



Two Alumni Contribute More than \$4 Million to ONU

Ohio Northern University has received more than \$4 million from alumni estate contributions.

The estate of Dr. Anthony and Doris Martin provides more than \$2.5 million for the benefit of the existing Dr. Anthony J. and Doris E. Martin Pre-Medical Student Scholarship Fund. The University additionally received \$1.5 million from the estate of Dwight L. Carhart for the benefit of the Pettit College of Law and to establish the Fred L. Carhart Memorial Program in Legal Ethics.

Dr. Martin, BA '31, who died in March 1997, lived and ran his medical practice in Atlanta, Ga. His wife, Doris, was also an active supporter of the university until her death in 2005.

Since its installment in 1986, the Martin Scholarship has benefited numerous Northern students.

As evident in their wishes, it was the goal of Dr. and Mrs. Martin to provide quality education. "We desire to establish this fund in the hope that it will assist Ohio Northern University in making the finest pre-medical education possible available to capable and deserving students."

Partnership South Africa Pairs ONU with Rural South African School

Three ONU representatives, Sandra Crosser, Ph.D., professor of education; Diana Garver, Ph.D., assistant professor of education; and Nathan Oliver, online instructional course design specialist, will be traveling to South Africa Aug 3-18, in the first exchange of a new program, Partnership South Africa.

They will visit the public schools in Lephisi Village, a rural area which has about 1200 students in high school and primary school. They will have three laptop computers for teacher training, which will be donated to the Lephisi schools, plus books and lightweight school supplies such as pencils, pens, paper and post-it notes.

School administrators have indicated their schools need food for the students, training in technology, training in child development, teacher professional development and books.

The ONU Department of Education, with support from Ohio Northern University, the Ada Rotary Club, Rotary International and local individuals have initiated an ongoing partnership with the public schools in Lephisi to address these needs.

In addition to teacher training in technology, the ONU representatives plan to work with school personnel to develop needs assessments and plans for future exchanges.

For more information, contact Diana Garver at d-garver@onu.edu.

Dwight Carhart, JD '47, wished to implement the legal ethics program to increase ethical training for lawyers. The program is named for his father, Fred, BS 1902, who practiced law in Marion, Ohio. Fred Carhart died in 1948. Both father and son were life-long lawyers.

Originally from Marion, Ohio, Dwight Carhart was a legal counsel for General Electric, and lived in Hendersonville, N.C., with his wife, Ruth. He passed away in December 2005.

The Fred L. Carhart Memorial Program in Legal Ethics will support annual lectures by nationally known authorities on legal ethics for the benefit of students, the law school community, and the general public.

Congratulations!

Khalid Al-Olimat, Ph.D., P.E., associate professor of electrical and computer engineering has presented a paper titled "Induction Motor Speed Control via Fuzzy Logic Modification of Reference Model" at the IEEE Power Engineering General Meeting in Tampa, Fla., June 24-27, 2007.

Christine Cole, director of institutional research, has been awarded the Esther Edwards Graduate Award for the 2007-08 academic year. Presentation of the \$5,000 scholarship from the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church, will take place at the board's general meeting, Aug. 24 in Nashville, Tenn.

Cole is enrolled at Capella University where she is seeking a Ph.D. in education with a specialization in leadership for higher education. Her dissertation will study the relationship between coping and self-efficacy in college student retention.

ONU In the News...

Victor Streib, professor of law, is quoted in two recent newspaper articles on women and the death penalty.

In the July 16 issue of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette the article is <http://tinyurl.com/2gomec> and in the July 15 Vindy.com edition of the Youngstown Vindicator the link is <http://tinyurl.com/2cz2ow>.

The gift of \$3 million from the Eugene Beeler estate was reported in the June 15 issue of the Toledo Blade and in the July 13 issue of the Chronicle of Higher Education.

International Services Coordinator

Eron Memaj has joined ONU as international services coordinator.

A graduate of the University of Akron, he holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration/international business and a master of science degree in higher education administration.

Before coming to ONU, he was a graduate assistant in the office of international programs at The University of Akron.

He has also been a public relations specialist for Sterling Jewelers, Inc., in Akron. Before beginning his education in Akron, Memaj was a translator/interpreter in Tirana, Albania. In addition to English, he speaks Albanian, Italian, German and Spanish.



Administrative Assistant Law Admissions

S. Michelle Hall is the new advanced administrative assistant in law admissions.

She holds an associate of arts degree from The Ohio State University and a bachelor of arts degree in communications from Palm Beach Atlantic University.

Prior to coming to ONU, she was an administrative assistant for Manpower in Lima, Ohio.

Originally from Ada, she held several administrative assistant and public relations positions in Florida before returning to Ada to care for her mother.



Update from AICUO

From:
C. Todd Jones
President
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On Saturday, June 30, Governor Strickland signed Ohio's 2007-2009 budget bill into law. With that action, the Student Choice Program will remain a residency-based program, open to any Ohio student interested in attending an Ohio independent college. Although the criteria are the same as in the past, the amount granted will be lower. With the current appropriated funding level, each student recipient will receive approximately \$650 instead of \$900 per year.

Without the assistance from you and your friends and families, this victory would not have been possible. Gov. Strickland and his administration fought an active campaign to cut the Student Choice Grant program.

Legislators and the governor's staff were both surprised at the intensity of your resistance to their efforts. Many have noted that without the strong grassroots push, the Student Choice Grant would have joined the numerous programs that were cut by Gov. Strickland and not refunded—even in reduced form—by the legislature. As you know, the budget also includes a new \$50 million program to further STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) studies in Ohio called the Choose Ohio First program.

With the assistance of the Strickland administration, the Ohio Senate developed a program that would have largely excluded most independent college students from the program, by excluding their



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campuses from applying directly for pools of scholarship funds. Ultimately, the House and Senate compromised on language that will permit public institutions to apply alone for the scholarship pools or to apply with partners such as independent colleges and private corporations. Independent colleges will be allowed to seek funds only if they partner with public colleges and universities. Choose Ohio First scholarship amounts will be anywhere from \$1,500 to \$5,000 and will be available starting in school year 2008-2009. While the program clearly disadvantages independent colleges and their students, the fact that increased participation was secured in the final agreement testifies to the last minute efforts of Save Student Choice champions.

We are certain that this policy battle did not end with the signing of this budget. In the course of the fight over the Student Choice Grant, Strickland administration officials have made thinly veiled references to eliminating the independent college supplement for Ohio's second student-based aid program, the Ohio College Opportunity Grant. They have also reaffirmed on multiple occasions this administration's current intention to seek cuts to the Student Choice Grant in the future. In the next few months, the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio will continue its efforts to protect state funds for independent college students, and we hope that you will join us again in that effort.

This fall and next spring we will again host Student Lobby Day at the Ohio Statehouse to push legislators to target any increased tax revenues in 2008 into the Student Choice Grant program, returning the grant to \$900 for next year. When our students, faculty, and campus leaders work together, we can make a real impact on state policy. Again, thank you for all of your efforts during the Save Student Choice campaign.