



## ANN NAGI

Coming to Olivet Nazarene University was the plan for Ann Nagi, her husband, Patrick, and their daughters, Chloe and Sophie. Patrick was planning to enter the program to earn his master's degree, and Ann was ready to support him in that leap of faith.

"In that season, I was noticing the number 3 all over the place," she says. "I told my family about this at dinner one night, and they started noticing the number 3 in various places, too. Then, the first time I went to Olivet.edu, I saw a Scripture verse at the bottom of the home page. It was 2 Thessalonians 3:3, 'But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you from the evil one.' That Word started our journey to Olivet."

When Ann interviewed for and was offered a position in ONU's Office of Institutional Advancement in 2015, she had no hesitation in accepting. She knew God had opened that door for her, and she was ready to walk through it. Their family left their home in Petoskey, Michigan — where they had always lived — and trusted the course God was charting for them.

"I still remember my very first meeting with our Institutional Advancement team," Ann recalls. "Brian Allen, our vice president, started the meeting with prayer. That was a new experience for me, since I'd always worked in secular settings. When I stood up to introduce myself, I was overwhelmed by the sweetness the Lord was adding to my life."

Today, Ann serves ONU's Development team, contributing her organizational and management skills to the team's success. Chloe is a biology major, and Sophie is a history major at ONU. Patrick is a published author.

**"I firmly believe that since the day I arrived at ONU, I am in the center of God's will," Ann says. "This is where God wants me. Yet, it's not about me. It's all about serving Jesus. I want everything I do to point people to Jesus."**

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One of the joys for Ann in her current position is staying connected with donors and letting them know how much their engagement matters. Doing what comes naturally for her, she helps her team reach their goals, deal with pressures and stresses, and be successful in the work they are doing. Her greatest desire is that ONU stays true to its Christian values and continues to receive the necessary support to shine God's light in our troubled world.

"Olivet is special," Ann says. "Our faculty and staff pause to make time for our students, pray with them, listen to them, walk alongside them. Many of our students are searching for the light. Our faculty and staff are shining the light of Jesus for them, no

matter where they are in their faith journey."

Ann and Patrick are also committed to shining that light wherever they go. When they first arrived at their new church home, they began teaching God's Word to a group of first graders. Now, they are leading a small group for parents of teens, and some of them are the parents of those same first graders.

"I completely surrendered my life to Jesus just 10 years ago," Ann says. "I'm living in the season of being startled awake. If I could write a book about my life, the title would be *Listen, Obey, Follow. Start Now.*"

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