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PRESIDENT'S REPORT *By Paula Santa*



As fall semester at The Ohio State University quickly approaches, so does the end of my 2 terms as President of the Stadium Scholarship Alumni Society. I think back to all the changes that have taken place with our alma mater and our beloved Stadium Scholarship Program over the last 4 years. Of course, the biggest impact was made when the University made the conversion from quarters to semesters. We saw Dr. Michael Drake become the 15th President of our great university. The SSP has transformed to keep up with the changing needs of students while adhering to the spirit of cooperative living that is near and dear to all of us. Our board had the pleasure of working with 3 assistant hall directors. As a society, we were highlighted in OSUAA's magazine and Tribune CME. Last year, we had our annual meeting in conjunction with OSUAA at the Buckeye Bash. Finally, two more swatches were added to our society's flag for being named Outstanding Alumni Society and one for achieving Gold Star Society status. As this goes to press, we are just starting the application process for the 2014 awards. Stay tuned!

One thing that hasn't changed is most of the faces on the SSAS board. We wouldn't volunteer if we didn't love this group, but it's always nice to see new faces with new ideas. We will only grow with your participation. Please consider taking the time to serve on a committee, attend, or organize an event especially if it's been a while since you've been active. Whether you live in central Ohio or in one of the four corners of the US, there is something for you to do. We'd love to have you!

As the years roll on, your board continues to strive to provide new programming and events. This year, we are trying online registration through OSUAA and going to an away football game. We always welcome comments and suggestions from our members. What can we do to keep you engaged with our society? What would you like to contribute to help us improve what we do?

Finally I would like to offer my thanks. Thanks to the SSAS Board for all of their hard work the past 4 years. Thank you to Aaron Moore, outgoing Assistant Hall Director and Ginae Bluit, our most recent student rep on the board. And thanks to all of your SSAS members for all of your support and encouragement. I'm proud to call myself a former Stadiumite, and it has been a pleasure to serve as your president once again. GO BUCKS!

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Assistant Hall Director's Report by Aaron Moore

As I sit here writing and reflecting on the 2013-2014 school year, I cannot help but smile. The Stadium Scholarship Program in my eyes can be described in two ways: Change and Resilience. Last year the program struggled with an identity. With higher education, the needs of students, and the mission, vision, and values of an institution constantly changing, it seems reasonable that SSP also underwent some massive changes. Despite implementing some structural changes that at first seemed undeniably valuable to the student experience, it was clear that the changes were not meeting the needs of the students and what their journeys today look like: extremely involved, typically holding a second or a third job, and desiring experiences that prepare them to be a leader and for a globalized society. In order to meet their needs, SSP was restructured for the 2013-2014 year with 11 committees designed for students to participate in. Examples of committees included the following: Community and Meals, Outreach and Engagement, Event Planning, Recognition, Scholarship, and the Student Alumni Committee. Students were required to participate in these committees to plan events for one another, serve the greater Columbus community, take on leadership roles, and to truly provide an experience that meets the students' needs and wants. Please allow me to now say how proud I am of the students this year for a successful transition that has laid the groundwork for more great work to occur, for more students to benefit from SSP, and for SSP to have a prominent name on Ohio State's campus.

To share some accolades this year, the 11 committees planned and implemented just over 64 student programs. Service opportunities included: writing cards for veterans and children at Nationwide Children's Hospital, volunteering at an afterschool program, and the foundation of our new and lasting service, "Cleanup on High Street," where students have picked up well over 100 bags of trash various weekends on Saturdays and Sundays. Traditional events like the stadium welcome event, the SSP Thanksgiving dinner, and Escapade remained and were filled with a great sense of community and stadium pride. In the fall we took a trip to Chicago with 42 students and embarked on adventures to explore the city, learn about Chicago and all it has to offer, and serve with a community program that works to inspire underprivileged high school students to pursue a college education. We then finished out the year with the Alumni Scholarship Banquet and our second annual end of the year celebration where we celebrated the achievements of the students and the amazing legacy they are leaving behind! So, here we are two years later. It wasn't easy and many who have been a part of this journey know and knew that it took work, time, and investment from many bodies to continue to advance the foundational values of SSP into the program that exists today. From where I am sitting, I must offer thanks to all those who believe in SSP, who desire the students to have an amazing / fruitful experience, and who are willing to stare uncertainty in the eye and work with and implement change to ensure that the students' SSP experience is top notch and something that shapes their time

spent at OSU. The future will always be uncertain as change is a constant, but if there's one thing I learned, it's that these students are more resilient than ever. These students embrace change and know how to be the change that leaves a legacy behind. I am wrapping up my two years with the Stadium Scholarship Program as I receive my MA in Higher Education and Student Affairs from The Ohio State University and it's with joy that I announce that I have graduated and will be remaining at Ohio State as a full time Hall Director on North Campus. I have thought a lot about how I would wrap up my report for two years and don't know if I can truly wrap it up with a perfect bow and all, but what I can say is that it is with a heavy heart that I bid my farewell. The Stadium Scholarship Program is something so special and I have had the privilege to watch many students benefit from all the program has to offer. It has truly been an honor to serve in this capacity. I will forever remember SSP and look forward to watching it grow and remain prominent from wherever I am in the future, whether that be nearby or afar. In closing, I only worked for the program, but the students and alumni embraced me as if I were a part of the program and that does nothing but touch my heart with the upmost joy one can feel inside. In Chicago, as I was leading the students across an intersection to catch a bus, they asked me to run and yell, "We are SSP!" I at first felt juvenile being a 24 year old, raising my hand and yelling that phrase, but then I just laughed, smiled, and felt complete. That's what SSP does to . . . you, the students, and those who have the privilege of working with and understanding the reason for SSP's existence. So I thank all the SSPers out there and the program and will finish by saying,

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 ssposu.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. 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. 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.

Awards Banquet

by Douglas Byers, Scholarship Board Chair



On April 13th, 2014, alumni, current 'Stadiumites', friends, and family came together to honor this year's Stadium Scholarship Alumni Society scholarship recipients. The annual Scholarship Recognition Banquet was held in the Klevay Gallery of the Longaberger Alumni House. All in attendance enjoyed good food, conversation, and an enlightening presentation by our current SSAS Vice President, Kristy Mount, along with her friend and former Stadium resident, Eva Bradshaw. Eva is the current Director of Educational Technology at the Fisher College of Business. We also took a moment of silence to recognize the passing of our advisor and former Stadium resident, Mr. John Mount, a stalwart supporter of our program for many, many years. He will be greatly missed.

In all, the SSAS granted a total of \$13,000 from our endowed scholarship funds to six excellent recipients, who showed both academic aptitude and exemplary service to the Stadium Scholarship Program. Isaac Ost was the recipient of the Robert E. Smart Scholarship. Japera Benson, Paul Kraemer, Kelsey Krenwinkel, Thy Thy Nguyen, and Ethan Oldfield all received Alumni Distinguished Service Scholarships.

All scholarships are paid from funds that are the possession of the SSAS and managed by OSU. Be sure to keep these scholarship funds in mind when making donations to the university or in your wills and trusts. Please contact Mary Ann Heft, SSAS Treasurer, if you would like to donate to any of our endowed funds.



Alumni Events Continue to Bring Friends Together

by Barbara Letcher, Social Chair

The Stadium Scholarship Alumni Society kicked off 2014 supporting the men's basketball and hockey teams. On January 12th, thirty Stadium alumni and friends cheered as the men's basketball team faced some stiff competition from the Iowa Hawkeyes. Although spirits were high, the game ended in a disappointing 84-74 loss. After the game, we made our way to Roosters for a postgame tailgate.

On February 1st, the OSU men's hockey team put on quite a show for their fans as they outshot the Nittany Lions by a score of 5-2. This memorable game was in conjunction with the 6th Annual Alumni Society hockey night sponsored by The Ohio State University Alumni Association. SSAS was one of a number of other alumni societies on-hand for a pregame tailgate. Although not everyone attended the tailgate, the fifty SSAS alumni, family and friends attending the game may have been the largest group from SSAS yet.

SSAS kicked off March with a wine tasting at House Wine in Worthington. The group reminisced over wine and cheese on yet another cold winter afternoon.

Finally, SSAS joined SSP students at Scholars East on March 25th for an ice cream social featuring Tracy Ezell Rencher, the Human Resources Manager for the Northeast Regional Operations Center for Wal-Mart Transportation. Tracy shared her insights on generational diversity and how it is impacting the workplace. Participants shared how they view Traditionalists, Baby Boomers, Gen X'ers and Millennials and gained some understanding of the key characteristics of each generation integral to success in today's workplace

We are always looking for new ideas for alumni events and hope that you will share your suggestions.

THE STADIUM DORM YOUTUBE

Believe it or not, life in the Stadium Dorm from the fall of 1972 is on YouTube.
[youtube.com/watch?v=wgmcsOwwj5I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wgmcsOwwj5I)



2014 Reunion Homecoming by Craig Little

Plans are under way for an exciting 2014 Reunion-Homecoming Weekend scheduled for October 17-19. Come to campus on Friday afternoon, take a campus tour and then grab a spot along High Street for the 102nd Ohio State Homecoming Parade. The parade will start at 6:00 PM at the Stadium and conclude at the Ohio Union. Immediately following the parade, come inside the main halls of the Ohio Union for the Homecoming Pep Rally.

Just like last year, our society has joined with six other alumni societies and The Ohio State University Alumni Association, Inc. for the Reunion-Homecoming Buckeye Bash at the Ohio Union. This combined event will feature food, soft drinks, a photo booth, cash bar and visits from special Ohio State guests including Archie Griffin, Brutus and the OSU Cheerleaders. The event will be held in the Archie Griffin Ballroom from Noon to 2:00 p.m.. Our business meeting will take place in the Senate Chamber Room, on the 2nd floor of the Ohio Union. At the conclusion of the meeting, we will head to the ballroom for the pre-game events. Kick-off vs. Rutgers is set for 3:30 p.m.

New this year, our registration will be on-line. Football ticket priority will go to those current members of the Society and who are sustaining or life members of OSUAA. If the football ticket option is not visible to you when you go to the link, you can call the Alumni Association at 614-292-2281 to pay your Society Dues and/or make a donation to become a sustaining member of OSUAA.

For a complete list of Reunion-Homecoming activities and to register beginning on Monday, July 21, go to: go.osu.edu/reunions. For those of you who do not have access to a computer, you can register by calling 614-292-2281 or 1-800-762-5646

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.

OSUAA Modifies Membership

by Mary Ann Heft and Craig Little

On July 1, 2012, the Ohio State University Alumni Association modified its membership. All alumni holding a degree are basic members of OSUAA. To be consider a sustaining member and eligible for certain benefits, OSU 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. Contributions to the funds that support scholarships (account number 606878) and ongoing service to the residents (account number 606879) would also be appreciated. You can give on-line at giveto.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.

This change does not impact 2014 dues for the Stadium Scholarship Alumni Society which are \$30.

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 giveto.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 so we can help you make it happen.

Thank you for your support.

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

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 **Aug. 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 **Sept. 30, 2014** and presented at the annual meeting in the fall (TBA).

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	

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