

The Ohio State University Women's Varsity "O"



ATHLETES HELPING ATHLETES

SUMMER 2015

Hello to former lady Buckeyes! We have two important initiatives happening now that we want to bring to your attention!

First, you should have received a mailing outlining changes to the football ticket benefit for former student athletes, including a full season ticket option. Although this initiative is not directly related to Varsity O, purchasing your tickets as outlined in the brochure will become the method to cover your annual Varsity O membership beginning in 2016. Our minimum dues for a sustaining member have been raised to \$75. We are sensitive to this change and realize this may be frustrating for our membership. The new membership rate is directly in-line with the universities



New President Katy Craig Swathwood participated in Track and Field from 1998-2002

suggested cost of membership into an alumni group with ticket benefits. \$50 of the cost will go directly to Varsity O. The remaining \$25 will go to the Buckeye Club to fund student-athlete scholarships.

Secondly, you may have heard we are discussing merging Men's and Women's Varsity O organizations, at the request of the Athletic Department & the Alumni Association. The discussions are ongoing and we welcome your thoughts or concerns.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION: We are making significant changes to our website, it still works...but for more updated information: Like us on Facebook! "OSU Women's Varsity "O" Alumnae Society" or email our board at our shared address: womensvboard@gmail.com

Happy Summer!

-Katy Craig Swathwood, Women's Varsity O President

Meet our 2015 Board

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Teitelbaum & Casperson win Bailey & Tootle Awards

Phyllis Bailey Career Achievement Award

Andy Teitelbaum took the helm as Rowing coach when the program was founded in 1995. His rowers recently won back to back NCAA Championships and have won three straight BIG Conference Championships. He is a four-time regional coach of the year. His lady Buckeyes have garnered 23 All-American honors and 150 All-Academic BIG conference honors.

Barbie Tootle Buckeye Spirit Award

Teri Casperson, a longtime advocate of women's athletics, worked at the University in the College of Education, SASSO and as an athletic counselor for the compliance office. Teri touched the lives of many athletes she counseled in these roles. Teri retired in 2008 and still attends many Buckeye Sporting Events.



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WVO CONNECT

Connecting Alums

We are discussing local get togethers for Men's and Women's Varsity O members. We are considering something as simple as a cocktail hour or wine tasting. If you have ideas or want to help, please contact Women's Varsity O Board Member Candace Dark at womensvoboard@gmail.com

Athletes helping Athletes

Letterjacket Ceremonies: We handed out jackets to 2015's Fall and Winter new letterwinners. It is truly an honor to see their excitement!



The Women's Basketball letterwinners received their jackets at the April ceremony.

Scholarships: Women's Varsity O provided 1000\$ grants to the Cross Country team for highest GPA and the rifle team for most improved GPA at the scholar athlete banquet in April!

Connecting with Athletes

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are working with the Athletic Department to create career connections.

Would you be willing to mentor or advise a student athlete who is interested in your field of work?

If so, please email Board member Beth Howe at:

WomenVOBoard@gmail.com.

Top Student Athlete Fields of Interest:

Sports Industry

Communications

Biology

Business Administration; Finance; Marketing

Consumer & Family Financial Services

Sociology; Criminology; Psychology

WVO "Pay Forward" Spotlight— Janis Salas

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-Janis Salas

Janis, a former Track and Field athlete has been volunteering with the Massillon Boys and Girls Club since moving back to Ohio in 2013. The club helps over 300 schoolage children, most whom live below the poverty level. At the club, Janis is a volunteer basketball coach for 7th and 9th grade girls and also helps kids with their homework one night each week. The club provides breakfast and after school activities to keep the kids safe, healthy and engaged. "It has been great to observe the evolution of these children and see the influence that the Club has made" Janis shares. Janis currently works as an IT manager with Johnson and Johnson and enjoys working with young ladies who are interested in the IT field.

If Varsity O members are interested in volunteering with the Boys and Girls clubs near them, please visit: www.bgca.org

Do you know a VO Member contributing to the betterment of her community? Email us at WomensVoBoard@gmail.com

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OHIO STATE ATHLETICS HALL of FAME CLASS OF 2015



The 2015 Hall of Fame Class will be honored at a Columbus Area banquet Friday September 18th and introduced during halftime of the Northern Illinois football game Saturday September 19th.

Women's inductees are: Lara Dickenmann (Soccer), Natalia Diea (Diving) Anna Fago (Rowing), Teresa Meyer (Pistol), Therese Hession (Golf).

For more details visit: www.ohiostatebuckeyes.com

Team Spotlight: Rowing

By Liz (Hellickson) Lucas



Rower Chloe Meyer showed us her two NCAA Champion Rings at the Scholar Athlete banquet in April. One is on her Mom's hand!

As Most students pack up dorm rooms and apartments to wrap up another school year, the Ohio State rowing women are just getting rolling in the toughest and most meaningful part of their season. This year the stakes were even higher. On May 29th, 30th and 31st, the Ohio State women were in Gold River, California for their chance to race for a third consecutive national title, a feat that no other team in history had ever attained.

The third-ranked Buckeyes, entered into their 16th consecutive appearance at the NCAA tournament determined to make history. After the first day of racing, the Buckeyes were one of only three teams (Washington and California) to advance all three boats directly into the A/B semifinals on Saturday. The next day they were one of only two teams (Washington) to advance all three boats into the Grand Finals on Sunday. The Buckeyes had set themselves up nicely to do what no team before them had done.

On Sunday, the Ohio State women rowed themselves into history. The first varsity four placed fifth, the second varsity eight had a great runner-up finish and the first varsity eight dominated for an individual national title giving the Buckeyes what they needed to earn the third NCAA Division I Rowing Championship. This NCAA title marks the 5th title for Ohio State athletics this year! #RowBucks

Board Member Liz Hellickson Lucas is a former rower and is helping organizing rowing alumni events. Contact Liz at WomensVOBoard@gmail.com