Suncoast Alumni Club

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Who are we?

The Ohio State University Suncoast Alumni Club comprises 3 counties in the Tampa Bay area, Pinellas, Hillsborough and Pasco.

Pinellas - Population 900,000, 280 square miles
Hillsborough - Population 1,350,000, 1,020 square miles
Pasco - Population 500,000, 746 square miles
Ohio State University graduates and students in our three county area

- # of alumni – 3,708
- # of enrolled students – 31
- # of first year students – 9
Why we are a part of the
The Ohio State University Alumni Association

• One, it enhances our ability to work closely and effectively with university communications and university development, two entities with which we share many audiences and practices.
• Two, this offers the Alumni Club the potential for greater resources. It also defines a process by which we can develop important projects that will benefit alumni and The Ohio State University.
Why join the club?

Best reason to join your club

• To find comfort in SEC country with other Buckeyes. Many people who join just moved to Tampa Bay and miss Ohio friends and family (and of course Buckeye football) and want to make quick friends with common interests and there is no better way to do that than with the Suncoast Alumni Club.
The Suncoast Alumni Club

- Great Game Watch and other Buckeye events
- But we strive to be so much more. As a part of The Ohio State University Alumni Association we embrace its core values.
  - Scholarship
  - Community
- Just so you know, we have a good time doing it.
Scholarship Fund

- We reach out to students who are accepted to The Ohio State University as fall freshmen, primarily
- A review of each candidate’s application is completed by Membership committee
  - Generally, someone in the top 10-20% of their graduating class
  - Well-rounded, active, involved - more than academics
- Teacher, school letters of recommendation
- Each candidate is interviewed
- Final selections are made by the Membership committee and approved by the Board
Admitted Student Night

- Admissions Office/Suncoast Club joint project
- Funded by Office of Access and Diversity Initiatives
- Opportunity for candidates to learn about student life at The Ohio State University
- Opportunity for Suncoast Club to meet with student candidates
- Members of Suncoast Club offer their personal experiences as Ohio State University students and graduates
Admitted Student Night

• Program Content
  – Welcome
  – FYE (First Year Experience at Ohio State)
  – Alumni Panel
  – Financial Aid & Alumni Scholarship
  – Calling Ohio State Home
  – Q&A / Conversations
Getting to Know the Students
College Fairs

• Admissions Office/Suncoast Club joint project
• 3 College Fairs this year
Building the Scholarship - Game Watch

• Buckeye supporters get together
• Major source of scholarship funding
And tailgating
Building the Scholarship - Dot the "I"
An expression for describing the beneficiary of a good deed repaying it to others instead of to the original benefactor. The history of the expression goes back to ancient Greece, described by the likes of Benjamin Franklin and Ralph Waldo Emerson.

But we most remember it as misquoted by our beloved Woody Hayes, “You can pay back only seldom. You can always pay forward, and you must pay line for line, deed for deed, and cent for cent." He also shortened the (mis)quotation into "You can never pay back; but you can always pay forward" and variants.”
Pay it forward – Food drive
Pay it forward – Toy drive
Pay it forward – Beach Cleanup
Pay it forward – Buck-I-SERV
Pay it forward – Student Send Off
Pay it forward – Buckeye Cruise for Cancer

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BENEFITING THE
Urban and Shelley Meyer
Fund for Cancer Research
Pay it forward – New Perspective Foundation
And those that make it all possible
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Thanks to the
The Ohio State University Alumni Association

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The SouthEast Region team!
GO BUCKS!!