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## From Your Alumni Office

Spring is here, reminding us of many of life's new beginnings. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to our soon-to-be alumni, the graduates of the Class of 2008, whom we will welcome into the Alumni Association at the reception in their honor on May 15, prior to their May 17 commencement.

ODU is currently reviewing and planning for a *major* redesign of our [www.ohiodominican.edu](http://www.ohiodominican.edu) and myODU websites. We would like for you to participate in this project by providing us feedback using the following survey:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=7OZ9ybG40lQ5mykfFMkFPw\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=7OZ9ybG40lQ5mykfFMkFPw_3d_3d)

We also want to let you know that we will soon be introducing a new **ODU Alumni Community website!** Some of its features will include a directory, internal e-mail, event registration with online payments, calendar of events, photo gallery and more. This site will be phased in over the next several months. Check it often to see the progress and stay informed of additions to the calendar.

Our first-ever **Dinner with 12 Strangers** was hosted by **Nancy Recchie '73** and co-hosted by **Cia McQuaide '72**, several weeks ago (pictured right). The "D12", as it's called, is a new program that promises to build and strengthen our ODU community. Alumni host a casual dinner or meal for up to 12 students and alumni to network and share their ODU ties, along with faculty and staff members. Everyone enjoyed this special time to make new friends – no longer strangers!



Our Alumni Association Council will meet May 31, here in Guzman House. The Council's Executive Committee members are: **Nancy Recchie '73, Reta Holden '65, Cia McQuaide '72; John Kelley '05**. One of the topics for discussion is the Alumni-Admissions Initiative, in which alumni will send personal notes to prospective students. Let us know if you'd like to join other alumni who participate in that activity or others involving current or incoming students.

Reunion is coming up fast, **June 20-22!** Special events have been planned, primarily geared to the St. Mary of the Springs alumnae who graduated in years ending in "3" or "5". ODC and ODU "3s" and "5s" are invited to Class Reunions and parties during **Homecoming, September 26-28**.

Please also save the dates for our summer send-off family picnics: **Columbus- July 22** on campus and **Cleveland- July 24** at Cuyahoga National Park. Watch for details, but please save the date to have your family join your ODU family and **meet our new president and first lady, Brian and Judy Nedwek!**



Last, but certainly not least, please join us in congratulating ODU's Baseball Coach, **Paul Page** (pictured left), who earned his 800<sup>th</sup> career victory on April 27. Paul has been inspiring, motivating and mentoring Ohio Dominican students since 1987. We wish him continued success.

Happy Spring, everyone!

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May 2008

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events:

**Tonight, May 7, 2008**  
Presidential Lecture Series presents: Ray Suarez, 7:30 pm, Matesich Theatre

**May 9, 2008**  
Keep Columbus Beautiful: Community Clean-Up, 2:15 - 4:30 pm, meet at Guzman House

**May 15, 2008**  
New Alumni Welcome Reception, immediately following 5:00 rehearsal

**May 17, 2008**  
Baccalaureate, 8:30 am in Matesich Theatre

Spring Commencement, 10:30 am on the Oval

**May 20, 2008**  
Masters of Arts in Theology Information Session, 6:00 - 7:00, ER 301

**June 20 - 22, 2008**  
Reunion Weekend 2008, St. Mary of the Springs graduates, years ending in 3's and 8's

**July 17, 2008**  
Alumni Happy Hour

**July 22, 2008**  
Columbus-Area Summer Send-Off Family Picnic, Ohio Dominican University Campus, details tba

**July 24, 2008**  
Cleveland-Area Summer Send-Off Family Picnic, Cuyahoga National Park, details tba

**September 26 -27, 2008**  
Homecoming Weekend

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**Clothing, Food, and School Supply Drive  
May 9 - 16, 2008**

Join our ODU students and Campus Ministry to donate clothing, food, and school supplies for others in need. Bring your clean items and non-perishable food to Guzman House, Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

Items collected will be donated St. Stephen's Community Center, JOIN, and the YWCA.

For more information, contact the Alumni Relations Office at 614-251-4608.

**Masters of Arts in Theology Information Session**

Graduate Admissions is hosting an information session for the Masters of Arts in Theology program on Tuesday, May 20, from 6:00-7:00 pm in ER 301.

To register, please contact the Graduate Admissions office at 251-4725.

*Leave a Legacy*

Some people find that they can make a larger gift to Ohio Dominican upon their death than they could have during their lifetime. If you have ever considered a bequest to ODU through your Will and would like to discuss this possibility, please contact Dave VanWassenhove, Director of Gift Planning, at 614-251-4643 or [vanwassd@ohiodominican.edu](mailto:vanwassd@ohiodominican.edu).

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*Class Notes* (received as of May 2008)

data tracking for Disney Destinations' Guest interfacing desktop application, DisneyLink.

**In Memoriam**

**Kathleen Ann Flood Wharton '49**, April 29, 2008.

**Sr. Rita Ann Masse, O.P. '53**, April 16, 2008, sister of **Sr. Rita Agnes Masse, O.P. '53**.

**Sr. Teresita Watson, O.P. '60**, April 30, 2008.

**In Memoriam continued**

**Matteo A. Tullio Agriesti '67**, March 29, 2008.

**John Havens '70**, April 22, 2008, husband of **Mary Holdgrave Havens '70**.

**Sr. Helen Theresa Winters, O.P. '75**, April 21, 2008.

**New Arrivals**

Matlyn Julianna Snider, February 18, 2008, to Melissa Snider and **Chad Snider '97**. Matlyn joins big sister Allison (pictured below).

**ODU on the Web:**

- Alumni Update Form**
- ODU Magazine**
- Alumni Services**
- Make an Online Gift**
- Contact Alumni Office**
- ODU News**
- Panther Sports**
- LEAD Program**
- Campus Ministry**
- Center for Dominican Studies**

**Martin de Porres Center Events**

**Stay Current**

To keep your information up-to-date with the Alumni Office, please complete our quick and easy [online update form](#). By doing so, you will continue to receive all the latest ODU news and updates. MAKE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS.

**Mass in Christ the King Chapel: 2008 Spring Semester while classes are in session:**

- Sundays - 7:00 pm
- Monday - Friday - noon
- Wednesdays - 9:30 pm



Randin William Gilg, II, March 18, 2008,  
to **Gracie Strait Gilg '05** and Randin  
Gilg.

Dominic McNamer, March 29, 2008, to  
**Sarah Wadas McNamer '05** and **Michael  
McNamer '05**.

*We would love to hear from you! Please let us know about  
your job, family, whatever news you would like to share.  
Feel free to send a photo, too.*