



DATES & DEADLINES

February 17	Mandatory football ticket meeting for societies at LAH. RSVP for the 4 p.m. or 6 p.m. session to glanzman@ohiostatealumni.org .
February 21	Society Night at OSU men's hockey game
March 6	Financial reporting forms due back to OSUAA
March 31	Alumni Awards nominations due www.ohiostatealumni.org/awards/history.php

OSUAA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Did you remember...?

Year-end reports were due Jan. 30, and we have not received reports from all groups. Also, to save us some time, please include the name of the club/society you represent, as well as phone number area codes with all correspondence with OSUAA.

Spring event postcards—plan ahead

Groups interested in sending postcards for their spring events should contact Mike Pohle at pohle@ohiostatealumni.org or (614) 292-4140 as early as possible. Mike will send you an event announcement form, which should be filled out and returned 10-12 weeks before the RSVP deadline, when possible. Lead times less than eight weeks could result in increased postage costs or inability to produce a postcard in time for your event. Thanks for your cooperation!

Beat Hunger Bowl Challenge Results

Last year, Ohio State alumni raised nearly \$70,000 for the Recovery School District in New Orleans. This year, Ohio State alumni stepped up in full force in support of the Beat Hunger Bowl Challenge, a food drive designed to benefit food pantries throughout the country. As of mid-February, alumni clubs, societies, and individuals donated nearly 30,000 pounds of food and more than \$8,500 for food pantries.

More than 20 constituent groups participated in the Hunger Challenge. Your efforts helped 10 food pantries in Ohio and 22 around the country. According to a formula used by the Mid-Ohio Foodbank (the Alumni Association's adopted food bank) the alumni donations would be used to create more than 72,000 meals for those in need. A BIG thank you to all who participated! For full results, go to www.ohiostatealumni.org/beathunger/results.php.

Financial forms

All annual financial update forms have been mailed, and will be due back to Allen Hinojosa by Mar. 6 in order for us to make the IRS deadline. If you have any questions about these documents, please contact Allen at hinojosa@ohiostatealumni.org.

Follow Nadine and our tour to Israel

Nadine Holmes, who many of you know as our director of student recruitment, is escorting a small group of alumni on a tour to Israel. You can follow this amazing journey by reading Nadine's travel blog at www.ohiostatealumni.org/tours/israel_blog.php. What do you think the trip will be like? What would you want to learn on this journey? Use the Talk To Us page at www.ohiostatealumni.org/talktous to share your thoughts and questions now. Nadine will do her best to address these in the blog during the trip.

Eye on Alumni

A new episode of *Eye on Alumni* will air on the Big Ten Network on Feb. 19 at 4 p.m., Feb. 23 at 4 a.m., and Feb. 25 at 10 a.m. This episode focuses on alumni who have "paid it forward" in their careers and their communities. Those featured include Archie Griffin, two-time Heisman Trophy winner and president and CEO of the Ohio State Alumni Association, and Stefanie Spielman, a breast cancer survivor who has raised more than \$5 million for breast cancer research. www.wosu.org/eyeonalumni

Nominations still being accepted for 2009 Alumni Awards

Do you know an outstanding alum? Maybe you know a club leader who has served for 10 years—why not nominate him or her for the Ralph Davenport Mershon Award for service to Ohio State? For information about all the awards or to download a nomination form, please go to www.ohiostatealumni.org/awards/history.php. Nominations will be accepted through March 31, and groups that submit a nomination will earn five points toward their Alumni Association Award totals. If you have any questions, please contact Erin Kopp (kopp@ohiostatealumni.org) or Lisa Peck (peck@ohiostatealumni.org).

Travel with Ohio State Alumni Tours and SAVE!

Explore the pristine wilderness of Alaska on the all-suite, all-balcony Seven Seas Mariner and save \$700 or more per person if you sign up by Feb. 20. Pricing includes airfare, and all shore excursions are free or offered at a greatly reduced price. Please visit www.ohiostatealumni.org/tours/2009tours/alaska.php to learn more.

Save \$250 per person when you book a journey to the Mediterranean, Ukraine and Romania, or the Amalfi Coast. Please visit www.ohiostatealumni.org/tours/2009tours/09toursbydate.php to learn more.

Be part of the Ohio State tradition: order your official Ohio State ring!

Reserved exclusively for juniors, seniors, graduate students, professional students, and graduates of the university, the ring is custom made in your choice of 10k or 14k solid yellow or white gold in either a signet or stone style. Additionally, the stone ring is available in a two-tone style, featuring a solid white gold top with a contrasting solid yellow gold base. Celestrium™, a jeweler's fine stainless, is available as an affordable option. 18k yellow or white gold may also be available—please contact Balfour for pricing. For more information, contact Balfour at 1-866-BALFOUR (225-3687) or visit www.ohiostatealumni.org/marketplace.

Don't forget OSUAA Web resources

Speaker request form www.ohiostatealumni.org/clubsandsocieties/speakers.php

Alumni Leaders Handbook www.ohiostatealumni.org/clubsandsocieties/handbookmain.php

Kudos www.ohiostatealumni.org/buckeye_partner/kudos

Best practices www.ohiostatealumni.org/buckeye_partner/bestpractices

ACADEMIC NEWS

Ohio State strives to become a benchmark for green building

Ohio State is leading the way in sustainability in higher education by creating a Green Build Policy that will set the bar for green design and construction. The principles and practices governing campus construction now includes conserving resources and incorporating green design principles, while balancing initial and long-term operating costs. www.osu.edu/news/newsitem2307

Ohio State bucks trend for student retention

While a new survey shows fewer college freshmen returning to their colleges for their sophomore year, Ohio State is finding just the opposite among first-year Buckeyes. An annual survey found that for the 2007-08 academic year, 66 percent of first-year college students returned to the same institution for their second year of college, the lowest percentage since 1989. At Ohio State, a record 92.4 percent of first year students returned to campus for their sophomore year in 2007 and 92.8 percent returned last

September (2008). The rate has climbed steadily since 1996, when freshmen retention stood at 79 percent. www.osu.edu/news/newsitem2299

Partnership will open access to medical college for community college students

Ohio State, in partnership with Columbus State Community College, is leading a national pilot to guide more community college students to medical school and other health care professions. The pilot, called the Pipeline to Medical Colleges Initiative, is the first step in a new national partnership between community colleges and four-year colleges and universities that expands access to the baccalaureate degree as well as to graduate and professional degrees. www.osu.edu/news/newsitem2323

RESEARCH NEWS

Restoring trust harder when it is broken early in relationship

In relationships built on trust, a bad first impression can be harder to overcome than a betrayal that occurs after ties are established, a new study suggests. While betraying trust is never good for a relationship, the results show that early violations can be particularly devastating and plant seeds of doubt that may never go away, said Robert Lount, co-author of the study and assistant professor of management and human resources at Ohio State's Fisher College of Business.

<http://researchnews.osu.edu/archive/trustrelate.htm>

Learning science facts doesn't boost science reasoning

A study of college freshmen in the United States and in China found that Chinese students know more science facts than their American counterparts—but both groups are nearly identical when it comes to their ability to do scientific reasoning. Neither group is especially skilled at reasoning, however, and the study suggests that educators must go beyond teaching science facts if they hope to boost students' reasoning ability. <http://researchnews.osu.edu/archive/scireason.htm>

New high-res map suggests there is little water inside Moon

The most detailed map of the Moon ever created has revealed never-before-seen craters at the lunar poles.

The map is also revealing secrets about the Moon's interior. C.K. Shum, professor of earth sciences at Ohio State, says the new high-resolution map confirms that there is very little water on the Moon today, even deep in the interior. <http://researchnews.osu.edu/archive/moonmap.htm>

ATHLETIC NEWS

Member Appreciation Days—men's hockey and women's basketball

The Department of Athletics and the Ohio State University Alumni Association present member appreciation games for men's ice hockey (Feb.20) and women's basketball (Mar. 1). Alumni members can purchase discounted tickets online and enjoy exclusive members-only perks at these events. Tickets must be purchased online in advance for these special offers. Go to www.ohiostatealumni.org/osuaa_events/associationdays.php for more details.

Synchronized swimming: Ohio State takes first place at Jessica Beck Memorial Meet

Ohio State's synchronized swimmers have a lot to celebrate after the third annual Jessica Beck Memorial Meet Saturday. In addition to taking first place, the team was able to pay a gracious tribute to one of its own in front of fans, family, and friends. More than three years have passed since Beck's death shocked both the Ohio State and the synchronized swimming communities, but her teammates continue to swim in her honor.

<http://media.www.thelantern.com/media/storage/paper333/news/2009/02/11/Sports/Synchronized.Swimming.Ohio.State.Takes.First.Place.At.Jessica.Beck.Memorial.Meet-3622866.shtml>

Basketball: men's and women's schedules finalized

The league office has announced final dates and times for the Ohio State basketball teams, as determined by the Big Ten television partners. The women's team plays host to Wisconsin Feb. 26 at 7

p.m. That game vs. the Badgers will be streamed live on BigTenNetwork.com. Penn State travels to Columbus Mar. 1 for a 4 p.m. game that will be televised by the Big Ten Network. The men's team travels to West Lafayette, Ind., to take on Purdue Feb. 28 for a 4 p.m. ESPN game against the Boilermakers. For the complete schedules, go to

www.ohiostatebuckeyes.com/ViewArticle.dbml?SPSID=87815&SPID=10422&DB_OEM_ID=17300&ATCLID=3669210

USEFUL LINKS:

The Ohio State University Alumni Association www.ohiostatealumni.org

Join the Alumni Association www.ohiostatealumni.org/membershipservices

Alumni Leaders' Handbook www.ohiostatealumni.org/clubsandsocieties/handbookmain.php

Club and Society Kudos www.ohiostatealumni.org/buckeye_partner/kudos/index.php

Marketplace: club and society scholarship fundraiser www.ohiostatealumni.org/marketplace/clubs.php

Student-Alumni Council <http://sac.ohiostatealumni.org>

The Ohio State University www.osu.edu

The Ohio State University Department of Athletics www.ohiostatebuckeyes.com

The Lantern www.thelantern.com

Big Ten Conference www.bigten.org

Ohio State Points of Pride www.osu.edu/pop

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