Ohio State alumni club and society members make a difference every day in their communities, organizations, colleges, industries, and at the university. Whether raising money to support current students, giving back through local service projects, or spreading the love of Buckeye Nation beyond the campus borders, their impact is felt.
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Why should someone get involved with their local club?
To stay connected to The Ohio State University. I don’t think staying connected is something we actively think about, especially when we first graduate, but after several years in Austin when I finally found the club, it was like coming home. There’s nothing like connecting with other alums who share your passion for all things Buckeye.

What advice do you have for a new graduate moving to your area?
Reach out to the club or just come out to an event. We try to host a diverse array of events such as community service, networking, and game day parties. You’re sure to meet someone in the field you work in or someone with similar interests as you.

What is your favorite activity sponsored by your club?
One of our recurring community service events is dear to my heart. We coordinate with Austin Boxer Rescue (ABR) to walk homeless, rescue dogs. We all wear our scarlet shirts and bring matching bandanas for the dogs. It’s an event everyone can participate in and many parents bring their children. The staff at the vet clinic where the dogs are housed and volunteers who run ABR all sing Ohio State’s praise because of the impression we’ve made.

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The Bill Gue Scholarship from the Ohio State Alumni Club of Atlanta turned a lifetime Buckeye’s dream into a reality. I am forever grateful for the financial contributions and extracurricular support provided by the Atlanta Buckeyes. The monetary sponsorship allowed me to focus on my academics while fully indulging in the culture of Ohio State. Outside the classroom, the Alumni Club of Atlanta arranged networking events and social activities helping me develop the tools necessary to become a productive member of the Alumni Association post graduation. Thank you to all the Buckeyes before me whose contributions have made Ohio State the incredible institution it is today!

Ryan DeChellis ’16
Gainesville, GA

By awarding me the Mathematical and Physical Sciences Alumni Society scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, learning. As a kid from a family of eight, I am responsible for funding my education, and I am thankful for the support of this financial responsibility. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the Ohio State community. I hope one day I will be able to help others achieve their goals just as you have helped me.

Jonathan Kubesch, Junior
Hamilton, OH
Mathematical and Physical Sciences Scholar

Thank you so much for allowing me to spend another year here at the best university on this planet... without this scholarship I would not be able to continue my education here. I could not imagine not being part of the African American Voices Gospel Choir, being a Buckeye Leadership Fellow, being a Teaching Assistant and being a reporter for The Lantern. Thank you for allowing me to continue my education.

Dominique Johnson, Junior
Dayton, OH
OSUAA Alumni Scholar
Thanks to our committed alumni clubs and societies, Buckeye Nation continues to increase its presence worldwide. Because of their incredible volunteerism and involvement, Ohio State is a better place and our alumni are more connected than ever.

2016 HONOREES
Alumni Club of the Year
The Florida Suncoast Alumni Club

Alumni Society of the Year
The College of Nursing Alumni Society

Alumni Club Programs of the Year
The Ohio State University Alumni Club of Muskingum County, Ohio, OSUACMC Scholarship Program
The Ohio State University Alumni Club of Greater Jacksonville, Buckeyes After Work
The Sarasota-Manatee Ohio State Alumni Club, Tribute to Betty and Alex Schoenbaum

Alumni Society Programs of the Year
The Army ROTC Alumni Society, Hall of Fame Banquet
The John Glenn College of Public Affairs Alumni Society, Leadership Forum
The College of Nursing Alumni Society, Wine Tasting

Alumni Club Innovative Program of the Year
The Ohio State University Alumni Club of Greater New Orleans, The Will Smith Memorial Scholarship Fundraiser

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The John Glenn College of Public Affairs Alumni Society, Glenn College Washington Academic Internship Program Crowdfunding Campaign

Outstanding Campus Alumni Relations Liaison
Carol Duhigg, Electrical Engineering/Electrical and Computer Engineering Alumni Society

Pay Forward for Volunteerism
Sarah Jane Duffy, Young Buckeyes of Central Ohio Alumni Club
Philip Faulkner, Alumni Club of Dallas/Ft. Worth
Jeff Linkinhoker, Alumni Club of Middle Tennessee
Ramona Moenter, Alumni Club of the Sacramento Valley
William Schuller, Alumni Club of Ross County, Ohio
Bradley Clymer, Electrical Engineering/Electrical and Computer Engineering Alumni Society
Scott Gale, College of Arts and Sciences Alumni Society
Tiffany Kaiser, Pharmacy Alumni Society
Edward Lang III, Army ROTC Alumni Society
Pamela Tapscott-Lassiter, Black Alumni Society
Buckeye Nurses! The Nursing Alumni Society connects, supports and celebrates alumni. The Society provides programming that fosters their mission to create meaningful student and alumni interactions.

This year the Society concentrated on boosting student and young alumni involvement. One of the programs they developed to do just that, was the College of Nursing Alumni Society Mentorship Program. The purpose is to provide an opportunity for interaction between students or young alumni with an alumni mentor. They also participate annually in the Dinner for 12 Buckeyes program (hosted by the Student-Alumni Council) and professionalism week each February – a week-long program they co-host with the College of Nursing’s Office of Student Affairs, to prepare graduating nursing students for their upcoming job searches.

One of their most meaningful programs, the annual wine tasting and silent auction, promotes scholarship and student retention at the college. For ten years, this program has been a staple of the college’s scholarship fundraising efforts, contributing thousands of dollars each year to their scholarship fund. In August 2016, over $18,000 was raised for scholarships at the College of Nursing after 160 alumni, donors and local nurses attended the annual wine tasting fundraiser. Thanks to the generosity of alumni and friends, the Nursing Alumni Society Board exceeded its goal to raise over 1 million dollars for student scholarships by 2014.

All graduates of the College of Nursing are basic members of the Nursing Alumni Society, with increased benefits for those who support Ohio State financially.

If you would like to get involved visit: go.osu.edu/BuckeyeNursing

The Ohio State University Suncoast Alumni Club
2016 Alumni Club of the Year

Originally a group of Ohio State fans getting together to watch Saturday football, the club has grown in both size and involvement with over 3,500 Buckeyes in the Tampa Bay community and Buckeye Nation.

They are ambassadors for the University, networking throughout the community to raise university awareness, recruit future Buckeyes, and provide financial support to students and the University while creating lifelong friendships.

Over this past year they held a number of exciting events including hosting an Admitted Student Dinner this spring, participating in service projects throughout the year, hosting current Ohio State students in Tampa supporting Buck-I-Serv, supporting our Buckeyes during the Big Ten/Big East Challenge and supporting the Alumni Scholarship Program. Of course, during football season on Saturday afternoons, you can hear “O – H – I – O” coming from both sides of Tampa Bay as local alumni and fans gathered at game watch locations. Their members even coordinated a beautifully synchronized Script Ohio in the parking lot of one of these locations.

If you would like to get involved contact the club at TampaClub@osu.edu or visit suncoast.alumni.osu.edu
Buckeyes Give: Month of Service
This April, Buckeyes are joining together to give back to our communities through service.

We want you to join us.

1. Define Your Project
Choose any community service project. When will it be and where? How long will it take? Get the details ready.

2. Post it With Us
Show Buckeye Nation that you’re in. Visit volunteer.osu.edu to create your volunteer opportunity.

3. Tell Others!
Share your project via your social media channels, newsletters, emails and all the places you network to recruit your team of volunteers.

4. Make it Happen
Complete your project with your proud group of Buckeye volunteers.

5. Let Us Know How it Went
Report back on your project. Tell us how many people joined you, what you accomplished, and send us pictures.

Questions? Contact volunteer@osu.edu

Opportunities to volunteer with Ohio State are everywhere. Whether you live in Columbus, or across the globe, you can give back to the university you love.

To find an opportunity, go to volunteer.osu.edu

Join fellow Buckeyes around the country at an alumni association event. For a listing of events visit osu.edu/alumni or your local club’s web-page, which can be found at go.osu.edu/clubssocieties

Network Like a Pro
Dayton, OH
November 30, 2016
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Wine and dine with Chicagoland Buckeyes
Chicago, IL
December 13, 2016
7 p.m.

Buckeyes Give: Serving Hope Las Vegas
Las Vegas, NV
December 16, 2016
7 - 9 p.m.

Buckeyes Want You to Be a Buckeye Volunteer
volunteer.osu.edu

Join the Alumni Association.
All Ohio State graduates are members of the alumni association.

Carry on the Buckeye tradition of paying forward, and become a sustaining member. A sustaining member is an alumnus who donates $75 annually to the Ohio State fund of their choice. Our sustaining member community supports the people, projects and priorities of the university and stays connected to Ohio State by making a difference. Gifts may be made to any area of Ohio State, including the alumni association and scholarships. Donate today at: giveto.osu.edu/alumnigive

Learn more about The Ohio State University Alumni Association at www.osu.edu/alumni or 800-678-6355 or osuaa@osu.edu