



# STATER ELEPHANT

Autumn 2022



## Letter from the Alumni Liaison

Hello Stater Alumni! I'm Austin Cool, a fifth year Biophysics doctoral candidate from Fishers, Indiana. I have had the pleasure of serving as the alumni liaison for the 2022 year.

This fall has been extremely busy for the organization... we interviewed and accepted 10 new student members, had 5 more students go active, and interviewed and accepted 3 new faculty/staff advisers into the organization. On top of that, we had 4 project events occur and had one of our most successful seasons selling seat cushions in quite a few years! We have many more projects in the works for the Spring semester and our annual Winter Banquet on Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you around this Spring!

In The Stater Spirit,  
Austin Cool



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## Letter From Alumni Society President

Hi Stater Alumni,

My name is Colleen Sauer (Class of 2018), and I am the current President of the Ohio Staters, Inc. Alumni Society. We have now surpassed the one-year mark as a society since our reinstatement last year, and it has already provided some great opportunities to reconnect alumni to each other and OSI. We have hosted some incredible events such as a Zumba and Taco Night, and a hand in awarding the first Mangino Scholarship to a Stater student in honor of former Ohio Stater president Jen Hixon Mangino (2000). Looking into the next year, we are excited for the upcoming banquet, participating in kindness week in February, as well as several events in the works.

As you are aware from your time in Staters, this is a special organization filled with members with diverse and unique talents to contribute and make a difference to the Ohio State community. I encourage you to stay connected to this group, with the opportunity to bring these special connections into your post-graduate life as well as inspire and support the current Stater student population.

There are many ways to get involved in our organization, especially in leadership and committee roles. Right now, we are looking for volunteers to be a Board Secretary, Membership Chair, and serve on our Programming Committee. If you're interested, please contact me at [colleen.sauer18@gmail.com](mailto:colleen.sauer18@gmail.com). We have an amazing team of alumni sitting on the board with a variety of backgrounds and strengths, and working with all of them is truly an opportunity not to be missed.

In the Stater Spirit,

**Colleen Sauer**

Class of 2018





# Membership Updates

## New Probationary Members

**Eli Burgett** – 3<sup>rd</sup> year Communications major from Asheville, OH

**Faith Jeffrey** – 3<sup>rd</sup> year from Reynoldsburg, OH

**Hallie Mettler** – 3<sup>rd</sup> year from Temecula, CA

**Haniya Mohiuddin** – 2<sup>nd</sup> year from Lewis Center, OH

**Saliha Choudhury** – 2<sup>nd</sup> year from Dayton, OH

**Safwan Jaweed** – 2<sup>nd</sup> year from Cincinnati, OH

**Rajiv Jeenigiri** – 2<sup>nd</sup> year from Dublin, OH

**Luke Peart** – 2<sup>nd</sup> year from London, OH

**Maddox Rickens** – 1<sup>st</sup> year from Lewis Center, OH

**Ishwarya Iyer** – 1<sup>st</sup> year from Solon, OH



## New Active Members

**Jillian Krawtz** – 3<sup>rd</sup> year Health Sciences major from Round Rock, TX

**Daniel Murray** – 2<sup>nd</sup> year Chemistry major from Westerville, OH

**Maeli O'Briant** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Exploration major from Worthington, OH

**Emily Schwegman** – 3<sup>rd</sup> year Finance major from Cincinnati, OH

**Sierra Sutton** – 2<sup>nd</sup> year Biology major from Wapakoneta, OH

## 2023 Executive Committee

**Maelyn Cheng** – **President**, 3<sup>rd</sup> year Pharmaceutical Sciences major from Reynoldsburg, OH

**Adrienne Vala** – **Vice President**, 3<sup>rd</sup> year Biomedical Engineering major from Plymouth, MI

**Emily Schwegman** – **Treasurer**, 3<sup>rd</sup> year Finance major from Cincinnati, OH

**Audrey Sturgeon** – **Secretary**, 2<sup>nd</sup> year Neuroscience major from Granville, OH

**Lauren Petersen** – **Recording Secretary**, 3<sup>rd</sup> year Hospitality Management major from West Chester, OH

**Dave DeAngelo** – Faculty Advisor, Sr. Associate Director - Facilities, from Youngstown, OH

**Kevin King** – Faculty Treasurer, Senior Director of Finance & IT for Administration & Planning from Bucyrus, OH



# Projects

## Founders Day

Founders' Day 2022 was an event to commemorate the first day of class held at Ohio State and serves to educate the student body about the history of Ohio State. This year's project honored the centennial year of Ohio Stadium. Ohio Staters collaborated with University Archives and their display in Thompson Library. The event was on September 16th from 12 pm – 3 pm and included a scavenger hunt with a cookie incentive. Fully completed scavenger hunt sheets were entered in a raffle for a free tour of the stadium.



## Omens on the Oval

Omens of the Oval is an event which combines ghost tours of the oval with Orton Bell tours. The event took place on October 26th, 2022, and was centered around Orton Hall. Both tours of the oval and of the bell tower left from the Orton Hall lobby area, with Staters guiding both tours. The ghost tour also involved “trick-or-treating”, with candy passed out at the stops.



## Michigan Traditions Rivalry Rally

We collaborated with SAC to help put on the “Rivalry Rally” on November 21<sup>st</sup>. We handed out 500 beanies with a Script Ohio logo to the first 500 students in attendance at the event. In addition, we had a recruitment table where our members can interact with students and introduced Molly Ranz-Calhoun on the stage as one of the speakers. During the event, SAC hosted several student organizations such as OUAB and Block O in the Archie Griffin Ballroom of the Ohio Union. There were other performances and guest speakers throughout the event to bring students together to get into the spirit of the game against The Team Up North. We hope to continue helping in some capacity with this event in years to come!



## Light Up The Lake 2022

This project seeks to continue the tradition of hanging seasonal lights around the Mirror Lake Hollow in hopes of bringing the Ohio State community together and brighten campus during the winter season. There was a ceremony of student group performances, followed by attendees joining in a rendition of Carmen Ohio, and then the lighting of the Mirror Lake Hollow. The project was enhanced by purchasing individually programmable lights for the experience of a dynamic light show during the ceremony portion of the event.



# 26 Years of Thinking, Believing and Doing

## Beloved Faculty Treasurer Cathy Montalto Retires

After 26 years as a Stater and 20 serving as the organization's Faculty Treasurer, Cathy Montalto retired from Ohio State University at the end of the calendar year. Cathy's last luncheon with Staters was December 1, where her husband Mike surprised her with his attendance! Cathy was presented with a commemorative, personalized seat cushion and the body celebrated with a cake in her honor.



Cathy plans to continue her service to Staters as an emeritus member. Congrats to Cathy! She will be missed by Staters past, present and future.





## Future Stater Projects

Wish Upon a Beloved Buckeye is a Stater project that has been in the works for many years. This project will commemorate students, faculty and staff from the Ohio State family who have passed. This installation will provide the community with a place to reflect and remember these individuals. This is important to the Ohio State campus as it provides a peaceful central location for buckeyes to remember their loved ones who have passed on. Ohio Staters Inc. focuses on promoting the welfare of students on campus, and through this memorial, we keep those who have passed as part of the Buckeye family.

## Stater Donations

Are you looking for a way to support your favorite student organization at Ohio State with a tax-deductible donation? Then the Ohio Staters, Inc Founders Endowment Fund is for you! You can make a donation at this website ([Here](#)) and designate our fund by searching for account #605385. Thank you to the countless alumni who have already chosen to donate to this fund, your gratitude is appreciated by every member of the organization! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our faculty treasurer, Kevin King ([king.13@osu.edu](mailto:king.13@osu.edu)).

