Lieutenant Governor from 1991-94. He served as a U.S. senator from 1995-2007.

BG David P. Carey, USA (Ret.) will be awarded an honorary degree. Carey, who earned his law degree from ONU in 1977,

currently is the executive director of American Inns of Court Foundation. He has served as the commander of the U.S. Army Legal Services Agency and the U.S. Army's chief judge. He also served as the assistant judge advocate general for civil law and litigations at the Pentagon.

Melissa L. Kidder, of Bowling Green, Ohio, who ranks academically at the top of the graduating class, will deliver the student address, and Dean David C. Crago will give remarks.

Graduating LL.M. student Austin Msowoya, of Malawi, will give the invocation, and classmate Thomas McLelland, of West Jordan, Utah, will give the spoken benediction. The national anthem and the benediction will be performed by the Concurrences, a quartet made up of Brian D. Anderson, a first-year law student from Johnson Creek, Wis.; Andrew R. Hopper, a third-year law student from Anderson, Ind.; Nathan D. Hosek, a third-year law student from Saint Marys, Ohio; and Roger A. Steffan, a first-year law student from Leipsic, Ohio.

Crago, assisted by members of the tenured law faculty, will place the academic hood upon each candidate, followed by Baker's presentation of the diplomas.

A reception for graduates and families will take place in the College of Law immediately following the ceremony.



## In Memory...

Students, football players and coaches took part in a tree dedication ceremony remembering Coach Ron Bendekovic, who died at age 34. The tree with a memorial plaque is located next to the football stadium.

The plaque reads:

**In Memory of  
Coach Ron Bendekovic  
"Bendo"  
(1971-2005)  
Coach, Leader, Teacher, Friend  
Greatly Admired and Missed  
Dedicated by Phi Epsilon Kappa**

## Model UN

Ohio Northern's Model UN team was awarded honorable mention at the Model UN National Competition held April 22-26 in New York City. ONU was also mentioned in the official program as being in the top four schools with the longest running program. This is ONU's 34th year. The ONU team took the role of the Syrians, and Dr. Andy Ludanyi said they worked together very well and did a great job.

Shown with Dr. Ludanyi, left, and the Syrian Charge d'affairs, right, are team members: (front) Rachael Elizabeth Szucs, a senior in political science from North Royalton, Ohio; Stephanie Anne Wells, a junior in international studies from Dayton, Ohio; and Kelly Patricia Morman, a sophomore in political science from Monroeville, Ohio. Back row, from left are: Kaitlyn Bennett, a senior in political science from Charleston, W.Va.; Kyle Daniel Haas, a senior in political science from Deshler, Ohio; Shaili Dhananjay Patel, a third-year pharmacy student from Mannheim, Ontario, Canada; Jesse Thomas Longbrake, a senior in political science from New Carlisle, Ohio; and Michael Edward Hamper, a sophomore in political science from Jefferson, Ohio. Not pictured: Christopher Michael Lemon, a senior in biochemistry from Lower Burrell, Pa.



## Concrete Canoe Team Takes Second

At the North Central Conference of Student Chapters of ASCE held at Michigan State University April 4-6, the ONU Student Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) took second place in overall performance.

Brooke Young placed second for her technical paper.

The concrete canoe team placed first for design paper; second for the oral presentation by Chris Shearer, Mindy Moser and Brad Barber; third for final product; and second overall.

In the paddling races, the men's slalom team of Brad Barber, Adam Hamman and Drew Richards placed second; the women's slalom team of Amy Comstock, Sara McDonald and Luisa Chinchilla placed fifth; the men's sprint team of Chris Shearer and Ryan Mahle placed third; the women's sprint team of Mindy Moser and Brooke Young placed second; and the coed sprint team of Brad Barber, Mindy Moser, Ryan Mahle and Luisa Chinchilla placed second.



ONU's ASCE student chapter advisor is Dr. Bruce Berdanier, and the canoe team advisor is Dr. Farhad Reza.

The conference consists of the following schools: Ohio Northern University, University of Toledo, Case Western Reserve University, Michigan Technological University, Lawrence Technological University, Michigan State University, University of Michigan, University of Detroit - Mercy, Western Michigan University, Calvin College, Wayne State University and Stark State Technical University.



Recipients of the Debow Freed award for student leadership are pictured with Dr. Freed, left, and OSU Coach Jim Tressel, right, at the annual President's Leadership Dessert. Female winners are, from left, Stephanie Bell, a senior in finance from Liberty Center, Ohio; Natalyn Giverson, a junior in communication arts from Mexico, N.Y.; Katie Weininger, a junior in communication arts from Sycamore, Ohio; and Bethany Schreck, a freshman from Bethel Park, Pa. Male winners are, from left, Tim White, a senior in finance from Elida, Ohio, Ryan Lowry, a freshman in business administration from Bluffton, Ohio. Joshua Gargac, a junior in mechanical engineering from Northwood, Ohio, and Pat Symmonds, a fourth-year pharmacy student from Columbus, Ohio.

## Bar Pass Rate = 100 %

On Feb. 26, 27 and 28, the Ohio Bar Examination was administered in Columbus. Out of 432 applicants, 283 applicants (65.5 percent) received passing scores; out of 234 first time applicants, 83 percent received passing scores.

Ohio Northern had 100 percent pass rate for first-time applicants!

For those who successfully completed the examination, the oath of office will be administered during a special public session of the Ohio Supreme Court at 2 p.m., May 12, at The Ohio Theatre, 39 East State Street, in Columbus.

## Papers Presented

Four ONU students attended the Ohio Council of Criminal Justice Education (OCCJE) conference on April 18 and presented papers.

Vanessa Barr, a senior in criminal justice from Beaver, Pa., presented, "I've changed and Nobody Else Has: Prisoner Reentry into the Community from Prison."

Jessica Virzi, a senior in psychology from North Royalton, Ohio; Allison Digianantonio, a senior in psychology from Canton, Ohio; and Matthew Metzner, a sophomore in criminal justice from Delphos, Ohio, presented "It's OK if they choose not to drink, but it's odd if they don't drink with us." a study of contextual factors and their effect on binge drinking on a college campus.

The advisor is Dr. Steven Hundersmarck, assistant professor of psychology.

## President's Leadership Dessert

Winners of the Alice-Kay Hildrebrand Awards for Student Organization of the Year pose with Dean Hilderbrand and Coach Tressel. From left are first place winner, Habitat for Humanity, represented by Sara Waymire; second place, Circle K, represented by John Endler and third place, Sigma Phi Epsilon, represented by Jon Manocchio.



## Congratulations!

Dr. Eric Baumgartner, dean of the College of Engineering, has been invited to speak at the 27th Annual International Space Development Conference to be held in Washington, D.C. He will speak May 31 during the "Space Solar Power" track about the use of robotics to assemble a space solar power station at geostationary orbit (an orbit where humans simply cannot go).

A space solar power station is a big solar panel that collects solar energy and then beams this energy back down to the earth. Some people believe that this type of power station will help us with our energy dependence issues.

Baumgartner was invited to speak at this conference by Darel Preble who runs the Space Solar Power Institute in Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. Kelly Shields, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, will take part in the Dietary Supplement Research Practicum 2008 to be held at the National Institutes of Health June 9-13. She will be part of a group of 75 to 100 to participate this year.

Professor Stephen Veltri, professor of law, has been appointed to the study committee on the Law of Payment Systems by the Uniform Law Commission. Veltri will serve as an advisor and will represent the business section of the American Bar Association. The committee, in consultation with the Federal Reserve Board, the American Law Institute and other groups, will study the law of payment systems in order to determine if a modern and unified payments code, which recognizes differences in payment types and harmonizes the disparities in the various payment systems, should be drafted.

**Students Learn Japanese at  
ONU's Kasukabe Summer Camp!  
Learn more at <http://tinyurl.com/3o3uh3>**

# Northern Events May 7-15

## Campus Events

### May 7

8:00 a.m., Bear Tracks 101 Orientation

6:00 p.m., Senior Send-Off 2008, Veterans Memorial Civic and Convention Center, Lima

### May 11

11:00 a.m., Law Commencement Brunch, McIntosh Ballroom

2:00 p.m., Law Commencement, Sports Center

### May 12

9:30 a.m., Ridgemont School Visitation, Taft Memorial

### May 13

9:00 a.m., Deans and Staff Meeting, Heterick 324

4:00 p.m., University Faculty Meeting, McIntosh Activity Room

## Arts and Lectures

### May 7

8:00 p.m., Instrumental Ensemble Concert, Snyder Recital Hall

### May 9

8:00 p.m., Student Recital, Adam VonAlmen, baritone, Snyder Recital Hall

### May 10

8:00 p.m., ONU Symphony: Springtime Voyage, Freed Center

## Watch construction

Keep an eye on the work at the Inn at Ohio Northern University and the Mathile Center for the Natural Sciences. Go to: [www.onu.edu/pplant/](http://www.onu.edu/pplant/) for web cam views.

## Athletics

### May 8

Noon, Outdoor Track and Field at North Central Invitational

3:00 p.m., Baseball OAC Tournament

### May 9

Noon, Outdoor Track and Field at North Central Invitational

3:00 p.m., Baseball OAC Tournament

### May 10

3:00 p.m., Baseball OAC Tournament

### May 15

Noon, Outdoor Track and Field at North Central Invitational



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[www-new.onu.edu/event](http://www-new.onu.edu/event)