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From Your Alumni Office

It's hard to believe that the fall semester has ended, and the Christmas season is upon us. If you didn't get a chance to join us for the Christmas Tree lighting last week, please drive by the campus and take in the lights and decorations. They are spectacular!

Spring semester brings new events for our alumni. Save the date February 7th. Our office will be hosting an event at Whole Foods called "Think Local, Eat Local". In March we will be hosting Colors and Bottles, Part 2. For those of you who like to run, ODU will host its 1st 5K run in April.

We are also in the process of researching international travel for our alumni in 2014, so stay tuned.

For the first time, ODU conducted its first automated phonathon. The student callers were able to call more alumni and as a result surpassed their fall phonathon goal. We are so pleased with the callers and our new system and want to thank all who answered their calls. Your annual fund gifts mean so much to the students and their ODU education. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

If you didn't get to speak to one of our students this past month, please consider making an contribution to the Ohio Dominican Fund as you consider end-of-year contributions for tax purposes. No gift is too large or too small; every single one

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adds up to make a difference in the lives of the students we are privileged to educate and serve.

We hope that your holidays are filled with the happiness of being with those you love, peace-filled moments of reflection and the satisfaction of doing something good for others.

Happy and blessed holidays to you and yours,

Ann and Kelsey

Ann & Kelsey

**Christmas Tree
Lighting
Ceremony: Fun
for the whole
family!**

Dozens of families, friends and children gathered on campus for the yearly tradition of the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony.

Lessons and carols were led in the chapel to help encourage the Christmas spirit. There was singing and joy to warm the hearts and souls of the attendees.



Father Scott Steinkerchner gave a beautiful blessing of the crèche while the ODU Marching Band played favorite Christmas carols.

Over in the Griffin Student Center, Santa came for a special visit and brought candy canes for all of the children. His elves were on hand to assist with crafts and the children made their own unique ornaments to take home.



**Alumni Event:
Brunch and
Tour of Annie
Leibovitz
exhibit at The
Wexner Center
for the Arts**

A group of art-loving alumni met to view one of the most well-attended exhibitions at the Wexner Center for the Arts: the Annie Leibovitz exhibit.



You may be unfamiliar with the Annie Leibovitz name, but you would certainly recognize her work. Having gotten her start with Rolling Stone magazine, and photographed hundreds of celebrities, Leibovitz has created some of the most iconic images of the last 40 years.

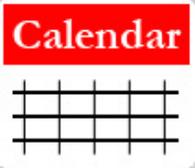


A delightful brunch of local, seasonal favorites at Heirloom Café preceded the tour.

The Annie Leibovitz exhibit will continue through December 30 at the Wexner Center for the Arts. This is your only chance to view her Master Collection and we encourage you to take a tour soon.



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**Curtin to
Address Ohio
Dominican
University
Winter
Commencement**



Michael Curtin, former President, Chief Operating Officer, and Vice Chairman of the Dispatch Printing Company, and Ohio representative-elect, will deliver the commencement address.

In November 2012, Curtin was elected as a Democrat to represent Ohio's 17th District in the Ohio House of Representatives. Curtin retired from the Dispatch Printing Company in 2007 after 38 years. He began his career with The Dispatch in 1973 as a general assignment reporter. He spent the next 18 years covering state and local government, public policy, and politics. Curtin has served on a variety of boards, including those of Ohio Dominican University, the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, the Ohio Newspaper Association, the Mount Carmel Health System, the YMCA of Central Ohio, the Columbus Metropolitan Library Foundation, the Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Columbus, and Prevent Blindness Ohio.



From all of us, we wish to extend a heartfelt thank you for all of the alumni, parents and friends who answered the call of the Fall Phonathon. The university is extremely appreciative of your time and generosity this time of year.

The funds raised through the Phonathon are designated to the most pressing need at Ohio Dominican, student scholarships. The students also campaigned to raise funds for the renovation of the "Little Theater" also known as the Matesich Theater located on the second floor of Erskine Hall. The funds will be used to restore the theater to its original beauty.

Thanks again for speaking to our student callers. We are truly grateful for wonderful supporters like you!

Division of Business Upcoming Seminars

The Ohio Dominican University Division of Business has concluded its lecture and seminar series for 2012. Be sure to mark your calendar and join us for the up-coming events planned. They are not to be missed!

February 13, 2013
Tom Harvey
6:00-8:00 p.m.
Bishop Griffin Student Center
Rooms 258-260

April 23, 2013
Investment Seminar
6:00-7:00 p.m.
Bishop Griffin Student Center
Rooms 259, 260

Scarf Fundraiser to Support The Parents Fund

Alumni! Support the Parent's Campaign and show your ODU spirit by purchasing a soft fleece scarf for yourself or your loved ones this holiday season. With 2 styles to choose from, you'll find they make the perfect gift or stocking stuffer for anyone on your list. A portion of the proceeds supports the Ohio Dominican Fund.

We will ship your items for free! Order online at:



<http://alumni.ohiodominican.edu/store/>

While supplies last. Be sure to order yours today!

LEAD Open House

Are you considering furthering your education in order to advance your skills and become more marketable in today's job world? Bring yourself and your questions over to Ohio Dominican to learn more about our LEAD program. We can show you how the LEAD program works to ensure your success and makes achieving your degree more manageable.

**December 6, 2012
6:00 p.m.**

**LEAD Building
2600 Airport Drive
Columbus, OH 43219
Room 105**

[RSVP here](#)

St. Thomas Aquinas Day Celebration



The annual Thomas Aquinas Convocation will take place in the Matesich Theater on January 24, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. and will be followed by Liturgy in Christ the King Chapel.

Fr. Thomas O'Meara, O.P., will speak on "Vast Universe: Extraterrestrials and Christian Revelation". Fr. O'Meara is an eminent Dominican priest who did his doctoral studies in Munich, Germany. He taught at the Aquinas Institute from 1966 to 1979 and at the University of Notre Dame from 1981 to 2003. He continues to teach part-time at Notre Dame, Loyola University (Chicago), the Catholic Theological Union (Chicago), the University of San Diego and Boston College.

Fr. O'Meara's topic sets to feed the community with theological ideas, sparking interest in the connections to philosophy, science, life and rigorous academics.



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