

# ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT *By Paula Santa*



### *Are You Inspired or Inspiring?*

Our Alma Mater's latest campaign is "Be a Buckeye. Inspire." Have you given any thought to how you inspire? Or is it just the PSA with the catchy music in the background that you hear during time outs at Buckeye games?

Some of you inspire through your professions. You do your job because it's what you love to do, and many times, it has a positive effect on others. Others inspire through their volunteer activities. You give of your time and talent because you feel blessed and you want to share, you want to pay forward, or you just feel it's the right thing to do. Sometimes the smallest action can have the biggest effect. The SSP students love interacting with SSAS alums. A few months ago, SSAS members received an email inviting them to tell the SSP about "Life in the Real World". Write a few lines about your job, your hobbies, or your volunteer activities and how your degree related to (or didn't relate to) where you are now. These articles are periodically published in the dorm newsletter, and students may contact you if they have questions like how to get into your profession, or what it's like to live in your current city. If you can spare a few minutes to do this, please contact Tom Hone at [honetom@comcast.net](mailto:honetom@comcast.net) for more information. This is a great way for those who can't easily make it to campus to stay connected with the students.

And what inspires you? When I joined the SSAS board many years ago, I was inspired by the energy of the board members of that time. At our annual meeting, inspiration was found in 2 SSAS alums that were recognized. Aly DeAngelo stepped down from her board position after 17 years of service, leaving to dedicate more time to her family. Aly has always been a staunch supporter of SSAS and was the person who got me involved on the board. Martha Campbell received our Outstanding Alumnus Award for Citizenship. She gives a tremendous amount of time to numerous causes. I don't know how she does it! She makes me want to go that extra step to make a difference in someone's life. Finally, Aaron Moore, Assistant Hall Director with SSP, has been a great motivating force in the dorm. He has been around for the quarter to semester change, and has led the SSP through 2 programming changes. When the SSP work requirements changed last year, and they didn't quite work out the way we expected, Aaron listened to the advice of the SSAS board and brought the program to what it is today. His hard work and dedication to the SSP really is an inspiration.

Finally, I'm inspired by YOU, our SSAS members who keep the Stadium Scholarship Program alive and well through your donations of time, talent and financial support. Thanks for all you do, and have a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2014!

## Paying Forward *by Doug Bloss*

Late in Autumn semester 2013, I was at a student-alumni mixer with the current residents of the SSP. As I was talking to different students, I realized that this newsletter could be an excellent vehicle to help current SSP'ers connect with the alumni. As alums, we know the strong work ethic and leadership skills that the Stadium Scholarship Program instills and nurtures. Both of these attributes are indispensable in the workplace. So, the week before finals, I know not the best timing on my part, I asked Aaron Moore the assistant hall director to send out an e-mail to current residents to let them know that if they would like to try to find

a connection with an alum to write a brief summary of what they are looking for. In this newsletter, is our first resident reaching out to all of us. Please read the following paragraph and see if you can help.

Hello, my name is Sasha Wright. I am a junior film student and this is my second year in SSP. I am looking for an internship in film for this upcoming summer. I love being a part of productions. I have some experience in theatre working backstage. I also have had an internship working for Carrie Beyer in the OSU Medical Center Media Department where I helped edit promotional and

educational videos. Lately, I have had a couple of jobs as a Production Assistant for Brad Golowin working on music videos. I have made a few of my own short films, as well. Here is a link to one of my videos: [vimeo.com/80578656](http://vimeo.com/80578656). My dream is to work in the film production and post-production departments. I like the ever changing environment behind the production side and the attention-to-detail ridden side of post-production. But I would love to have any internship in film. I look forward from hearing from you. Please e-mail me at [sasha.bd.wright@gmail.com](mailto:sasha.bd.wright@gmail.com) if you have any leads for me. Thank you for your time!



# Assistant Hall Director's Report by Aaron Moore

This year the Stadium Scholarship Program has undergone a tremendous change. After feedback from the residents and alumni over the summer,

SSP made a shift in how the cooperative living requirements would be carried out. Eleven committees were created: Community and Meals, 2 Community Outreach and Engagement, 3 Events committees, 2 Recognition, 2 Scholarship, and a Student Alumni Committee. The committees were created as a means of allowing students to serve year long, creating, planning, and implementing activities that would allow the students to have hands on opportunities in shaping the community in which they are a part.

As the semester began, SSP took a trip to Camp Kern where students completed an adventure course and a number of ice breaker activities to help them meet one another. Students had a ton of fun and solicited very positive experience, wanting to stay longer, but more importantly, wanting to return next year. This trip really helped kick off a year of community building and gave a glimpse that SSP is an amazing community where students come together to work and shape the community to make memories that will last a lifetime.

The semester took off with students being assigned to participate in one of the eleven committees. There were 5 leadership roles assigned: committee chair, rotating co-chair, finance officer, public relations, and a rotating tech chair. It was my hope and students who helped shape the programmatic structure that students would not only work to fulfill their scholarship commitment, connecting with the foundational value of working for one's education, but that students would also gain leadership experiences that would be transferable to their major and future career. I must say that the committees have been a huge success! Not only did we have more events in one semester than I dreamed of, the ideas and events put on by the students surpassed my expectations. Here is a glimpse of what the students did.

### Event Highlights:

- Dia de Los Muertos desserts
- You're a smart cookie (cookies and motivational quotes passed out)
- Subways and resumes
- Deconstructing Disney (A diverse exploration of the making of Disney movies)
- Mirror Lake surprise breakfast
- SSP dorm decorating contest for homecoming

- Birthday celebrations
- Homecoming alumni brunch and alumni mixer with the students
- Thanksgiving dinner and alumni mixer with the students
- Park cleanups and a cleanup on High Street.
- Volunteering at a Rabbit rescue and an after school program
- Many more!

The event highlights were just some of the awesome thing planned and implemented by the students.

One final thing I'd like to give praise to was our annual trip. This year SSP traveled to Chicago with 45 students. On this trip, students learned about and used public transportation, volunteered with the Chicago parks district when we partnered with the Governor's Youth Club, allowing students to talk to at risk youth who want to attend college, and got to experience some of the many things Chicago has to offer: The Navy Pier, The sky Deck (Sears Tower), and the Shedd Aquarium. Each day, we ate breakfast and dinner together, ending our 2 and a half day trip at the ever famous Lou Malnati's to have deep dish pizza with one another. This being my second trip with SSP, I am always impressed with the students conduct on the trip, their willingness to branch out and meet new students they may not have met before, and their appreciation for the chance to travel at a discounted rate. Doing a reflection pre and post trip, I am enlightened by how much the students learn and am more appreciative of the comments made, many stating that if it wasn't for SSP then they would not have the opportunity to travel and experience a big city or another state.

I'd like to end by noting how privileged I feel to have been able to stick with this program for nearly two years. SSP has a very special place in my heart, along with the students that make up the program. The students truly have worked to make this new programmatic structure one that allows students to shape their community experience, grow individually and professionally, and ultimately make memories that enhance their OSU experience and overall SSP experience. I feel blessed to work with these students on a daily basis and cannot sing enough praises for the existence of this program. There is nothing else like it at Ohio State and to all the SSP students and alumni that is something to surely be proud of!



## INTERESTING INFORMATION REGARDING ENROLLMENT AT OHIO STATE

The following link will give you some incite regarding enrollment at The Ohio State University. [enrollmentplanning.osu.edu/report.pdf](http://enrollmentplanning.osu.edu/report.pdf)

# Annual Student Welcome Event in Ohio Stadium by Aaron Moore



## Want to stay CONNECTED? by Doug Bloss

With all of the technology around us, it is now easier than ever to stay connected with the Buckeyes, the Stadium Scholarship Program and the Stadium Scholarship Alumni Society (SSAS). The current residents have a newsletter/blog [sposu.blogspot.com](http://sposu.blogspot.com). They have requested input from alumni to help complete the History section. Please contact the bloggers directly to help with this project. If you would like to stay more connected with fellow SSP alumni, there are three options. The first is that you can “LIKE” us on our new group page created by current resident Alyssa Stahlgren at [go.osu.edu/ssas\\_facebook](http://go.osu.edu/ssas_facebook). By “liking” this page, you will be notified on your Facebook homepage whenever new announcements are posted for upcoming events. The second way to stay connected with fellow Stadium alum is to join the “regular” SSAS group page on Facebook. Lastly, you can frequently go to our website [osustadiumalumni.com](http://osustadiumalumni.com). We attempt to post upcoming events on both of the Facebook pages as well as the website. Lastly, the Buckeyes currently have an iPhone and Android app for your mobile smartphones. The iPhone app is Buckeyes Unite. It is a free app that allows you to see event locations, check in wherever you are and just generally stay connected with other Buckeye Fans.

On September 3rd, students in the Stadium Scholarship Program gathered yet again in “The Shoe” with SSP alumni to hear about the history of the program and the abundant traditions that existed and continue to exist to this very day. The students heard from Julie Atchison Rutter, who spoke about the founding of SSP and how it evolved over the last 80 years. Julie did a phenomenal job telling stories about what it meant to be in SSP, the community times that made the program what it is, and explaining why SSP was founded and why its existence today matters. Her talk was a great way to introduce students to SSP, while gearing them up for a meaningful and fun year that lay ahead. Afterwards, students enjoyed taking pictures on the field, which culminated with a group picture and a community meal, reminding them that they are part of a very unique and special program that is sure to enhance their experience here at The Ohio State University.



# Stadium Scholarship Alumni Society shares a Tailgate Reunion

by Rita Woeste

The Stadium Alumni Society did things a bit different this year for their Reunion at the OSU vs. Iowa Homecoming Game. First, a new location. We met at the beautiful and still relatively new Ohio Union on High Street. Even though the distance was a bit farther from Ohio Stadium, it was well worth the short distance. Next, we had a separate business meeting prior to the game day festivities. At the meeting we said "THANK YOU" to Aly DeAngelo, a long time board member who is taking the opportunity to go off of the board to enjoy the time with her husband and sharing the responsibilities of raising their new son. The Stadium Alumni also honored Martha Campbell for her many volunteer service endeavors. Both the Stadium Alumni and the Ohio State Alumni Association benefit from many of Martha's volunteer services. A big thanks to Martha, and I am sure some of her family, for making over 100 buttons for our Stadium group for this alumni event. (To read Martha's nomination letter, please visit our Summer 2013 newsletter at <http://osustadiumalumni.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/Martha.jpg>). We ended the meeting with a presentation from our current students in the Scholars East and West Houses. They informed alumni of their new work/committee program that is really striving to join the houses and make sure students participate and lead as part of the Stadium Scholarship Program. Much thanks to Aaron Moore, Dorm Director for the Stadium Scholarship Program for working so hard and listening to concerns from both students and alumni to turn this program in the direction of the cooperative spirit this program was created from.

Our next change was to "share" our pregame tailgating event with several other OSU Alumni Societies in the Ballroom of the Ohio Union. Kudos to the OSU Alumni Association who put together a really great event with lots of extras for all of the societies. Craig Little, Director of Alumni Societies, welcomed Alumni to the Homecoming Tailgate and introduced Archie Griffin, President of the OSUAA. Many Stadium Alums got the chance to have their picture taken with Archie while others enjoyed some festive games, face painting, cotton candy and popcorn as well as just reconnecting with Stadium friends. Many alums loved the chocolate covered dipped Brutus Oreo cookies too. Throughout the event, alumni enjoyed entertainment by the OSU cheerleaders and the Capital City Pride Band. Many door prizes were given away, of which several Stadium Alums were the recipients. This location and overall event turned out to be quite a festive pregame warm-up as we forgot all about the damp weather outside when it was time to trek across the oval to the game. When we got to the game, it was another healthy climb to those last few rows of C deck, but what an awesome view from the top of Ohio Stadium. Even with the bit of chilly temperatures, the Stadium Alumni remained as true Buckeyes fans and cheered the OSU football team onto another victory over the Hawkeyes. We hope to see you next year for another Homecoming Stadium Alumni Reunion which will be held October 18, 2014 when the Buckeyes host Rutgers.



THE STADIUM DORM YOUTUBE

Believe it or not, life in the Stadium Dorm from the fall of 1972 is on YouTube.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=wgmcs0wwj5l](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wgmcs0wwj5l)

# Gifts to the Stadium Funds by Mary Ann Heft

Thank you for gifts that were made to the Stadium Scholarship Dormitory Scholarship Fund #606878 and the Stadium Scholarship Dormitory Founders Fund #606879 with your 2013 reunion responses and 2014 dues payments. If you have not contributed in 2013, please consider supporting the Stadium Scholarship program.

The Scholarship fund is our original endowed fund. This fund is used specifically to provide scholarships to students who return to the program each year. In April 2013, a total of \$12,000 in scholarships were awarded for the 2013-2014 academic year.

The Founders fund is used to support current residents. It is used to help buy equipment or pay for other items that the residents or the director requests. Some of the ways this fund is used is to provide finals week care packages, throw a pizza party for current residents, and to contribute to the costs of group events such as Escapade.

To be a sustaining member of the Ohio State Alumni Association and be eligible for certain benefits, graduates must make an annual contribution of at least \$75 to any Ohio State fund. Your board of directors request that you consider one of our funds for any gift you are making to be a sustaining member. You can give on-line at [givetos.osu.edu/igive/onlinegiving](http://givetos.osu.edu/igive/onlinegiving). If you were a life member of OSUAA prior to June 30, 2012, you retain your full benefits associated with life membership.

The SSAS Board requests that life members also consider making a contribution to one of our funds. Two of our alumni have endowed funds to support the Stadium Scholarship Program. If you are interested in leaving a legacy by including SSAS in your estate plan or establishing your own fund, please contact us at "Stadium Scholarship Alumni Society" [stadiumalumni@gmail.com](mailto:stadiumalumni@gmail.com) so we can help you make it happen.

Thank you for your support.

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Visit [osustadiumalumni.com](http://osustadiumalumni.com) to shop for your Stadium merchandise!

## SSAS Membership Declines by Mary Ann Heft

Over the past several years, the Stadium Scholarship Alumni Society (SSAS) has seen a steady decline in the number of dues paying memberships. We are looking for your ideas to grow our membership and make our programs more relevant to you. The annual dues provide financial support for student and alumni activities. Get involved and encourage your friends to also get involved. I challenge you to recruit one other person to join us as members of our alumni society. It will be FUN for everyone.

Dues are \$30 for the 2014 calendar year. Checks should be made payable to SSAS and mailed with the form below to Mary Ann Heft, 3582 Keeper Ct., Columbus, OH 43221.

### Benefits of membership:

- Opportunity to purchase football tickets
- Reduced prices for certain events
- Support current program residents
- Receive email notification of events
- Opportunity to reconnect with old friends
- Receive newsletters
- First priority for events
- Reward others with the benefits you received from the program.

For more information about membership, contact Len Kummerer at [kummerer.3@osu.edu](mailto:kummerer.3@osu.edu)

If email notification is not good for you, please specify that you would rather be notified by US Mail. Additionally, please consider a contribution to our endowed funds. The account number for the fund that supports scholarships is 606878. The account number for the fund that supports ongoing service to current residents and alumni is 606879.

## SSAS MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name	OSU Alumni 9 digit #
Address	
City	State Zip
Phone	What years did you live in the SSP?
E-mail address (please print clearly)	
Graduation Year(s)	Major(s)

# Stadium Scholarship Alumni Society Outstanding Alumni Awards

## PURPOSE OF AWARDS

To honor former residents of the Stadium Scholarship Dormitory or Program (SSD/SSP) at The Ohio State University, whose outstanding deeds will serve as good examples for others, particularly students and young adults.

## QUALIFICATIONS AND CRITERIA FOR AWARD

Nominees for any of the awards must:

- Have lived in the SSD or SSP for at least three quarters or two semesters.
- Be willing to have this recognition publicized as an example for youth to strive to match.
- Nominator must be a dues paying member of SSAS.

### **Professional Achievement Award**

This award will be presented to alumni who have made outstanding contributions to their professions and have a superb record of distinguished career accomplishments. Please consider the following when submitting your nomination:

- Career accomplishments
- Professional impact
- Significant publications/research (primary authorship)—*no more than five, please.*
- Community service

### **Citizenship Award**

This award will be presented to alumni who have distinguished themselves in service to humanity and who have best exemplified the university's motto, "Education for Citizenship," by having performed significant voluntary service to their community beyond the call of business or professional duty. Please consider the following when submitting your nomination:

- Service to humanity
- Service to community

### **Outstanding Young Alumni Award**

This award will be presented to young alumni who have demonstrated distinctive achievement in a career, civic involvement, or both. Nominees must not reach their 36th birthday during the year in which the award is to be given. Please consider the following areas when submitting your nomination:

- Career achievements
- Civic involvement
- Age 35 or younger

## METHOD OF NOMINATION

- Nominations must be in typewritten form (one nomination form per nominee per award).
- Use of the Society's nomination form is required.
- Deadline for consideration is **June 1, 2014**.
- Nominations must be submitted to the Chairperson of the Alumni Awards Committee of the Society.
- Nomination must be limited to three pages.
- Should letters of support be submitted, please keep them to no more than two submissions. These should be limited to two pages each by persons other than the nominator.

## METHOD OF SELECTION

- A committee of this Society, appointed by the Society President, will select honorees.
- The number of persons to be honored each year will be determined by the Committee.
- Selection of honorees will be made from eligible candidates for whom nominations have been received prior to the above deadline.
- Names of persons to be honored will be announced by the chairman of the selection committee, who will be responsible for preparation of a short biography for each honoree. The biography will include a description of the achievements and services for which the recognition was made.
- Winner(s) will be notified by **June 30, 2014** and presented at the annual meeting in the fall (TBA).

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## **SSAS OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARDS NOMINATION FORM**

Please attach your nomination letter to this form and send them to Dr. Douglas Byers, 615 Copeland Mill Road, Suite 1C, Westerville, Ohio 43081 or email byers.11@osu.edu

### **NOMINEE'S INFORMATION**

Name	Yrs in Program
Address	
City	State      Zip
Home Phone	Cell Phone
E-mail address	
Award nominated for	

### **NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION**

Name	Yrs in Program
Address	
City	State      Zip
Home Phone	Cell Phone
E-mail address	



## Outgoing Board Member by Paula Santa

I would like to recognize outgoing board member Aly DeAngelo. Aly lived in the Stadium Scholarship Dorm from 1990-1994, serving as an RA her last 2 years.

Aly has been on the board of the Stadium Scholarship Alumni Society since 1996. Aly was on the board when the program moved first from Ohio Stadium to Mack Hall, and then moved again but this time from Mack Hall to Scholars East and West. She was instrumen-

tal in updating and revising the Constitution of SSAS. While on the board, Aly served on a variety of committees and held several offices. Her roles included participation on the Scholarship Committee and the Distinguished Alumni Committee where she served as Chair. She was Vice-President of SSAS in 1999-2000, and President in 2000-2001. Aly leaves the board as membership co-chair, a position she has held since 2009.

You may notice that Aly has been on the board every year that we've won an Outstanding

Society Award. Aly leaves us to focus on other things like her family, which includes her one year old son, Leo.

On behalf of the Stadium Scholarship Alumni Society Board and membership, I would like to thank Aly for her 17 years of service and dedication. We wish her the best that life has to offer.

## Still Involved. Still Making a Difference. by Doug Bloss

In our last newsletter, Summer 2013, I started this section to remind all of us just how important the Stadium Scholarship Alumni Society and the Stadium Scholarship Program are. In the 80 years that our program has been in existence, innumerable great people have been involved in the program who have touched so many people's lives by helping them improve themselves and their surroundings. In this newsletter, I'd like to introduce all of you to the work of one of our alums, Larry Hohler (1962-66).

Joseph Kirima Rwito and Larry Hohler met when Joseph was a secondary school student and Larry was his visiting teacher in Kenya. They continued to stay in touch long after the Hohlers returned home to America. After Joe graduated from secondary school, he wrote and asked if they would be willing to pay for the two-year course at a nearby teacher training college? That turned out to be the best investment the Hohlers ever made. Joe became a primary school teacher, a headmaster, a teachers' union leader, the chair for education outreach at his church, and an advocate for homeless children.

In the late 1990s, Joe wrote to Larry about the increasing numbers of very young people living on the streets of Meru Town. The AIDs pandemic was raging, and children often found themselves homeless after the deaths of their parents. Joe started a program at his school to provide a daily meal for some of these children, but he knew he was struggling against the tide. Each night the orphans would return to the streets; each morning they came back to school in the same desperate condition as the day before.

When a building became available, Joe asked the Hohlers to help him raise the money necessary to purchase it and convert it into a haven for street children. Larry had just retired and had both the time and interest to help. They registered as a not-for-profit foundation and began a campaign on both continents that enabled them to buy the building and construct an adjacent dormitory.

The doors of Hope Children's Home opened to the first 18 homeless boys and girls in January 2005. It now houses 79 children ranging in ages from 6 to 21. Three of them are sophomores at Kenyan universities, and a fourth has just begun his studies to become a Doctor's Assistant. With 34 students in secondary schools, where fees are required, the cost of educating the young people has skyrocketed. Hope Children's Home recently opened the Technical Training Center, where classes have begun in keyboarding, cosmetology, and tailoring for those who won't be going to secondary school.

To meet the educational needs of the children and cover the cost of running the Home, HCH expanded its farming operation to generate more income. It now rents thirty acres, in addition to the 12.5 acres that it owns. They grow bananas and sweet potatoes, but the major crop is maize — a staple of the Kenyan diet. They mill the maize into flour, use part of it to feed the children, and sell the rest. This year they netted \$4,000 in sales, and were able to use half of it for school fees. Next year they plan to buy maize from local farmers, mill it, and sell it on the open market. The goal is to move the Home towards self-sustainability in all ways possible.

If you would like to help or get more information, visit [hopechildrensfund.org](http://hopechildrensfund.org)



## 2013 SSAS Annual Meeting and Reunion nominated as "Best Ever"

By Curt Mencer

Has it been a while since you attended the Annual Meeting and Reunion of the Stadium Scholarship Alumni Society? Or.....you've never been to the event? Come to the SSAS website [osustadiumalumni.com/2013-ssas-reunion/](http://osustadiumalumni.com/2013-ssas-reunion/) to see what you are missing.

## Pelotonia by Doug Bloss

A common personality trait that I have found with people who have been part of the Stadium Scholarship Program is that we get involved! We don't sit back and let others do the work. We pitch in and try to make a difference. Members of your Board of the Stadium Scholarship Alumni Society did just that. Many of us became virtual riders for Pelotonia 13 as part of Team Buckeye, the official super-peloton of The Ohio State University comprised of students, faculty, staff, alumni and their family and friends who participate in this annual event. This year's event raised a record \$19 million! This brings the 5 year total to more than \$61 million!

If you are unfamiliar with Pelotonia, it is a 2 day bike ride to raise funds and awareness for cancer and cancer research. Pelotonia is trying to fill a void in funding. Government funding for cancer has been flat in recent years, despite the fact that one in two men and one in three women will be diagnosed with this disease in their lifetime. As Director of The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center and distinguished research physician, Mike Caligiuri recognized the need to expand current research funding. Inspired by the broad success of grassroots initiatives supporting other nationally based cancer programs, Mike Caligiuri and cancer survivor Tom Lennox rode 163 miles in the summer of 2008 across Cape Cod in support of the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. The experience created a strong bond between the two. Later that fall, Lennox resigned from Abercrombie & Fitch and took the helm at Columbus based Pelotonia.

The model of Pelotonia remains simple: Pelotonia's operating expenses are covered by funding partners so that 100% of every dollar raised by Pelotonia riders, virtual riders and volunteers goes directly to fund cancer research at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center—Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute. A portion of the funds generated by riders and donors have been allocated to the Pelotonia Fellowship Program, which awards grants to Ohio State students in any discipline and at all levels of scholarship who want to conduct cancer research in the labs of faculty mentors. The fellowship awards span multiple colleges and departments, bringing many disciplines together in the fight against cancer while helping to train the cancer scientists of tomorrow.

It is unlikely that a cure for cancer will come from one scientist. Instead, it will be through "team science" that we will get new answers and treatments. With this in mind, the Pelotonia Research Award Program provides two-year "idea" grants that enable creative teams of scientists at Ohio State to embark on research that could lead to discoveries resulting in better treatments and prevention strategies. Funding for the early pursuit of these ideas is difficult to obtain, but this Pelotonia program allows scientists to get started by generating data that could later lead to larger grants from external sources such as the National Cancer Institute. The teams represent collaborations among several colleges and departments, as well as three academic institutions (including Nationwide Children's Hospital). The awards are issued via a peer-review process conducted by scientists not competing for the grants. In addition, money from Pelotonia has helped Ohio State recruit and retain some of the world's brightest minds in cancer research and treatment, and to purchase some of the world's most advanced technology to support the needs of the University's more than 200 cancer researchers.

Please consider participating as a virtual rider in Pelotonia 14 as part of the Stadium Scholarship Alumni Society Peloton. Virtual Riders make a \$10 gift to register and there is no additional fundraising requirement. We obviously encourage people to try and raise more money but you literally could donate \$10 and call it a day..... The Ohio State University Alumni Association is teaming up with Team Buckeye for Pelotonia 14. There will be awards and possibly some scholarship money for the societies that raise the most money.

In order to register to participate in Pelotonia, an individual has to use the Pelotonia website [pelotonia.org/register](http://pelotonia.org/register). The Team Buckeye website ([www.teambuckeye.osu.edu](http://www.teambuckeye.osu.edu)) provides details and insights on what's happening with Ohio State's super-peloton (Team Buckeye). Team Buckeye also has a Facebook page that has lots of information as well. We want our Alumni to join Team Buckeye and represent the Buckeye nation in Pelotonia – as riders, virtual riders, volunteers or donors! If you have specific questions, feel free to contact Karl Koon at [karl.koon@osumc.edu](mailto:karl.koon@osumc.edu).

## Thank you! Thank you!

by Mary Ann Heft, SSAS Treasurer

Thank you for your contributions to the Stadium Scholarship Dorm Scholarship Fund, the Stadium Dorm Founder's Fund and to sponsor a student at the annual scholarship banquet. Due to privacy concerns and the possibility that I might miss someone, we are not giving names.

For the 2013-2014 academic year, we awarded scholarships of approximately \$10,000 from the Scholarship Fund. The income from the scholarship fund is used to provide scholarships to residents returning to the program. The winners are selected each spring and announced at the annual scholarship banquet. Our goal is to increase the amount in the fund so that annual earnings will increase allowing us to award more and larger awards.

Members of the board were amazed when students were telling us recently that they were not returning to the program next year for financial reasons. The cost of the least expensive meal plan is currently over \$1,800 per semester.

On December 1st, using funds from the Founder's Fund, we provided dinner to the students. Their request was "something that is not available on campus". We had a wonderful lasagna dinner with salad and garlic bread. We will also use income from this fund to contribute to the students' end-of-year celebration and the spring dance.

Contributions to the university are tax deductible as allowed by federal law. If you are interested in leaving a specific legacy as two of our alumni did by creating their own endowed fund to support the Stadium Program, please contact Board president Paula Santa at [santa.1@osu.edu](mailto:santa.1@osu.edu).

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## SSAS Winter Events on Tap

by Barbara Letcher

The Stadium Scholarship Alumni Society will kick off 2014 with basketball, hockey and even a little wine and craft beer tasting.

SSAS has reserved a block of tickets for some Buckeye basketball! The OSU Men's Basketball Team will host the Iowa Hawkeyes on Sunday, January 12, 2014 for a Big Ten matchup you won't want to miss. Join your friends from SSAS for the game and then head over to Roosters for a post-game tailgate. The tailgate will be a pay as you go event and a good opportunity to reconnect with old friends.

SSAS will join the Ohio State University Alumni Association for the 6th Annual Alumni Society Hockey Night on February 1, 2014 when the OSU Men's Hockey team takes on Big Ten rival Penn State. A pre-game tailgate with traditional tailgate goodies will be held at the Longaberger Alumni House from noon to 1:30 p.m. before the game gets underway at 2:00 p.m. Brutus Buckeye will be on hand with the OSU Cheerleaders and the OSU Pep Band and other special guests for an afternoon of fun, food, entertainment and prizes.

SSAS will return to House Wine in Worthington for its 5th Annual Wine and Craft Beer Tasting on Saturday, March 1, 2014 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. House Wine's enomatics wine dispensing machine offers a fun way to try up to 24 different wines . . . by the ounce or by the glass. An excellent selection of craft beers is also available.

We hope you can join us for at least one of our winter events. More information will be available on FaceBook and on our website or by contacting Barbara Letcher at [bletcher@nplmlaw.com](mailto:bletcher@nplmlaw.com). If you have suggestions for other events, please let us know.

# SSAS receives award from The Ohio State University Alumni Association

by Kristy Mount

Each year The Ohio State University Alumni Association recognizes their outstanding alumni societies. The Stadium Scholarship Alumni Society has been the recipient of one of these awards 15 of the last 18 years including the most recent 2012-13 year. Our Society was given a special Gold Star in the 2011-12 year!

Many requirements must be fulfilled in order to be considered for one of these awards. The areas included in the requirements are engagement of alumni, communication/marketing and student support. With regards to engagement, your Stadium Scholarship Alumni Society had teams that participated in Pelotonia 2013, Step up for Stefanie Breast Cancer Awareness Walk Run, Koman Run for the Cure and Ovarian Cancer Walk/Run. Stadium alumni events were held for football, basketball and hockey games. Before the Reunion football game, our annual meeting was held. During the annual meeting, attendees were updated on the status of the Society and more importantly on the status of the Stadium Program. In addition to attending the 3 sporting events and annual meeting, two game watches and a wine tasting were held for Stadium program alumni.

To fulfill the communications component, the Stadium Scholarship Alumni Society maintains a website [osustadiumalumni.com](http://osustadiumalumni.com), a Facebook page [go.osu.edu/ssas\\_facebook](http://go.osu.edu/ssas_facebook), produces 2 newsletters each year and sends out periodic e-mails to current members and past residence to keep them abreast of upcoming events and current information.

Undoubtedly, the strongest aspect of the Stadium Scholarship Alumni Society is the interaction and support of the current students. An alumni dinner and a Thanksgiving dinner were held with the current students in the program. Stadium alumni also attended student events such as a welcoming event, held in Ohio Stadium at the beginning of the school year and an end of year event to celebrate our students. Due to the generosity of our alumni, the Stadium Scholarship Alumni Society gave 8 scholarships totaling \$10,500. These scholarships are presented in the spring at the annual Scholarship Banquet. Additionally, the alumni supported many of the student's programs including the annual formal dance, Escapade, and an alternative spring break trip. Regular board meetings are held in either Scholars East

or West, the current home of the Stadium Scholarship Program. Student representatives are present at each Board meeting. The board is kept apprised of the status of the program and often provide input into the operation and structure of the program.

All Stadium Alumni can know that their alumni society is active and working hard to engage alumni and current residents. Your Society continue to support the program that helped so many of us during our time at The Ohio State University. Your Stadium Scholarship Alumni Society will continue to work to bring recognition to the program that meant so much to all of us. Please consider being a part of this award winning group through membership and/or participation. For more information on membership, contact Len Kummerer at [kummerer.3@osu.edu](mailto:kummerer.3@osu.edu). For additional information on the Stadium Scholarship Alumni Society, contact President Paula Santa at [santa.1@osu.edu](mailto:santa.1@osu.edu).

## "Life in the Real World"

by Tom Hone, Stadium Scholarship Dormitory, 1962-1966

When I graduated from The Ohio State University in 1966, there were only two things that I wanted to do. The first was to marry the woman I had fallen head over heels for. The second was to learn more—much more. That meant going to graduate school, getting a PhD, and then teaching, doing research, and writing. How, then, did I end up as a senior executive in the Office of the Secretary of Defense?

Chance, pure chance. I knew trying to become a scholar would be risky. I wasn't sure I had the mind for it. But I had discovered I was a good teacher. So being a college professor—a teaching scholar—seemed like a good match. I actually was a professor for a while, and I taught at a few good schools, including Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, and Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. But I never landed a position that gave me a good shot at gaining tenure—the "holy grail" (and meal ticket) of all scholars.

So, what to do? I got a job helping the U.S. Navy's headquarters in the Pentagon, and I was off, slipping and sliding, on a new career, with twists and turns that I could not foresee. I felt like a guy in a pitch dark room, falling flat over furniture in an effort to find a light switch. But slowly, over many years, I found the light switch. I taught two times at the

Naval War College (and in two different departments). I was an acquisition specialist for the Navy Department. I helped clean up the political and economic debris left over by the Cold War in Europe in the 1990s, and I held a civilian position equivalent to that of a two-star general in the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

What helped me survive in a very competitive job environment? I could think, I could write, and I could learn. The thinking began at OSU and accelerated like a rocket in my PhD program at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Wisconsin. The writing got better when I had to produce quality papers for the Navy on a few hours notice. I also approached my jobs with an eye to learning more, and that led to publications (articles and books), awards for my work, and promotions.

Now I'm retired. I teach courses on religion. I help manage the large condominium I live in. I'm active in community life in Arlington, Virginia. I edited a book that was published in 2013. I still write papers for the Navy Department. You can look me up on Google and/or send me an email at [honetom@comcast.net](mailto:honetom@comcast.net)

# Eighty Years of OUR History

Reprint from info in a recent OSU Alumni Football News

With the onset of the Great Depression, the University faced both a shrinking budget, and an increased obligation to provide for needy students: the Ohio Union served 10- and 20-cent "Depression meals," and the University routinely deferred fees. Reviewing scores from the 1932 Ohio Scholarship Test - an early statewide college entrance exam - OSU Dean of Men Joseph Park found that the top 18 students in the state had no means to pay for school. Concerned that the University would lose talented applicants, Park began to look for unused space on campus to house these students. He identified two locations on campus where about 75 men could live in barracks style: the ground floor of Larkins Hall, to be known as the Buckeye Club, and the southeast tower of Ohio Stadium, to be known as the Tower Club. The next year, 78 men enrolled in the first two scholarship dorms. Throughout the Great Depression, the number of deserving students from poverty-stricken Ohio families far outpaced the supply of housing. In 1935, with support from the federal Works Progress Administration (WPA), dorm floors for another 100 students were constructed, suspended from the stadium's structural supports. The two towers and this Tower Club Annex would eventually be known as the Stadium Club.

## DORM LIFE

In exchange for reduced fees -- \$3 a year for housing and \$2.50 a week for food -- students committed to six hours of work each week in the dorm. This ran the gamut from washing dishes and serving meals in the West Tower's third-floor dining hall, to reporting and producing the residential newspaper. Accommodations were spartan. Thirty army bunks filled each residential floor; lacking lockers, bureaus, closets or chairs, students hung their clothes from ropes suspended from the overhead radiators. After dinner each night, the dining hall was cleaned and converted to a study hall. Demand remained strong through the 1930s; successive outbursts of construction in 1938 and 1939, once again supported by the WPA, expanded capacity to 400 men.

The first students' shared workload, communal living arrangements, straitened financial circumstances and often rural upbringing created a unique sense of community. Stadium Club floors self-organized, appointing a central administrative committee, a newspaper publishing committee and a work committee, whose task was to divide labor hours among the residents. Students in the clubs competed with fraternities in intramural sports, taking pride in any victory over the well-heeled "kids from across High Street." Like many Americans stunned by the failure of America's financial system, Stadium Club students were attracted to causes of the political left: Stadium Scholarship Dorm students, under the banner of the Peace Mobilization Committee, marched in consecutive May Day parades from 1933 to 1935. Throughout the early 1930s, PMC members and other student groups were instrumental in agitating against the University's compulsory military drills. Residents from the Stadium

Dorms found a sympathetic ear in President Rightmire, who permitted a one-hour break in classes for Peace Day, April 27, 1938, so the campus community could attend a neutralist rally. The dorm's political tenor changed abruptly with the United States' declaration of war on Japan and Germany. During the 1942-43 school year, more than 1,000 Ohio State students dropped out to enter military service. In 1943 the dorms were emptied of scholarship students to make way for the new Army Specialized Training Program.

## OPENING UP

Significant change came gradually to the Stadium Dorms in the post-war period. Between 1959 and 1961 the large open barracks were converted to enclosed rooms, housing up to four men. Women remained scarce in the Stadium Dorms, their appearances limited to occasional visits to the 1966 West Berg recreation room for dancing and refreshments. In part, men of the dorms were loath to accept women, fearing for their own free lunch. When the question of going co-ed was put to residents and defeated in winter quarter 1974, the SSD president explained: "We've had to keep reassuring people they're not going to get screwed." The atmosphere, though a far cry from the first Stadium Dorms, was still considered "wild" and "primitive," an unfit female habitat. Nevertheless, during the 1974-75 school year, expectant mother Jayne Irwin lived under A-deck with her husband William, the Stadium Dorms' resident director. On the last day of January, 1975, women were voted into the Stadium Scholarship Dorms, instantly doubling women's scholarship housing. By 1982, the dorm's female population nearly approached parity, at 209 men to 149 women.

## END OF AN ERA

In 1982, the University determined the Stadium Dorms, last renovated 25 years earlier, required \$5.5 million in repairs to plumbing and wiring. Inflation and recession limited the University's maintenance funds; with the planned renovation \$3.5 million short, the dorms were threatened with closure. In spring quarter 1982, 30 scholarship dorm students scoured the University Archives to locate Stadium Dorms alumni; in connection with the 50th anniversary of the Tower Club, the University Development Fund organized a "Save Stadium Dorm" campaign. These actions convinced the University to locate other sources of funding, and the dorms were spared. The innate problems with housing students in windowless cells suspended from the girders of a 70-year-old structure persisted; a second renovation stretched from May 1985 to June 1986. Irritated students lashed out by vandalizing the new space. Finally, as part of the 2000 Stadium renovation, Stadium Scholarship residents were placed in Mack Hall. Current Stadium Scholarship students occupy Scholar Houses East and West, participating as their forebears did in cooperative work and self-governance.

