



Undergraduate Commencement ...

About 600 students were awarded degrees at Ohio Northern's 2008 Undergraduate commencement Ceremony on Sunday, May 18.

Commencement day activities began at 8 a.m. with the ROTC commissioning and Dankook award presentation.



Ohio Supreme Court Justice Evelyn Stratton addresses graduating students.



Bruce Burton, Ph.D., professor of mechanical engineering emeritus and coordinator for international admissions and recruitment, receives an honorary doctor of engineering degree. Also honored was Metta Lou Henderson, professor of pharmacy emerita.

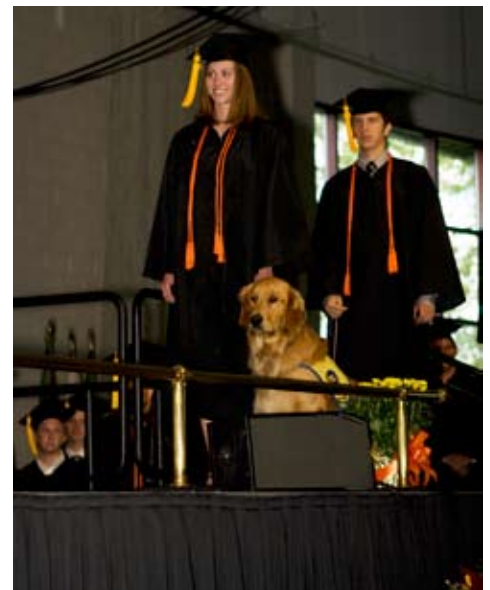


Families celebrate after commencement ceremonies.



Tim Ulbrich, a graduating pharmacy student from London, Ohio, accepts the Dankook Award from ONU President Kendall L. Baker. Ulbrich was also the student speaker at the undergraduate commencement ceremony.

J.J. Coate and Zeeke wait for their names to be called at commencement. J.J., a biology and pre-veterinary major from South Vienna, Ohio, took on the training of Zeeke for Canine Companions for Independence as her senior capstone project.



ONU Board of Trustees Honors First Lady



First Lady Toby Baker has been honored with a tree and dedication plaque located just outside the ONU art building.

At a ceremony on Friday, Bob Smith, chairman of the ONU Board of Trustees, made the official presentation.

The plaque reads:

**Dedicated to First Lady Toby Baker
From ONU Board of Trustees
February 8, 2008**

“In appreciation of her dedicated service to make a difference in the lives of the students at Ohio Northern University.”

Two Engineering Students Named Tau Beta Pi Scholars

Two Ohio Northern University engineering students are the recipients of academic scholarships from Tau Beta Pi, national engineering honor society.

Paul Lewis, senior civil engineering major from Medina, Ohio, and Kevin Ring, senior civil engineering major from Mentor, Ohio, both received a cash award of \$2,000 for their senior year of engineering study.

The Fellowship Board of Tau Beta Pi selected 145 scholars from 366 applicants, the largest amount of scholarship winners awarded in one year since the program was established in 1998. All Tau Beta Pi scholarships are awarded on the competitive criteria of high scholarship, campus leadership and service, and promise of future contributions to the engineering profession. All scholars are members of Tau Beta Pi.

Tau Beta Pi is the National Engineering Honor Society, founded at Lehigh University in 1885. There are 234 collegiate chapters across the United States and 18 active alumnus chapters. The society has initiate nearly 500,000 members in its 123-year history and is the world's largest engineering society.

Congratulations!

Eva McManus, Ph.D., professor of English has been selected to be an editorial board member for a new online journal, *The Ohio Valley Shakespeare Conference: Selected Papers*, which will publish papers from the annual conference that have gone through extensive revision and an additional peer review process. The first edition will be posted in August.

She has also been elected as a member at large of the College English Association of Ohio (CEAO) Conference Board.

John Paul Kanwit, Ph.D., new assistant professor of English, was also elected to be the OCTELA (Ohio Council of Teachers of English Language Arts) representative for the CEAO. He will serve as a liaison between the two groups.

Donald Sullivan, Ph.D., associate professor of pharmacy practice, was selected to participate in the U.S. Air Force Health Professional Tour May 13-16. The four-day tour allows health profession educators such as practitioners, chief residents and registrars from across the nation the opportunity to experience the Air Force firsthand.

Tour participants are selected from a nomination list compiled by the 28 Air Force recruiting squadrons located nationwide. Recruiters visit health profession schools and colleges within their regions and invite prominent educators to attend the Air Force orientation tour.

Tour participants will travel to Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, and will meet with enlisted members, officers and civilians from a variety of fields to see how the Air Force recruits, trains and employs its airmen. The tour also includes an upfront look at flying and aerospace physiology programs at Randolph Air Force Base and a visit to Wilford Hall Medical Center on Lackland Air Force Base. The group will also see medical training and research facilities on Brooks City-Base.

ONU PRSSA Student Named Outstanding Graduate

Ohio Northern University senior, Megan May a communications arts major from Rawson, Ohio, has won the central Ohio Public Relations Society of America's "Outstanding Graduate PRISM Award."

This marks the second consecutive year an ONU student has been awarded this distinction. Last year, Kevin Saghy '07, garnered the honor.

May was selected from more than 1,500 students studying public relations in central Ohio for her academic, leadership and commitment to the profession.

Earlier this year the Public Relations Society of America also recognized Dr. Steve Iseman, ONU professor of communications arts/public relations with the Tom Poling Practitioner of the Year award.



Megan May, left, accepts award from Central Ohio PRSA President Julie Theado.

ONU Teams Win Men's and Women's OAC All-Sports Trophies

The Ohio Northern men's and women's teams swept the Ohio Athletic Conference All-Sports Trophies for the second consecutive year.

Ohio Northern is the first school in OAC history to receive the two titles in back-to-back years and is only the second school in the history of the OAC to win both the men's and women's titles in the same year.

The Polar Bears won their third consecutive men's All-Sports title and their fifth overall on the strength of championships in swimming and diving, indoor track and field, cross country and tennis.

Ten of ONU's 11 men's sports posted upper-division finishes in the 10-team OAC and all 11 finished in sixth place or higher.

Ohio Northern amassed an impressive 83 points out of a possible 101 points to easily out-distance second place Mount Union and Heidelberg at 70.50 points.

ONU also won the Men's All-Sports Trophy in 1999-2000 and 1994-95.

The Lady Polar Bears won their second consecutive title and their third overall by scoring 79.75 points out of a possible 94 points.

Ohio Northern won the OAC title in volleyball, women's soccer and had upper division finishes in all of the 10 women's sports, with no sport finishing lower than fourth.

The Lady Polar Bears also won the 1996-97 All-Sports Trophy title.

The Men's All-Sports Trophy has been awarded every year since 1960-61 and the Women's All-Sports Trophy has been awarded annually since the 1984-85 athletic season.



Employee Appreciation Picnic! Thursday May 22

11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
McIntosh Parking Lot
(directly behind Presser Hall)

Hamburgers, Brats, Baked Beans, Potato Salad,
Watermelon, Cookies and Ice Cream
Catered by Old Barn Out Back

Tour Weber Hall!

No R.S.V.P. required!



Northern Events May 22 - June 4

Campus Events

May 22

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Employee Appreciation Picnic, McIntosh Parking Lot

7:00 p.m., Ada High School Baccalaureate Service, English Chapel

May 26

MEMORIAL DAY

May 27

First session of Undergraduate Summer School Begins

Law Summer Session Begin

May 30

8:00 a.m., Alumni Weekend honoring Class of 1958

May 31

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June 1

8:00 a.m., Alumni Weekend honoring Class of 1958

11:00 a.m., Eighth Annual Robby Golf Classic, Colonial Golfers Club

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: <http://www.onu.edu/pplant/> for web cam views.

Athletics

May 22

Noon, Outdoor Track and Field NCAA III Championships at Oshkosh, Wis.

May 23

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May 24

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For more events, go to:

www-new.onu.edu/event