Turn Your Passion Into Policy

Former President Bill Clinton helps kick off $10 million Glenn College development campaign.

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The Network of Schools of Public Policy Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA) has accredited the John Glenn College of Public Affairs’ Master of Public Administration and In-Career MA programs for another seven years. To achieve accreditation, the Glenn College’s MPA and In-Career MA programs have proven to contribute to the knowledge, research, and practice of public service, establish observable goals and outcomes, and use information about performance to guide program improvement.

“Externally and within Ohio State, the badge of NASPAA accreditation is a signal to all that our peers have reaffirmed the quality of our contributions to scholarship, knowledge dissemination, and service in the fields of public policy and administration,” said Robert Greenbaum, Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Curriculum at the Glenn College. “It is also an assurance to our prospective students that we are meeting all of the benchmarks of a quality education in public affairs.”

The NASPAA’s Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation carry out the accreditation of graduate programs. Accreditation is achieved through a rigorous process that looks at the graduate programs conformity with NASPAA standards and the Glenn College’s commitment to quality public service education.

“While the self-study process of data gathering, meetings, and report writing for reaccreditation is somewhat grueling for everyone in the college, it is a useful exercise of introspection for us, too, that helps remind us why we do what we do,” Greenbaum said. “It was particularly gratifying to hear from the members of the site visit team, who seemingly looked under each seat cushion, that our master’s programs are in such great shape.”

The Glenn College’s MPA and MA degree programs had to meet NASPAA standards independently. Considered the “authoritative accrediting body in the field of public policy, affairs and administration,” NASPAA is a membership association of nearly 300 schools of public policy, public affairs, public administration, and public and nonprofit management, located across the United States and in 15 other countries. NASPAA has accredited more than 190 graduate programs in public service.

NASPAA’s twofold mission is to ensure excellence in education and training for public service and to promote the ideal of public service.

The Glenn College’s graduate program will not need to renew their accreditation until 2022.
Student trustee makes history

Glenn College student Halie Vilagi is the first student representative to have a vote on the OSU Board of Trustees.

In November, Halie Vilagi, a third-year student at the Glenn College, made Ohio State history by becoming the first undergraduate student to be allowed a vote on The Ohio State University’s Board of Trustees, where she represents nearly 51,000 students.

While many students in the past have served on the board, Vilagi is the first undergraduate to have the same voting rights as the other trustees. Gov. John Kasich appointed her to the board after a lengthy, three-round interview process last summer.

“It is the greatest gift of my life,” Vilagi said. “I have the honor of representing students who have hundreds of passions and hail from all around the world.”

Serving as the student trustee is a unique role. “My primary responsibility is to listen, read and provide input on the student body. It’s taught me to walk at sea level, but think at 10,000 feet,” said Vilagi.

“I was warned about how much they value the student perspective, and quickly learned that this was true as questions were repeatedly posed to me during my first meeting.”

After arriving on campus for her first year, Vilagi quickly became involved in several student organizations. This involvement began through a first-year Undergraduate Student Government program, later expanding into the Sustainability Cabinet Committee of which she soon became a Deputy Director. Vilagi was twice elected to represent the Glenn College in the Undergraduate Student Government’s General Assembly. She has also served on the Glenn College’s Budget and Strategic Planning Committee.

“She has been instrumentally involved in providing a student perspective on some of the major strategic choices facing the college,” said Trevor Brown, dean of the Glenn College. “She is incredibly service-oriented, she reflects the university’s commitment of education for citizenship, she is a leader and an exceptional communicator.”

Vilagi said she wants to keep transparency alive between the trustees and students and has set up a twice-a-week meeting at the Ohio Union where she is available to discuss issues with students.

“I have made an effort to meet with every student who reaches out to me,” Vilagi said. “It’s been exciting to learn more about what students are passionate about and share this feedback with the board.”

“The Glenn College prepared me, and continues to prepare me to serve on our Board of Trustees,” said Vilagi. “My coursework in economics, cost benefit analysis, and leadership has provided me with an excellent foundation.”

After graduation, Vilagi said she knows a few things for certain: that she wants to serve in the government and help others.

Additional minors and a global option add scope to undergraduate curriculum

The Glenn College’s undergraduate program’s minor in nonprofit studies has been joined by a new minor in science, engineering, and public policy and by a minor in public policy that will now be exclusively in the Glenn College.

The interdisciplinary undergraduate minor in science, engineering, and public policy requires coursework in public affairs, including a newly developed course titled Innovation, Policy, and the Global Economy. Other coursework options include selections from other disciplines, including engineering and economics.

“It’s designed to have students explore the role that government plays in these areas,” said Chris Adams, assistant director of admissions and student services. While the minor will be housed completely within the Glenn College, it was developed in cooperation with other involved Colleges, including the College of Engineering.

“The minor can be taken by students majoring in public affairs, but is also an option for students in the science disciplines to learn more about policy and government surrounding science, engineering, and innovation.”

While the public policy minor has existed since 2008, it was a collaboration primarily between the department of political science and the Glenn College. As of this summer, the public policy minor is now housed completely within the Glenn College.

“We’re really excited to have it,” Adams said. “It exposes students who aren’t in the major to public policy and the policymaking process.”

The public policy minor includes required introductory coursework in the policy process and policy analysis, as well as options in various areas of public policy, economics, and political science. It provides an opportunity for students who major in other disciplines to explore policy considerations. The minor also allows students who participate in the Washington Academic Internship program but are not in the public affairs major to count that experience toward a minor.

These minors are offered in addition to the existing nonprofit studies minor, which introduces undergraduate students to the functioning and management of nonprofit organizations. The Glenn College also continues to offer various specialization tracks for students in the public affairs major.

An exciting new offering in the undergraduate program is the Global Option in Public Affairs, a curriculum enhancement program through which public affairs majors may acquire documented international expertise without adding time to graduation.

The curriculum is designed to enhance their world knowledge, which will enable them to be more competitive in global public affairs. At graduation, students who have successfully completed the requirements will receive documentation of completion and designation on their transcript as Global Option in Public Affairs.

Students pursuing the Global Option will take internationally focused and foreign language courses, complete an academic study abroad and write a senior capstone paper focusing on an international or global policy issue.

To learn more about the new undergraduate programs go to: glenn.osu.edu/undergraduate/sepp glenn.osu.edu/undergraduate/public-policy-minor glenn.osu.edu/undergraduate/global
Welcome, Dr. Edward “Ned” Hill

Dr. Edward “Ned” Hill joined the Glenn College faculty in September after serving as dean of the Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University for eight years when he was also Professor and Distinguished Professor of Economic Development. Hill’s latest co-authored book, Economic Adversity and Regional Economic Resilience, is expected to be published by Cornell University Press in 2016.

You’re going through some big transitions: moving from Cleveland to Columbus, and from Cleveland State University to Ohio State University. How have those transitions been going?

And I’ve been moving from administration back to becoming a faculty member again. It has been delightful.

Ohio State is providing an opportunity for me to finish some writing and policy work that I couldn’t do as a full time administrator. While I was dean at the Levin College, which was a delightful eight years, my own personal research really took a backseat. Ohio State really has afforded me the ability to focus on those projects.

I also do a lot of work on state-level public policy, and being a ten-minute public bus ride from the Capitol is a lot better than a two-and-a-half-hour car ride.

What initially interested you in public policy?

When I was a junior in high school, this is what I wanted to do. In the late ’60s and early ’70s, you had racial turmoil going on in a number of cities. I grew up in a factory town I went to high school with the unemployment rate in the town I grew up in was over 20 percent. You could see the movement to a service economy. A lot of the kids that I went to high school with were coming out of the military and following the paths their parents took, and they all got laid off pretty quickly.

The public policy issues around all of this were vast. I came from somewhat of a political background. My dad was an entrepreneur, but he really was involved with lower-level politics as well. But what I wanted to understand was how economies evolve.

The odd thing is, the book that I’m finishing up now is on that subject. It’s on the economic evolution and economic resiliency of regions.

What is the book you’re working on now?

My current book should be finished up at the end of the fall semester. I’m doing it with my frequent collaborator, Harold Wolman. It’s looking at the resiliency of economic regions in the face of adversity.

The follow-up book, which we got start-up money from the Beijing Municipal Authority to do, I’m doing with two doctoral students from Cleveland State. It’s looking at the influence of product life cycle and product age on the economic wellbeing of regions.

If you look at Cleveland and Columbus, both are portfolio economies. They don’t just do one thing. However, Columbus’ products, in terms of economic age, are significantly younger. There are more services, there’s nationwide retailing, there’s clothing industry, and there is more information science here. In northeast Ohio, there are wonderful products, but they came out of the mechanical age.

We’re trying to figure out how, if you’re looking at that mix of portfolio products, the age of that product impacts the economic vitality of the region.

You’ve mentioned your work in state-level policy. Are there any projects you’ve been involved in that you particularly enjoyed?

Oh, I could go on forever. As a public policy nerd, though, you learn pretty quickly that you don’t take too much credit for what you’ve done. You never do anything alone. Everything I’ve been involved with was done with a client or a group of institutions that move things along.

I have been called during the Taft administration. We’re seeing changes bear fruit now, because we got rid of the tangible personal property tax, and the corporate franchise tax, which is a profits tax, and put in place something called the commercial activities tax. Gov. Taft took the risk, Tom Johnson was his budget director, Ohio Business Roundtable was involved, and the Ohio Manufacturer’s Association was involved. That took five years. That was fun. When we started, though, everyone said we were crazy and it was never going to work.

Another thing I’ve done was my work on the state’s economic development strategy. I started that with Gov. Taft. I worked with Lt. Gov. Fisher, and now I do a lot of work with Jobs Ohio. We’ve done work on auto industry, natural gas.

That’s most of it. The strategy keeps coming back up. It’s the foundation of work that gets used all over the state.

I also do the annual economic forecast for the Ohio Housing Finance Agency. In December, I’m going to be doing that speech in front of a thousand of my closest friends.

What work are you going to be doing as a joint appointment with the College of Engineering?

Most of my time is in the Department of Materials Science and Manufacturing. Dean [David] Williams [of the College of Engineering], along with the leadership of the Department of Materials Science and Manufacturing, has a commitment to engage with the state’s manufacturing base in order to connect Ohio State’s intellectual resources in the areas of manufacturing and chemistry and physical sciences to the manufacturing industry. I’m affiliated with the Ohio Manufacturing Institute, which is here on campus, and my job there is to help connect Ohio State’s areas of public policy and manufacturing. We’re already working on a few things.

Ohio State is enthusiastic about examining the nature of the engineering technology offerings here in Columbus and at the branch campuses. Because of the digitization of the factory floor, the whole skill set that’s needed for shop floor leadership is changing. As the master’s degree in engineering gets more research-oriented, the engineering technology degree is this really wonderful place where engineering, computer science, and robotics all come together.

In Germany, they refer to it as mechatronics. In the United States, we don’t have as clear of an understanding of what that is. Ohio State wants to step forward and take leadership in that area.

I’m also at the Department of City and Regional Planning. My Ph.D. is both in economics and planning, which fits into what the Knowlton School of Architecture wants in City and Regional Planning.

The Glenn College has a new dual degree with the Center for Latin American Studies. As Latin America develops, people with strong skills in policy, economics, leadership, analysis and communication are necessary for development and the new MPA or MA/Master of Arts in Latin American Studies dual degree will provide graduate students with the skill set and tools need to work in this arena. Learn more at glenn.osu.edu/graduate/dual-degrees

Professor Noah Dormady is a co-principal investigator in a new multi-million dollar Center of Excellence funded by the Dept. of Homeland Security. The Critical Infrastructure Resilience Institute (CIRI) will collaborate with the Dept. of Homeland Security, state and local government agencies, private sector partners, first responder agencies, and other Centers of Excellence to help the United States better understand complex issues of managing catastrophic risks to critical infrastructure like electric utilities.

Professor Stéphane Lavertu and Political Science Professor Vladimir Kogan are the recipients of a $632,778 Lyle Spencer Research Award from the Chicago-based Spencer Foundation to fund a research study examining how local voter control of public schools affects the day-to-day administration of American school districts and student learning in the classroom.

Professor Mary Tschirhart was elected president of the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA), the primary membership body for nonprofit scholars.
Two speeches, one by a former president of the United States and the other by a veteran journalist, were the bookend events launching the Glenn College’s three-year, $10 million “Turn Your Passion Into Policy” development campaign.

“This development campaign is an opportunity for us to draw on the generous support of our many friends, alumni and donors to build an endowment to support the growth and sustainability of the Glenn College,” said Whitney Abraham, development director at the Glenn College. “Our campaign focuses mainly on three key areas of emphasis: scholarships to support our students; investments that enhance the classroom experience; and endowments that attract the best and brightest faculty to educate our students.”

“Student financial support is the primary focus of this campaign. As tomorrow’s public leaders, they are at the forefront of everything we do,” said Trevor Brown, dean of the Glenn College. “This campaign will directly benefit the entire university. At the Glenn College, we pride ourselves in being key collaborators with many other units on campus – from Arts and Sciences to the multiple medical colleges, Law to Engineering, Social Work to Business. A Public Affairs degree partners well with many other units on campus.”

At the September kickoff event held at the Ohio Union Grand ballroom, Tom Brokaw, former anchor of NBC Nightly News, spoke of the importance of “big ideas” that formed American and changed society. “The John Glenn College of Public Affairs is one of the great big ideas,” Brokaw said. “To attract young people, to get them engaged in public policy and the social and political needs of this county is a big idea.”

Saying he wanted to thank John and Annie Glenn for the lives they have lived and their service to the county, former President Bill Clinton spoke to more than 2,400 people at the second Glenn College campaign event held at the Mershon Auditorium in November.

“I’m really impressed by the programs at the Glenn College of Public Affairs...,” Clinton said. “By all the areas of emphasis, by the fact that you reach out to high school students, that you have a program that emphasizes the need to get women into more public service jobs. And that there is an emphasis on doing as well as learning.”

Leading the way in giving to the campaign, Sen. John and Annie Glenn have pledged to endow a $542,000 undergraduate scholarship
Challenged the other board members to raise funds for a fourth scholarship, Louis Beck, chairman of the Board of Advisors, has pledged to raise funds to endow a third scholarship and has committed, high school kid from Ohio can go to college like they did and pursue a life of public service without the burden of crushing debt,” said Trevor Brown, dean of the Glenn College.

Their gift is the cornerstone of the “Turn Your Passion Into Policy” Scholarship Campaign.

Following the Glenn’s example, Louis Beck, chairman of the Glenn College Development Campaign and a member of the Glenn College’s Board of Advisors, has pledged to endow $542,000 for another four-year scholarship.

Another member of the Board of Advisors, Jack Kessler, has pledged to raise funds to endow a third scholarship and has challenged the other board members to raise funds for a fourth scholarship.

Besides creating scholarships that will greatly offset the cost of student education, this campaign aims to support significant programs that create meaningful learning opportunities outside of the classroom such as the Glenn College’s Washington Academic Internship Program (WAIP). WAIP is an opportunity for students to spend a semester in Washington, D.C., interning for government agencies, legislative offices, private firms and nonprofits.

“The WAIP program lands full time jobs for many of these students after graduation, and prepares them for the job market in ways that the classroom alone cannot,” said Abraham. “The challenge is that it costs each student roughly $4,100 in addition to their tuition, causing this to be cost prohibitive for many students. We hope to raise enough scholarship support to make cost a nonfactor in sending students to D.C.,” she said.

The campaign will also position the Glenn College as a destination for some of the nation’s best and brightest faculty. “The inspiration for Senator Glenn’s life of service was his high school civics teacher,” said Dean Brown. “A second goal of our campaign is to generate funds to recruit and retain the most inspiring scholars and teachers in public affairs.”

The campaign is about inspiring the next wave of leaders and giving students the tools they need to turn their passion into policy. “Whether you’re an alumni of the program, an individual who cares about the future leadership of our country, or simply a friend of the Glenn College, there is a way to give meaningfully no matter your connection. Every gift is meaningful, no matter the size,” said Abraham.

To learn more about giving opportunities through the “Turn Your Passion Into Policy” development campaign, please go to glenn.osu.edu/support or contact Whitney Abraham by email at abraham.185@osu.edu or call her at 614-292-8758.

Successful 2015 Glenn College Leadership Forum sets stage for next year

In four short years, the Glenn College Leadership Forum has become the state’s premier conference for those working in or with the public sector. Designed specifically for alumni and individuals working in the public management field, the purpose of this one-day conference is to provide meaningful coverage of current or emerging trends in public policy, administration and leadership.

Featuring a blend of faculty and practitioner-led sessions, over 150 public service professionals attended the 2015 Leadership Forum in September. Highlighting this year’s Leadership Forum was Richard Cordray, director of the Federal Consumer Protection Bureau, and luncheon speaker Jon Husted, Ohio Secretary of State.

Program planning for the Leadership Forum is led by the Glenn College Alumni Society. The Glenn College would like to thank conference chair, Lisa Patt McDaniel, ’96, and the following committee members for their work on this conference: Angie Crandall ’97 ’08, Kelly Des Roches ’92, Kim Ratcliff ’95, Lauren Rummel ’12, Eric Russell ’09, Mike Toman, ’95, and Garth Weithman ’16.

Eric Russell talks with other 2015 Glenn College Leadership Forum attendees between sessions.

Want to nominate someone for one of these awards? Go to glenn.osu.edu/alumni/awards.

Hoyt and Gruenhagen win the Alumni Society Student Scholarships

MPA student Matt Hoyt and public affairs major Amber Gruenhagen had their essays selected as the winners of the 2015 Alumni Society Student Scholarships. Each scholarship is for $2,500. There were 14 undergraduate essays entered and 17 graduate essays.

To read Hoyt and Gruenhagen’s winning essays and to learn more about the Glenn College Alumni Society’s student scholarship, go to glenn.osu.edu/alumni/scholarship.

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My grandma had guts

By Kimberly Ratcliff, MPA ’95

Growing up, I spent a lot of time with my grandmas. I’m confident that thanks to their determination and drive, I became a first-generation college graduate. My paternal grandma, Ethel Elizabeth (nee Brown) Ratcliff’s spirit continues to inspire me to give to the Glenn College Alumni Society’s Scholarship Fund. Ethel was a gutsy lady who motivated me personally and professionally. Under her direct influence, and the perseverance that was passed on through my dad, I am thankful to help make a difference.

Ethel grew up in the rolling hills of Vinton and Ross Counties in southern Ohio, the daughter of a farmer with land along Salt Creek. Our ancestors settled the area in the late 1700s, after coming north from the Carolinas.

When she was 13, Ethel’s mother died of tuberculosis. As the only child, it was her responsibility to quit school in eighth grade to run the homestead. At 16, she married my grandfather, the son of another farmer in the area. She had her first child at 17, and she went on to have seven more. Growing up alone, she always wanted to be part of a big family, so she made one for herself.

Like so many in the 1930s, the family fell on rough times. Ethel’s father, George Brown, with many of the neighboring farmers, arranged a trip to D.C. to request low-interest loans from President Hoover. The trip was quite an investment for a group of people with few resources. The president opted to play tennis instead of meeting with them. In the following years Hoover and the Congress did arrange for low-interest loans to help farmers, but it was too late for my family. The time had come and gone, and they sold their farms.

After a time of working at Meade Paper in Chillicothe, my grandfather, Howard Sylvanus Ratcliff, brought the family north, where after several more moves they settled on Thurman Avenue in Columbus representing what were then called asbestos workers.

In spite of difficult circumstances in her life, there’s no denying that my grandma was a success. Because of decisions driven by her force and persuasion — moving to Columbus, setting high expectations for her children and grandchildren to become leaders and go further, and combining an active imagination with an incredible memory and tenacious attention to detail — she set the stage for her descendants’ success. Today, I’m honoring her memory by passing on more opportunity to Glenn College students through my donation to the scholarship fund.

Alumni & Friends

The Alumni & Friends section of Public Address allows Glenn College alumni and participants in its student programs to keep their classmates and the university current on their careers, activities and whereabouts. Please send your updates and pictures to: John Glenn College of Public Affairs, Attn: Lisa Frericks, 150P Page Hall, 1810 College Road South, Columbus, OH 43210 or email Lisa at frericks.12@osu.edu.

Tell us who inspired you? Send your stories to Kimberly Ratcliff at kratcliff@bfk.org, and we will share them in future issues of Public Address. And if you haven’t considered giving to the scholarship fund already, please think of the possibilities that even a small contribution can bring to the lives of our college’s students. Go to glenn.osu.edu/support to learn more.
Christopher Angelilatta, MA, works as the COO with the YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne.

Christine Palmer Lead, MPA, is now the planning manager for the City of Columbus.

Aaron Bloom, MPA, works with National Renewable Energy Laboratory as a Section Manager in Colorado.

Matthew Milazzo, MA, is now the Government Programs Manager for the Software Engineering Institute (SEI) at Carnegie Mellon University where he is responsible for identifying, qualifying and developing SEI opportunities with the Federal Government and managing all customer life-cycle activities.

Liz Shirey, WAIP, works for the Ohio Democratic Party as director of party engagement.

LaToya Elizabeth Grate, MA/CRP, accepted a new position with the South Carolina Department of Public Safety Office of Highway Safety and Justice Programs as the Grants Administration Manager for Highway Safety. She previously worked for ten years as a professional planner in the public sector.

Kelly Davids, MA, has been promoted to Vice President of Operations at The Appraisal Foundation in Washington, D.C. Davids leads strategic initiatives and special projects for the Foundation, a private, non-profit organization authorized by Congress as the source of appraisal standards and appraiser qualifications. As a senior staff member, she works to promote professionalism and ensure the public trust in the valuation profession.

Brian Hoffmeister, MPA, works for the New Mexico Legislative Finance Committee as a program evaluator.

Chris Vlahos, MA, now works as the executive director for the Thunderbird Independent Alumni Association.

Stephanie Gilligan, MPA, is now working at the Appalachian Regional Commission as the Grants Specialist.

Clayton Gibson, MA, is now the Self-Assessment and Accreditation Coordinator with the non-profit organization Energy Northwest in Richland Washington.

Duane L. Hart, MA, has recently accepted a position as the Ohio Regional Service Manager for Alpha Imaging, one of the largest independent x-ray distributors in the country.

Carrie Krochta, MA Arts Policy, is working in Vietnam as a project manager for Audience Media.

Doris Orsborn, MA, is the business manager for the College of Optometry at The Ohio State University.

Abby Rhodebeck, MA, has been appointed to the board of Yaddiekesel and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission’s Central Ohio Greenways Board.

Tal Rothstein, MPA, works for the Jewish Federation of Cleveland as Manager of International Operations.

Erin Scott, MPA, has started a fundraising consulting firm, Generate Consulting Group. Generate builds fundraising strategies for emerging nonprofit organizations that have outgrown scattered fundraising efforts and need strategic, achievable fundraising goals.

Kevin Arndt, BA, is now working as a legislative aide for the Ohio House of Representatives.

Abigail Bell, MPA, has accepted a new position as a Program Officer at the National Academy of Education in Washington, D.C., where she’ll be administering two fellowship programs for education researchers across the country.

Drew Calabro, BA, is an associate with the Clyde Group, a strategic communications and public affairs firm in Washington, D.C.

Andrew Cochran, MPAP, is working as a program administrator for the Ohio Department of Administrative Services.

Megan Hasting, MA, serves as the assistant director for Center for Latin American Studies, at The Ohio State University.

Robin Nau, MPA, works as a project coordinator at the AIDS Resource Center Ohio.

Estera Piroscia, MPA, is now the National Director for Staff Recruitment and Training at International Fundships Inc.

Sean J. Wright, MA/ID, recently accepted a new position as an Attorney in the Policy Division of the Federal Election Commission. Before joining the Commission, he worked as a policy analyst at the Center for American Progress and clerked for Judge Howell in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

Alissa Belna, BA, is now working as an assistant to the chief of state parks/deputy director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Julie Blankenship, MA, is the Executive Director at Hospice of Morrow County Inc.

Callan Eschenburg, MPA, works as a consultant at Multi-State Advanced Manufacturing Consortium, a consortium of 13 community and technical colleges in 10 states developing and implementing a new model for manufacturing education.

Jason Glover, MPA ‘14, is now a Risk and Reporting Program Manager for the Ohio Development Services Agency.

Cody Vermillion, BA, is now working for the Franklin County Board of Commissioners as a policy analyst for Commissioner Marilyn Brown.

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Abby Rhodebeck, MA, has been selected as a recipient of a 2015 National Dialogue Award, presented by the Sustained Dialogue Institute in Washington, D.C., in October. Taylor was nominated for the award based on her tireless involvement in the Sustained Dialogue chapter at Ohio State, where, during her undergrad years, she served as a co-founder, a head moderator, and currently serves as the alumni advisor.
The Ohio State University's Board of Trustees rename 17th Avenue in honor of John and Annie Glenn at their November meeting. The stretch of 17th Avenue between Tuttle Park Place and College Road had the signs replaced with new ones like the one Michael V. Drake, president of The Ohio State University, Annie Glenn, John Glenn and Jeffrey Wadsworth, chair of the Ohio State University Board of Trustees are holding.