

Greetings Fellow ONU Alumni!

I'm sure as many of you have fond memories of Ohio Northern University as I do, and there isn't a long amount of time that passes that you don't take a moment to reflect on your times as a student at ONU. My time at ONU was spending many hours at the Freed Center for classes in the Broadcasting Communications Department working towards my Bachelors of Arts in Communications, Broadcasting and Electronic Media. From classes to working shifts at WONB 94.9 and a weekly News show on Tuesdays at ONU Cable 3, grabbing dinner at the cafeteria and going back to the station was nothing short of usual. Being a Manager for ONU Cable 3 and being a DJ at WONB may have taken up a good portion of time at ONU, my involvement in the many areas of my major was just a small part of my time on campus.

I sometimes I look back at my time on campus with a feeling like I took the campus by storm. I was a Diver on the Swimming and Diving team, a part of Chapel Band; involved in Kappa Phi Christian Women's Club, Alpha Xi Delta sorority, Habitat for Humanity, Students United in Faith and Circle K. I was Program Director for the English Chapel, hung out with my friends and a student with classes. Sometimes I think that's how I manage to still stay busy in my current place in life because at ONU, I learned I never want a dull moment in life. ONU taught me balance between work and play, though the play part is still a little bit more fun.

My fond memories of ONU are not the classes or the groups I was involved in or the jobs I had; they lie with the people who I met that forever became family and still today know me the best. They were there for my accomplishments, the many laughs we shared and even the tears as we said good bye when we graduated. What I gained from ONU was not only an education, but a family that even today as thousands of miles separate us, I know that they are always a phone call away and ready for the call. I believe that the connection we gain living, studying and being involved in each other's lives while at ONU strengthened our bond as friends and family and helped us get through anything that life threw us and still throws us today.

I had an overwhelming amount of amazing experiences through my time at ONU and that is why today, I love serving on the ONU Alumni Board. It's a great way to continue to connect with fellow Polar Bears and make sure that years to come we all can continue to connect with one another and share our memories of our times on campus with future and past Polar Bears.

Today I may not make it back to campus as much as I would like, but living in Ada for four years made me realize how much I loved the small town community feelings. I reside in the panhandle of Nebraska with a short drive to Colorado or Wyoming in a town much like Ada. I believe my time at ONU really prepared me for where I am today, knowing what I want to do and to be fully involved in everything I do. I didn't want to just push through my experience at ONU, but to take every moment and make the best of it.

I want encourage each of you, to continue to be involved with ONU as an Alumnus. There are many programs you can help share your love and memories at ONU with prospective students through B.E.A.R.S with college fairs, letter writing to accepted students and many more. Get involved in Alumni clubs near you or work with the Alumni office to start a club. There are so many ways to stay connected and be involved with ONU you just have to take a step forward and get involved!

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