



ONU Featured in The Princeton Review's 'The Best 371 Colleges'

Ohio Northern University is once again featured as one of the nation's top schools in The Princeton Review's annual college guide, "The Best 371 Colleges: 2010 Edition."

The rankings in the 2010 edition are based on The Princeton Review's survey of 122,000 students at the 371 colleges in the book. The lists report the top-ranked colleges in more than 62 categories, covering topics from academics and financial aid to aspects of college life.

Karen Condeni, vice president and dean of enrollment said, "We are pleased that this student survey again places ONU among these best colleges in the country. This is reflective of the quality of our programs and the appreciation our students have for excellence. The overall ONU educational experience is evaluated, so this is a very positive recognition."

ONU students were interviewed about the quality of the University's academics and campus life. ONU students state that they "get involved in major-related activities as soon as they arrive

on campus. This is much harder to do at a larger school. The opportunities [at Northern] are endless."

Comments about the student body say that students are "usually really dedicated to something and have a strong passion for it. It could be politics, music, sports, religion or anything." They are typically "involved with some organization. Everyone seems to find something they are good at or interested in, whether it's a club, sports or Greek life or all three."

Summer Honors Institute Goes On Despite Funding Loss

This year's Summer Honors Institute brought approximately 170 gifted and talented high school students to ONU's campus to explore possible career choices in fields as varied as crime scene investigation and entrepreneurship.

But the state-funded program almost didn't happen. Just days before the first camp was to begin, Ohio legislators passed a budget that cut funding for the statewide program. Many colleges and universities cancelled or scaled back their camps.

Dr. Dennis DeLuca, ONU's coordinator for the Summer Honors Institute, says 12 of the 14 scheduled ONU camps were held because ONU faculty members volunteered their time and the University waived housing fees for the participants.

"It was all because the faculty was willing to give up their pay and donate their time to work with these gifted and talented students," he said.

Dr. Kendall L. Baker, ONU president, adds, "We are incredibly proud of our faculty and thank them enormously for the extraordinary contribution they made to this program."

Get the ONU Look at Walmart

Official Ohio Northern University merchandise is now available at local Walmart stores.



As the result of a recently signed licensing agreement, Walmart will be offering t-shirts and other types of apparel with the ONU logo.

Dr. Robert W. Ruble, vice president for financial affairs, explains that through the licensing agreement, ONU assures the appropriate use of its logo, while receiving a

modest return for each piece of merchandise sold.

He adds that a supplier for the local Walmart contacted the University for permission to produce logo merchandise because customers had been looking for the items.



Summer Away From Campus



During this year's biological sciences summer field study trip, June 16-30, eight ONU students and four adults, including faculty and recent graduates, got a close look at the flora and fauna of Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands. Dr. Brian Keas, associate professor of biology, coordinated the trip. See more at: <http://www2.onu.edu/~bkeas/ONUGalaTrip.html>



Jeffrey Allison, professor of pharmacy practice, and six sixth-year pharmacy students took their skills to San Salvador, El Salvador. Traveling with physicians and medical students from Ohio University, the group was hosted by a Christian mission group called CEDIENFA and provided medical care to the poorest of the poor in ghettos in and around San Salvador. This is a new international option for clinical rotations for pharmacy students.



The Hanyang Summer Program sent eight ONU students and Dr. David Smith, associate professor of geography, to Seoul, South Korea, and Xi'An, China, for study and cultural exploration. Here students model regal Korean garb during a visit to Gyeongbokgung Palace. For more insights into the program, check out Smith's blog at: <http://davidsmith844.blogspot.com/>

To Attend Conference

Lee Ann Hall, director of business services and risk management, is one of six members of the University Risk Management & Insurance Association (URMIA) selected for of the association's 2009 Annual Conference Scholarship Program.

The scholarship program provides educational opportunities for higher education risk management professionals by providing financial support for their participation at URMIA's 40th Annual Conference in Nashville, Tenn., on Sept 12-16.

The University Risk Management and Insurance Association is an international nonprofit educational association serving colleges and universities. Its core purpose is to promote the advancement and application of effective risk management principles and practices in institutions of higher education. URMIA represents over 1,350 individuals at over 525 institutions of higher education with members ranging from small schools and community colleges to the 50 largest U.S. institutions. Also represented are over 100 affiliate members.

Teaching Awards

Congratulations to the following faculty members in the College of Arts & Sciences. They have been awarded the Student Advisory Board's Outstanding Teaching Faculty Awards.

Art & Graphic Design – Brit Rowe
Biological & Allied Health Sciences – Dennis De Luca
Chemistry & Biochemistry – Teyve Celius
Communication Arts – Steve Iseman
Education – John Berg
English – Margot Cullen
History, Politics & Justice – Rob Alexander
Human Performance & Sport Science – Brian Hofman
Mathematics & Statistics – Harold Putt
Modern Languages – Roseanna Dufault
Music – Sarah Waters
Philosophy & Religion – Forrest Clingerman
Physics & Astronomy – Mellita Caragiu
Psychology & Sociology – Kristie Payment
Technological Studies – Rich Miller

Helmer Appointed to American Bar Association Committee

Elena Helmer, professor of law, has been appointed vice chair of the American Bar Association Section of International Law International Anti-Corruption Committee.

Helmer specializes in the areas of private international law, dispute resolution and anti-corruption. She also teaches in the LLM Program in Democratic Governance and the Rule of Law. Helmer graduated from Kazakh State University School of Law and Yale Law School and is a member of the American Bar Association and the Ohio State Bar Association.

The ABA Section of International Law has more than 20,000 members in 90 countries. It seeks to promote the development of interest, activity and research in international and comparative law; to promote knowledge and formulate professional opinion of international law among members of the legal profession and others; to promote professional relationships with lawyers similarly engaged in foreign countries; and to advance the rule of law in the world. The Section has numerous task forces and more than 60 regional and special-interest committees.

The American Bar Association is the largest voluntary professional membership organization in the world. The ABA works to improve the administration of justice, promotes programs that assist lawyers and judges in their work, accredits law schools, provides continuing legal education, and works to build public understanding around the world of the importance of the rule of law.

Annual Pharmacy Lecture to Honor Albert Sebok

The Raabe College of Pharmacy has established the Sebok Pharmacy Lecture, an endowed annual lecture that will bring leaders of the pharmacy profession to speak at ONU.

The Sebok Pharmacy Lecture is named after Dr. Albert A. Sebok, a 1953 graduate of the College of Pharmacy and one of its most distinguished alumni.

Sebok served as an original member of ONU's Pharmacy Advisory Board and has maintained a relationship with the University for more than 50 years. For the past 17 years, he has taught the Contemporary Pharmacy Practice course at ONU. Sebok also enjoyed a long career at Revco Drug Stores, where he served as vice president of operations for the largest drug chain in America. He was honored in 1991 with the NACDS Pratt Award, which recognized his leadership in chain drug pharmacy.

"It's a real honor for our college to initiate the Sebok Pharmacy Lecture during our college's 125th anniversary," said Dr. Jon E. Sprague, professor of pharmacology and dean of the College of Pharmacy. "Dr. Sebok's dedication, service and leadership to our college and the profession of pharmacy inspire us all. The Sebok Pharmacy Lecture will provide valuable insight to our current and future pharmacy students as they learn the profession and develop their leadership skills."

Steven Anderson, CEO of the National Association of Chain Drug Stores, will kick off the lecture series on Jan. 19, 2010, as part of the college's 125th anniversary celebration.

'Express Treats' Serves Up Satisfaction and Ice Cream

ONU's "Express Treats" robotic ice cream machine has been serving ice cream treats around Ohio during August, including dishing up free ice cream for 1,500 people at the 2009 Ohio State Fair. Express Treats was designed and built by ONU faculty and recent graduates as the first product in their start-up company, Interactive Robots. It serves food in a way that is both fast and entertaining. In September 2008, students in the department of technological studies built the prototype for the system, and since then, the design has become more complex, incorporating an ice cream blender to mix in candy toppings.



Those instrumental in the design and production of the robot were Adam Stienecker, assistant professor of technological studies and director of the ONU Robotics Center of Excellence; Rich Miller, visiting instructor in technological studies; and recent ONU graduates Johnathan Rankin, Jacob Ryan, Scott Nemeth and Cody Grieshop.

"Due to its close ties with the Robotics Center of Excellence in the department of technological studies at Ohio Northern University, this new company will not only benefit those involved, but it will also provide research opportunities and experiential learning opportunities for future students in the department," Stienecker said.



The project has opened new doors and opportunities for the ONU technology students who worked on the robot and will provide a solid foundation for incoming students who want to work on similar concepts.

Rankin said, "I have not only benefited in furthering my education after graduation, but have

also taken an opportunity to do something risky early in my career. I have always dreamed of being a part of a start-up company in the early stages of a brand new industry, and ONU and hard work on my part have made this possible for me and my colleagues at Interactive Robotics."

To see a video of Express Treats in action, go to www-new.onu.edu/node/21104

Opening Activities 2009-10 Academic Year

Tuesday, Sept. 1 New Faculty Orientation

8:30 a.m. Coffee and donuts (Business College Atrium)

9:00 a.m. University Mission and Vision: Faculty Roles and Expectations (Dicke Forum)

Panel Discussion

Dr. Forrest Clingerman, Assistant Professor, Religion

Dr. Robert Kleine, III, Associate Professor, Marketing

Dr. Khalid Al-Olimat, Associate Professor, Electrical Engineering

Dr. David Kisor, Professor, Pharmacokinetics

Dr. Tena Roepke, Associate Professor, Mathematics

10:30 a.m. Teaching Resources and Support (Engineering College Science Annex, Rm. 210)

Mr. Nathan Oliver, Online Instructional Course Design

Ms. Heather Caprette, Online Instructional Course Design

Ms. Rachel Rader, Mathematics Specialist

Dr. Melanie Caw-Woods, Director of Communication Skills Center

Dr. Jill Christopher, Associate Professor of Accounting (Master Teacher Program)

Noon Lunch (Pharmacy Student Lounge)

12:45 p.m. Student Activities (Pharmacy Student Lounge)

Student Senate President – Michael Hamper

Inter-Fraternity Council President – Axel Brandt

Student Planning Council – Levi Good

Student Athlete Advisory Council – Courtney Zupancic

1:30 p.m. Research and Scholarship Resources and Support (College of Law, Hanson Reading Room)

Professor Paul Logsdon, Director Heterick Library

Dr. Nancy Armstrong, Director Taggart Law Library

Ms. Rebecca Watercutter, Coordinator of Proposal Development

Dr. Jason Pinkney, Associate Professor of Physics

2:30 p.m. University Community: Service and Activity (Freed Center, Rm. 131)

Dr. Sunny Zank, University Council Chair

Ms. Catriona Macphie, Director, Freed Center

Mr. Tom Simmons, Director of Athletics

Dr. Scott Swanson, Associate Professor of Exercise Physiology

4:00 p.m. Campus Tour (Freed Center Lobby)

Ms. Ann Donnelly – Director of Alumni Affairs and Campaign Manager

Wednesday, Sept. 2

Morning: Law classes rescheduled

8:30 a.m. Coffee, tea and cookies available (Freed Center)

9:00 a.m. Opening Session for University Community – President Kendall L. Baker (Freed Center)

10:30 a.m. Organizational Meeting – University Faculty (Freed Center)

11:15 a.m. University Council Organizational Meeting – Dr. Sunny Zank, Chair – Freed Center

11:30 a.m. Organizational Meetings, University Governance Committees (Freed Center)

Locations:

Personnel – PAC 131

Student Activities – PAC 132

Promotion & Tenure Appeals – PAC 111, Green Room

Review Committee on Dismissal of Faculty – PAC 133

Hearing Committee on Dismissal of Faculty – PAC 129

11:40 a.m. Organizational Meetings, University Governance Committees (Freed Center)

Locations:

Budget and Appropriations – PAC 131

Academic Affairs – PAC 132

Grievance Committee – PAC 133

Committee on Academic Conduct – PAC 129

1:30 – 4:30 p.m. University Faculty Development – Marketing for Becoming ONU (McIntosh Ballroom)

Thursday, September 3

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. College Faculty Development Sessions

Friday, September 4

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. College Faculty Development Activities

Saturday, September 5

Morning: New undergraduate students arrive

5:00 p.m. Picnic for new undergraduate students, new transfer students and new commuter students

Sunday, September 6

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. College and Department Orientation for New Undergraduate Students (To be announced by colleges)

Tuesday, September 8

8:00 a.m. Undergraduate classes begin

8:00 – noon Registration and add-drop for all students (Ballroom) Deans, department chairs or representatives present

1:30 – 5:00 p.m. Registration and add-drop for all students – (Registrar's Office) Deans, department chairs or representatives present

Update Your Photo

Now is the time to update your photo for the annual Who's Who listing of full-time ONU faculty and staff, including employees of The Inn, Barnes & Noble and Sodexo.

Photos will be taken from 9 to 11:30 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 13, in the Office of Communications and Marketing photo studio on the second floor of Lher Memorial. Ask for directions at the front desk of the Office of Development on the second floor. No appointment is necessary.

To schedule another time for your photo, contact Levi Good in the Office of Human Resources at ext. 2013.

The Inn Offers Special Events

Check out the next wine tasting at The Inn on Sept. 3. The event, limited to 30 participants, will feature Italian wines.

In addition, the "Cool Rates on Hot Dates" summer special will continue through Aug. 31. Just Jazz Inn also continues on Friday evenings, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

For all specials, check The Inn's web site at www-new.onu.edu/community/inn_ohio_northern_university or call 419-772-2500.