

## **Over \$76,000 in Grants Received**

### Nursing

Otterbein recently received a grant of \$35,000 from the Health Resources and Services Administration to fund the fourth year of the Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship Grant. This grant increases the number of advanced practice nurses who provide health services to diverse under-served populations in rural counties in central and Appalachian Ohio.

### High School Mentoring

Otterbein received grants of \$13,600 from The Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges and \$8,000 from Columbus City Schools to fund the Ubuntu College Clubs Mentoring and Recruitment Program. This project, a collaboration between Otterbein College and Linden-McKinley and Beechcroft High Schools, brings high school juniors and seniors together with students of the Otterbein communication course *Mentoring: Theory and Practice*. Together, the students will study mentoring and writing practices and will learn methods for teaching writing, as well as discovering college access and aspiration skills. The high school students will learn the importance of academic achievement, higher education opportunities, college entrance requirements, the application process and financial aid. In addition, Otterbein students enrolled in the course will conduct regular mentoring-college access sessions for freshman students at the two high schools.

### Scientific Study on Freshwater Mussels

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources has granted \$10,000 to fund a scientific study called Reading Lampricide Treatment on Freshwater Mussels. The purpose of this study is to assess the impact of lampricide treatment on freshwater mussels in the Grand River and Conneaut Creek. Otterbein College professor Dr. Michael Hoggarth and a student will conduct field inspections before and after treatment to gain insight into effects of lampricide treatment on mussel community structure, including species composition and age class distribution. Other considerations will be secondary impacts to the mussel community caused by fish and mud puppy mortality observed following treatment.

### Innovation Grants

Two Otterbein professors received Innovation Grants from the Ohio Learning Network of \$5,000 each.

Business professor Dr. Shirine Mafi received an Innovation Grant for her project, *Using Blogs and Wikis to Improve Reflection and Critical Thinking*. This professional learning community will focus on helping students develop reflection and critical thinking in their disciplines and assessing how and if blogs and wikis promote learning.

Education professor Dr. Karen Robinson received an Innovation Grant to fund *Multimedia Instruction and Performance Assessment*. A professional learning community of five faculty from the education department will explore how technology can be better used to document student learning in the Early Childhood Licensure Program.

### Anxiety and Depression

The Columbus Foundation granted \$500 to Otterbein for *Lost and Found: Anxiety and Depression*. Coordinated by the GLBTQ Advisory Commission and the campus Wellness Office, this project will ensure that campus wellness programming includes

tailored, targeted conversations about issues that can resonate differently or distinctly in the GLBT community, like anxiety and depression. The project includes an informational print media campaign and a film and guided discussion.