Suncoast Alumni Club attains OSUAA Scarlet status

The Suncoast Alumni Club is proud to be recognized as a Scarlet-level alumni club, which is the OSU Alumni Association's highest recognition level that a club can attain based on such criteria as number of events and efforts raising money for student scholarships. By reaching this level the club will now have access to new sources of funding for events and other services. The club will have additional access to OSUAA resources and alumni in the Tampa Bay area. Thanks to all for making it happen.

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Rays vs. Twins and Pregame Tailgate

Please come join us as we host all local students who will be attending OSU in the fall. “Night with the Rays” features the Tampa Bay Rays vs. the Minnesota Twins, Saturday, August 6th at Tropicana Field in downtown St. Petersburg. The game starts at 6:15 but get there early to enjoy a pregame tailgate sponsored by the OSU Suncoast Club in conjunction with OSUAA. Join us under the Ohio State tent located in the main lot (Lot 6) at the north end of 1st Ave. S. Food and beverages will be provided. Meet up with alumni members and students before the game to share Ohio State experiences. The $40 cost includes a lower box seat, Rays hat and pregame tailgate. Details and purchasing tickets can be found at Suncoast.Alumni.osu.edu/Event/summer-send-off-event. Don’t miss out on a fun time! Deadline is August 29th!!
Save the Date August 27th!
Big 10 Kickoff Party

Celebrate the start of the college football season by showing your Buckeye spirit! Join us at Ferg’s on Saturday, August 27th for the B1G Football Tailgate Kick-Off (rain or shine). Meet us under the OSU tent in B1G Tent Village. Enjoy a live band all evening, There will be food and drink specials. There will also be a huge 50-50 drawing (half the pot goes to each school’s scholarship fund).

Big 10 Golf Tournament

4th Annual Penn State Big Ten Golf Tournament at Eagles Golf Club. Proceeds will support research for pediatric cancer. Saturday, August 20th. The party starts with shotgun at 9am, followed by lunch buffet, awards and raffles. $59 covers range balls, golf on the Forest course, cart, a buffet lunch, and 2 drink tickets. To join an OSU foursome, contact Ken at tampaclub@osu.edu

Suncoast Alumni Club Annual Banquet

A turn out of over 70 club members and guests enjoyed the evening at The Florida Aquarium in downtown Tampa. The evening began with a cocktail hour and the opportunity to tour the aquarium. The banquet included honoring of the 2016 scholarship recipients. This year’s recipients are Casey Inman, Veronica Carlson and Audis Husic. The guest speaker for the evening was Tyson Gentry, former OSU football player and founder of New Perspective Foundation. The club presented a donation to New Perspective Foundation to forward the work done for the families of victims of spinal cord injuries. See all the pictures on the club website.
World Oceans Day
Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful
Buckeye Beach Cleanup

On June 11th, in conjunction with World's Ocean Day, members of the club joined together in a beach clean up at our adopted shoreline on Davis Island, next to Tampa General Hospital. All the participating organizations met later at Ferg's for lunch and a t-shirt give-a-away. Join us for the next beach clean up in September. It's time to do our part to help keep the Bay area beautiful and continue to pay forward in our community. Meet up at 9am at the corner of Columbia Dr and Arbor Place. Trash bags, gloves, hand sanitizer and water will be provided. Please wear long pants and sturdy shoes that you don't mind getting dirty. Please email us for directions if needed. Check the web site for the date!

Paying Forward – An Ohio State Tradition

Pay it forward is 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. As a part of The Ohio State University Alumni Association we embrace its core values.

Without your help the OSU Suncoast Club couldn’t accomplish everything we do. Opportunities exist to be a member of the board or just to be an ambassador for an event. The time commitment is small and the satisfaction great. Please consider and if interested please contact Ken Jaffe. Thanks to everyone. Go Buckeyes, O-H-I-O

Buckeye Book Community Program

Each summer all first year students complete their first college assignment by participating in the Buckeye Book Community (BBC). First year students are given a selected book during orientation. They are asked to read the book before they return to campus and be prepared to discuss and analyze what they have read. The experience culminates with a visit from the featured author.

The book for the 2016-2017 year is The Other Wes Moore. Two kids named Wes Moore were born blocks apart within a year of each other. Both grew up fatherless in similar Baltimore neighborhoods and had difficult childhoods; both hung out on street corners with their crews; both ran into trouble with the police. How, then, did one grow up to be a Rhodes Scholar, decorated veteran, White House Fellow, and business leader, while the other ended up a convicted murderer serving a life sentence? Wes Moore, the author of this fascinating book, sets out to answer this profound question.

The OSU Alumni Association is making a limited number of copies available to club members. We would only ask that you participate in a book discussion with other members this fall. If interested please contact Ken Jaffe.
2016 OSU Suncoast Alumni Club Game Watch Locations

Hillsborough County Game Watch Location: O'Brien's Pub, 701 W. Lumsden Rd Brandon, FL 33511 (813)-661-9688 www.obrienspubs.com

Pinellas County Game Watch Location: Quaker Steak & Lube, 10400 49th Street North Clearwater, FL (727) 572-9464 www.thelube.com

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