TRUE STORIES OF
OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY
GO SEEK
INTRODUCTION

HAVE YOU EVER **CO-AUTHORED** A RESEARCH PAPER WITH YOUR PROFESSOR?

**CROSSED PATHS** WITH A BLACK SWAN?

PLAYED A VOLLEYBALL GAME **COVERED IN MUD**?

**STUDIED SPECIMENS** IN THE GULF OF MEXICO?

**NO?** WELL, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
Welcome to Ohio Northern, where we pursue the undiscovered. Where no one knows you until, suddenly, everyone does. Welcome to the everyday magic of ONU.

Joining the community at Northern means choosing a special blend of phenomenal academics and a 150-year tradition of family. Here, involvement and camaraderie come with the small-town territory. And that territory – from the Tundra to the Green Monster – is truly what we make of it.
TOGETHER WE

ROAR

JUST THE FACTS
Our biggest point of pride is our graduates. Year after year, they prove that high-impact learning launches successful careers.

RANKINGS

- Midwest Regional College
  U.S. News & World Report, 2019
- Baccalaureate College
  Washington Monthly, 2018
- Named in Creative Colleges 2018
- Small Colleges in the Midwest
  The Wall Street Journal, 2017
- Listed in Best 384 Colleges by
  Princeton Review, 2019
- Christian College in Ohio
  Best Colleges in America, 2018

STUDENTS

- 75% of students are involved in student organizations
- 21% of students participate in at least one sport
- 13% of students participate in Greek life
- 10% of students participate in the performing arts
On a March afternoon in 1866, Henry Solomon Lehr stepped off a train and into Ada, Ohio. It was here that Lehr saw the potential of a small town to have a huge impact on the world by empowering students to achieve incredible things.

**You Know Who You Are**

For some, choosing where to go to college is about following the crowd. But Ohio Northern University students create their own experiences. Here, you’ll find a place that celebrates who you are. A place that invites you to dive past the surface to discover something new in yourself.

**Northern Tradition**

For us, tradition isn’t only about the past. It’s about our people, today and tomorrow, and the stories we author along the way. All of them speak of the strong friendships we build at ONU. Some traditions involve the black swans that live on our campus, good luck or bad, depending on who you talk to. (And, yes, there are ghosts. Some say in Presser Hall, and some say in Weber. But, either way, rest assured, they mostly keep to themselves.)

College is only four years. Relationships last a lifetime.

**Beginnings.**
POLAR PLUNGE
We’ve been known to brave temperatures in the teens to raise funds for charity during Delta Sigma Phi’s Polar Plunge.

SWEETHEART TRADITION
ONU draws together people who might not otherwise cross paths. Polar Bear sweethearts often get engaged at the pond and come back to campus to take their wedding photos.

PAINTING THE SPIRIT ROCK
It’s the way we express our Polar pride in support of events, clubs and organizations. #needmoreorange

FESTIVAL OF COLORS
We celebrate spring’s arrival with Holi, the Hindu Festival of Colors, a free-for-all frolic of throwing colored powder at each other. Sounds like fun, right?

POLAR BEAR KISSES
Studying is important, of course, but everyone knows the surest way to ace an exam is to kiss the nose of the polar bear in Dicke Hall.

KLONDIKE SPIRIT
We cheer each other on for absolutely everything. From game day to exam day, we have each other’s backs.
I know exactly what I want to do in college.

Well, maybe not...

Is it a great idea to major in Theatre AND Engineering?

Some things are just meant to be.

Should I at least try majoring in one?

Maybe I’d like to do something completely new.

Now I’m onto something.

You know what? I LOVE this.
THE ONU ADVANTAGE

Our oldest tradition is HIGH-IMPACT learning, which is learning by doing - through internships, community outreach, real-world competitive projects, in-depth research and more.

Through this experience, we learn to push ourselves beyond our goals and uncover new directions. ONU students graduate extra-prepared for our first jobs, and this helps us land great ones. But, more importantly, your experiences at ONU will show you how to turn that first job into the second and third, and how to shape your entire career into something uniquely stellar. Setting students up for success after graduation is one of the things we do best.

That’s why we consistently beat the national average for graduate placement. In fact, this year we’re ranked No.1 in Ohio and No. 3 in the country by Zippia.
SURPRISE YOURSELF.

Flexibility is a good thing. When we explore our interests, we increase our chances of success and satisfaction in our careers. With the individual attention, guidance and support that ONU’s low student-to-faculty ratio adds to the academic experience, we’re able to explore more, discover more and, ultimately, focus more on the direction that’s right for us.

Whether you’re already set on your program or completely unsure, we all get to where we’re going via Ohio Northern. You don’t have to know everything already. Here, you will learn something new every day.
FIVE COLLEGES
OF
DISTINCTION
AND
DISCOVERY
ALL WITH NATIONALLY RANKED PROGRAMS

MIGHTY FINE SPECIMENS
Studying specimens in the Gulf of Mexico during our field semester program.
**Dicke College of Business Administration**

- Five Majors, Eight Minors
- No. 1 in Ohio for Teaching Quality
- Students Mentored from Day One
- 98 Percent Placement Rate

**Getty College of Arts & Sciences**

- 6 Divisions
- 47 Majors Spanning Liberal and Fine Arts, Sciences, and Pre-Professional Programs
- Nationally Competitive Fellowships
- 92 Percent Placement Rate

**Small Town, Bright Lights**

With dozens of campus productions, performances, master classes, workshops and other events, our students have plenty of opportunities to indulge their creative passions.

**Pitch-Perfect**

Taking on the Polar Elevator Pitch challenge, ONU’s version of Shark Tank. Some of our genius ideas just might inspire long-term funding.
Sometimes, to follow our dreams, we must take the untrodden path. Here, we head off-road in search of solid design.

RAISE THE BAR
Logging high-impact hours with clients, providing pro bono legal services and building networks through ONU’s externship program.
MOVING THE NEEDLE
Our mobile health clinic hits the road with the health care team from the College of Pharmacy, bringing consultations and screenings to the community, free of charge.

PETTIT COLLEGE OF LAW
▷ 100 PERCENT PLACEMENT GUARANTEE FOR LEGAL CLINICS AND EXTERNSHIPS
▷ NAMED NO. 6 BEST LAW SCHOOL IN THE NATION FOR PRACTICAL TRAINING BY PRE LAW MAGAZINE
▷ LOWEST PRIVATE LAW SCHOOL TUITION IN THE MIDWEST

SMULL COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
▷ A TOP-30 UNDERGRADUATE ENGINEERING SCHOOL IN THE NATION
▷ 98 PERCENT PLACEMENT RATE
▷ 87 PERCENT PASSAGE RATE, FUNDAMENTALS OF ENGINEERING EXAM

RAABE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY
▷ 0-6 PROGRAM
▷ DIRECT-ENTRY PHARMACY SCHOOL EXPERIENCE
▷ MORE THAN 9,000 ONU ALUMNI HAVE GRADUATED INTO THE PROFESSION SINCE 1884
▷ 92 PERCENT PLACEMENT RATE

BATTLE OF THE BOTS
Here we are at the championship game, playing our rival, Notre Dame, in robotic football. Every year, Polar Bears collaborate to toast the competition, and the game keeps growing.
STORIES FROM OUR AMAZING ALUMNI ARCHIVES
College of Law
A pioneering member of Ohio’s legal system, the Hon. Jessica E. Price Smith, JD ’97, is the first African-American woman to be appointed to the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio. She also serves on multiple civic boards.

College of Arts & Sciences
Mary Beth Donahoe, BFA ’14, was a musical theatre and Spanish double major. A classic triple-threat, she can act, sing, dance – and also speak to fans in perfect Spanish. She recently took all of those skills on the road with a national tour of Disney’s Beauty and the Beast.

College of Engineering
Meet Bob Peterson, BSME ’83. After combining his interests at ONU, Bob became a successful animator and designer for Pixar, with two Oscar nominations for his work.

College of Pharmacy
Kelsey Rife, PharmD ’12, is board-certified in ambulatory care and works as a clinical pharmacist at Cleveland’s Louis Stokes VA Medical Center. She also runs a telemedicine practice, educating and treating patients at VA facilities throughout Ohio.

College of Arts & Sciences
In addition to being a tenured faculty member at Harvard Medical school, Carla (Bender) Kim, BS ’97, is conducting groundbreaking research at Boston Children’s Hospital’s Stem Cell Program. Her lab pioneered the use of stem cell biology to study lung cells and cancer, with the ultimate goal of understanding and improving lung disease and lung cancer outcomes.

College of Business Administration
Sheryl (Haushalter) Sopher, BSBA ’92, runs Robinson Fin Machines Inc. with her brothers, Mark and David Haushalter, BSBA ’92. Family businesses aren’t unusual. But a family business that turns aluminum and copper into products used in nuclear-class submarines, Formula 1® race cars and the International Space Station definitely is.
When it comes to life at Ohio Northern, words alone just won’t do. We’d love for you to visit in person, but in the meantime, we’re proud to present the next best thing: an opportunity to see Northern for yourself before you get here.

Come see our beautiful campus for yourself. It’s the only way to know if it feels right for you.

onia.edu/visit
EVERYTHING UNDER
THE SUN HAS NOT
YET BEEN DONE.

NOT QUITE LIKE YOU’LL DO IT, ANYWAY.
Art is work. Get your hands dirty.
We have the stage.

You have the swagger.
EVERYONE TELLS YOU TO REACH FOR THE STARS.

See what you’re made of in the lab during your sophomore year of nursing.

The night time is unite time.
HERE, YOU CAN ACTUALLY SEE THEM.
When you don’t know what to focus on, focus on inspiration.

Fire up the kiln. It’s time to learn from the experts.
A toast to friendship!
Who needs home cooking when you have Mongolian barbecue?

No matter how busy we get, moments of tranquility are always within sight.
PAVE THE WAY FOR A LIFE WITHOUT LIMITS.
When we surround ourselves with people from different backgrounds and cultures, we begin to see the world through a new lens. It’s a valuable perspective to gain in an increasingly connected world, and one that can help us understand not only others, but also ourselves. These four years of discovery are the perfect time to explore different cultures, meet people from different backgrounds and even have a life-changing study abroad experience. All of these things will make you stronger, more experienced and better prepared for the road ahead with a new global outlook.
EMBRACE THE UNFAMILIAR

It starts right here on campus. Attend a multicultural event. Make friends with an international student. Learn about Eastern philosophy. Start speaking Russian. The world beyond Ohio is a weird and wonderful place. Learning to navigate it, understand it, and most of all appreciate it, will set you up for a lifetime of embracing the new, exciting and unfamiliar things you encounter on your way.

DISCOVER THE UNKNOWN

Our students have traveled the world. They have explored both the well-traveled streets and unpaved paths of Costa Rica, Peru, Chile, Argentina, Ghana, South Africa, India, Greece, Finland, Denmark, Sweden, Ireland, England, Amsterdam, Spain, Germany, Italy, Austria, China, Taiwan, South Korea, Japan, New Zealand, Australia and more. Their collective advice, if you may be interested yourself? 100 percent do it.

DO SOMETHING DARING

Whether you’re studying species in Costa Rica, riding the waves in Bilbao or exploring the streets of an unfamiliar city, study abroad offers the opportunity to immerse yourself in new cultures, go on amazing adventures and make friends all over the world. Leaving the comfort of your home country can be a bit intimidating, but that is exactly why it is so rewarding.
SO, WHAT IS THERE TO DO IN
LONG ANSWER?

SHORT ANSWER? A LOT.

LONG ANSWER?

It's not only about being involved, It's about being together.
WELCOME FEST
FEEL OUT YOUR FUTURE
During Welcome Fest, ONU Student Senate brings together more than 150 organizations, local businesses and University offices to get new students acquainted with the possibilities on campus and beyond.

BUT WAIT, THERE’S MORE.
BE A FOUNDER

CRICKET AND JUSTICE FOR ALL

Pakistani exchange student Syeda Fatma studied criminal justice for four months at ONU. Since she aspires to be the first female lawyer in her city, and eventually a chief justice, she was very excited to learn hands-on about prison rehabilitation programs here in Ohio, which don’t exist in her home country.

Perhaps even more so, Syeda was excited to share her passion for cricket with the student community at Ohio Northern by founding our very first Cricket Club.

If it isn’t here yet, it’s only a matter of time. You might be the one to get it started.
FOR THE LOVE OF THE ROAR.
Three ONU students have been honored with the prestigious “Elite 90” award – founded by the NCAA to honor individuals who achieve both academic and athletic excellence at the highest level.

WHETHER you’re in the starting lineup or cheering on the Polar Bears from the stands, athletics are an exciting part of life at ONU. So why choose between passions? Going to a Division III school means you can continue to excel on the field and gain experience that will put you on a path to a lifetime of achievement.

FITNESS FOR ALL
The ONU Sports Center houses a state-of-the-art indoor track-and-field facility; a hardwood flex court; a 25-yard, six-lane swimming pool; a weight room; a fitness room; an athletic training room; a dance and exercise room; a wrestling room; a golf practice room; and an Esports facility.
The journey might seem like it’s over, but lasting relationships with professors and a robust alumni network mean that ONU always has our backs.
We learn a lot at Ohio Northern. How to kick back and have fun. How to dress for the occasion. How to give back to the community. Sometimes all at the same time.

Sure, we all come from different places. But one of the best things about Northern is that we can mix, mingle and absorb the beauty of other cultures – and we don’t always have to travel far to do it.

Our first year, we’re selected for one of our traditional residence halls by the Office of Residence Life. The following year, we can choose from many different campus housing options.

**FIRST-YEAR RESIDENCES:**
- Founders Hall
- Maglott Hall
- Park Hall
- Stambaugh Hall

The Dining Hall at McIntosh Center is open seven days a week for all-you-can-eat meals. Try making a smoothie with our Blender Bikes, which are pedal-powered smoothie machines.

Why wait until you graduate to make a difference? Each year, approximately 1,500 ONU students are engaged in about 50,000 hours of community service. Because, regardless of background, we make a positive impact.

Jump in as early as fall semester’s opening weekend and engage with the community through service.

We bond with our fellow Polar Bears over a good cause during this University-wide effort. These three hours of community service in Ada and beyond, held in the spring, honor our commitment to giving back.

Build homes for families who need them during the school year, and journey during spring break to other parts of the country to help out.

At ONU, we believe in developing your spirit as well as your mind. Across from Heterick Memorial Library, you’ll find the English Chapel, the epicenter for spirituality on campus for generations, open to all, regardless of religion.

Though Ohio Northern has been affiliated with the United Methodist Church since 1899, we support an active religious life for students of any religion, both on and off campus, that includes worship, fellowship, outreach and serving others.
MADE IN ADA.

With a population of a little more than 5,000, our small town’s friendly atmosphere and mellow scene keep us focused on what we love and want to achieve without distractions.

FIND IT IN ADA
- The historic Ada Theatre
- Norada Lanes
- Wilson Football Factory
- Harvest and Herb Festival
- Four-foot pizza
- Patriotic Pops Concert
- 178 sunny days a year

NFL FOOTBALLS
Ada is home to the birthplace of every NFL football. Ever. Made by the Wilson Sporting Goods factory.

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS
- Neil Armstrong Air and Space Museum
- Blaze of Lights Parade
- Colonial Golfers Club
- Flag City Balloon Festival
- Indian Lake State Park
- Mad River Mountain
- Ohio Caverns
- Suter’s Produce
STRONG SUPPORT

As ONU graduates, we have advantages.

▷ A strong liberal arts foundation prepares us for a wide range of jobs.

▷ The relationships we build with professors open professional doors.

▷ The experience we gain from learning experiences like internships and externships gives us a head start in the workplace.

▷ From offering to put in a good word, to offering spare rooms, our well-connected and widespread alumni network will do anything and everything to see fellow alumni succeed.

No matter which career awaits us, the staff in the Office of Polar Careers help us develop strategies to find internships and co-ops, seek professional employment, and enter graduate or professional schools.

*Did we mention that 94 percent job-placement rate yet?*
ACHIEVE YOUR DREAMS.

We believe that college is an investment in our future – and we have seen the highest returns in the entire state – but ONU’s supportive environment extends beyond academics:

99.6% of students, on average, receive financial aid

$48 MILLION in scholarships and grants awarded annually

FOR MORE FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION, VISIT: ONU.EDU/FINANCIAL_AID
Be sure to complete your FAFSA by March 1. 
*ONU’s code is 003089.*

You will need a completed application, high school transcript, and SAT or ACT scores to apply.

SEE IT. BELIEVE IT.

Set amidst rolling fields in a quiet countryside, our campus community is as close-knit as they come. Schedule a visit, and come see for yourself.

VISIT OR APPLY TODAY

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