

**ONU? Ohio Northern University? Since I lived in Florida, I had never heard of it! Didn't know it existed! Then an alumni of ONU, whose daughter I dated in high school, contacted Ohio Northern and I received a scholarship to attend the University. Four years later, I graduated and became a teacher and coach in Lima, Ohio. Two years later, I visited the US Air Force recruiter. When he heard that I had graduated from Ohio Northern, he told me all I had to do was to pass a special visual exam and a flying physical exam to qualify for pilot training. When I told him I was a Physical Education major, he said it didn't matter because I had graduated from Ohio Northern University. I ended up flying jets and helicopters for 22 years, because an alumni of ONU cared enough to introduce me to the University. He only had to write one letter and make one phone call and he changed my whole life by getting me into Ohio Northern.**

**We, the alumni of ONU, are important, not only to the university, but especially to those high school students who want/need a little help for their higher education and ultimately their careers.**

**My wife, Gayle, and I give to both of our colleges by helping students financially and recommending our schools to students searching for a good education. Some people call it pay back, which it is. However, we also consider it helping someone in need. It's a great feeling! Try it, you'll like it.**



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