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Hello Ottawa University Neighbors-

Show your OU spirit with our yard sign! The students are moving back to campus, and we want to show them how proudly our community supports them.

This is always an exciting time of year with so much happening on campus! As students return, various improvement projects begin and events start to kick off the school year, we ask that you review the list of numbers below and don't hesitate to reach out.

If you have any questions or concerns, we ask you to contact OU before calling the police.

**Athletic Concerns            Kathy 785-248-2601**

**Non-athletic Concerns    Donald 785-248-2311**

**Parking                            Security 785-229-1075**

**Immediate Concerns    OPD 911**

**Compliments Welcome    785-248-2329**

**(Messages will be returned Monday-Friday 8am-5pm)**

Thank you for being a part of our University family. As our enrollment continues to climb, and we make improvements on campus your patience and encouragement are greatly appreciated!

Introducing Two Familiar Faces

# Becky Blaue *and* Derek Chappell

Becky Blaue graduated with a degree in Elementary Education in 1989 and worked as a 2nd grade teacher and a coach for six years. During that time, she earned her MS in School Counseling from Emporia State University and began a 26-year stint as a school counselor in Ottawa. After 32 years in public education, Becky retired last summer and was hired as the Director of Alumni Programs at Ottawa University. To Becky, returning to the campus after all these years felt like coming home. She enjoys connecting with alumni and helping them to connect with each other as well as to the university. Becky is married to Mike '88 and they reside in Ottawa. They have two sons. Austin '17 and Quentin who both currently live in San Antonio, TX.



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Derek Chappell graduated from Ottawa University with a Communications degree in 1987 and was then hired as an on-air personality at 101 The Fox – Classic Rock, in Kansas City. In 1993 Derek graduated from Washburn University School of Law and began a 25-year career practicing workers compensation law in Ottawa before retiring in 2015. He returned to radio at KOFO, in Ottawa, until the opportunity arose this summer to 'give back' to his alma mater as the new Leadership Gift Officer. Having grown up just a few blocks from the OU campus, Derek feels like he was called to return home to the place that has provided him with so many memories and opportunities in his lifetime. Derek is married to Rhonda and they reside in Ottawa. Derek has two daughters and Rhonda has four sons. They have eight grandchildren that keep them very busy.



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