

**KATHY A. KRENDL**  
**PRESIDENT, OTTERBEIN UNIVERSITY**

Kathy Krendl began her duties as president of Otterbein University July 1, 2009.

From her first career as a high school English teacher, Dr. Krendl's focus has always been on students and helping them realize their full potential. "My five siblings and I grew up on a working farm in northwestern Ohio. As first-generation college students, we faced many challenges but in the end we all discovered a love of learning, a respect for scholarship, and an appreciation of diversity. Otterbein provides the potential to change lives in a similar way. I welcome this opportunity to return to an intimate learning environment and to work closely with students, faculty, and staff in achieving Otterbein's goals and securing its future."

She previously served Ohio University as Executive Vice President and Provost from 2007-2009 and as Provost from 2004-2007. Her responsibilities there included oversight of academic programs, university budget planning, eleven colleges, five regional campuses, international programs, and the offices of Research and Creative Activity; Diversity, Access and Equity; and University Outreach.

As provost, Dr. Krendl oversaw a strategic planning process involving over 600 faculty, staff, and students that led to the creation and implementation of the Vision OHIO Academic plan. The plan included a series of initiatives to enhance the first-year experience for undergraduates, focus graduate and research investments, increase faculty salaries, and strengthen undergraduate and graduate research, scholarship and creative activity. Dr. Krendl also established a comprehensive faculty development center and a Women's Center as programmatic resources to support the academic plan.

Prior to her appointment as provost, Dr. Krendl served as dean of Ohio University's Scripps College of Communication from 1996 to 2004. Dr. Krendl also developed partnerships focused on health and literacy with the American Cancer Society, Verizon Corporation, and the Governor's Office of Appalachia.

Dr. Krendl previously served Indiana University for 13 years as professor and chair of the Department of Telecommunications in the College of Arts and Sciences and as dean of the system-wide School of Continuing Studies with offices on all eight IU campuses.

She earned a Ph.D. at the University of Michigan, an M.A. at Ohio State University and a B.A. at Lawrence University. She is the author of more than 50 publications in the area of media and learning. Dr. Krendl and her husband, Richard Gilbert, have two children, Claire and Tom. Richard Gilbert is a Lecturer in Journalism and English.