

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow Varsity O Members,

Happy Fall! Autumn officially means many things: students back on The Ohio State campus, the crisp air with crunchy leaves beneath each step, our fall-sport Buckeyes taking their respective fields and courts, Saturdays in The SHOE, and... Varsity O's most exciting time of year!

In early September, we celebrated our 42nd year of The Ohio State University Athletics Hall of Fame. Our incredible inductees were legends in their sport, Olympic medalists, international icons, and can I just say, "Amazing human beings that were fun, kind, humble, and gracious to be awarded with such prestige!"

As we roll into October, I want to remind all of you of our Homecoming Tailgate which will be at the French Fieldhouse on October 5th from 4-7pm prior to the Michigan State game. This is a great opportunity to join Varsity O and fellow Buckeyes for a food buffet, cash-bar, music, corn-hole, photo booth, and other fun surprises we have planned. We will also be celebrating our Jim Jones Career Achievement Award and Varsity O Loyalty award winners as well!

Through the 2019-2020 academic year, the University is celebrating its storied and proud history of 150 years. We are calling it, "The Sesquicentennial Year of Celebration". And although our Athletic Department does not date quite that far back, certainly the contributions and traditions of OSU Athletics has played a storied role in the history of the BEST university in the country. Since the earliest days, OSU athletes have inspired millions across the globe, and have delivered some of the most historic and thrilling moments in collegiate sports. So it's natural when people think of "BUCKEYES" they automatically think: Brutus, TBDBITL, Script Ohio, St. John Arena, Block O, Football, Championships, Excellence. And of course: our animosity against that Team Up North- Xichigan!

So as you put on your favorite Buckeye sweatshirt for the first time this fall, and you sip on your Pumpkin Spice Latte' while displaying the first of many dishes of candy corn designed for immediate consumption; I challenge you to take the time to reflect on your time here at OSU.

These past 150 years celebrate all that Buckeyes are, all we've accomplished, and all that's yet to come. My friends and fellow Buckeyes, we have made many memories, built many friendships, and have experienced once-in-a-lifetime opportunities. Over these next 150 years, let's ensure that Varsity O's impact and legacy continues to reinforce the tradition and pride BuckeyeNation exudes and please share with me in that journey of Athletes Helping Athletes!

Go Bucks!

Candace Dark

Varsity O President

Women's Basketball ('02-'07)

VARSITY O TOURED "THE SHOE"

Varsity "O" members and guests had the opportunity to tour Ohio Stadium August 14, 2019, just days before Ryan Day and the 2019 Buckeyes began fall practice for what is promising to be another celebrated football season on the banks of the Olentangy.

Members and guests totaling 176 attendees had the opportunity to walk the sidelines where Woody once roamed, where Archie made history and where the Buckeyes have battled since 1922.

The tour featured visits to the \$1.5 million Steinbrenner Band Center, home to the "Best Damn Band in the Land", the Buckeyes Locker room, on-field photo opportunities, the press box and the Huntington Club. The tour would have also included a visit to the rarely visited Football Recruiting Room, however, there was a staff meeting in progress that could not have been interrupted. After the educational "inside the ropes", "backstage pass" tour, it was off to the welcome confines of our Varsity "O' Room for some refreshments and Buckeye camaraderie.

A great event was had by all and it is quite likely that the Varsity "O" Alumni Society will feature a tour of Ohio Stadium again in 2020!







UPDATE FOR YOUNG ALUMNI VO MEMBERS

The Varsity O Young Alumni Committee, now in its second year, has continued its focus on engagement of former Buckeye Letterwinners ages 35 and under. Our first event of the year, a Buckeyes After Work Event held in May allowed the committee members to engage with and meet other former Ohio State athletes in Columbus and the surrounding area. Plans for the remainder of 2019 include the Varsity O Homecoming Tailgate on October 5th, and a December event at the Columbus Zoo. Please keep an eye out for future communications from this group, and feel free to reach out to any Varsity O board member for information on our Young Alumni events, or how to get involved!

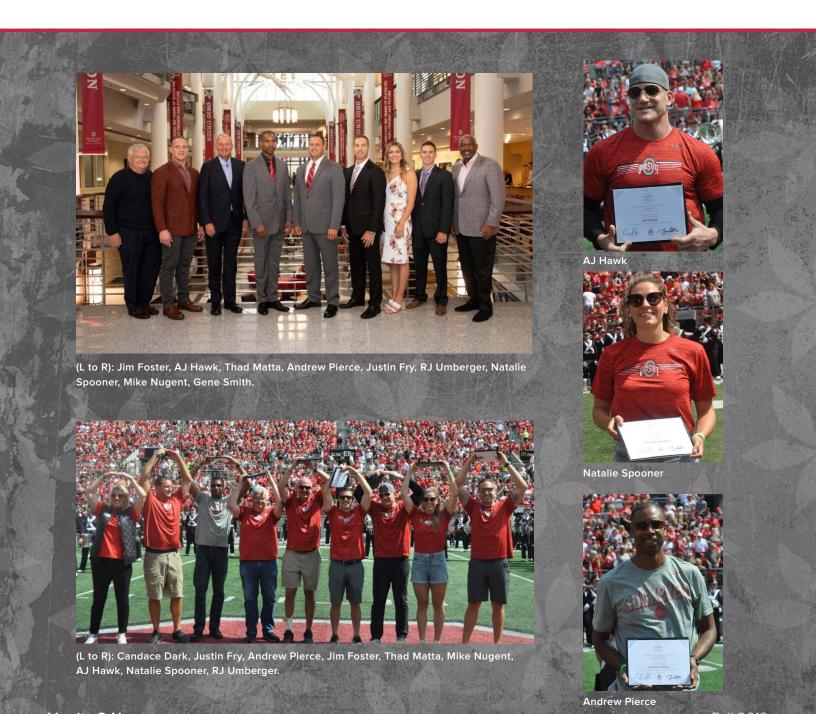
SPOTLIGHT EVENTS

2019 HALL OF FAME CLASS

On Friday September 6th, the 2019 Hall of Fame Class was inducted at the Hall of Fame banquet held at the Archie Griffin Ball Room. The 42nd class of the OSU Hall of Fame consisted of 10 outstanding inductees: The group includes Boyd Cherry (football), Justin Fry (baseball), Jim Foster (women's basketball coach), AJ Hawk (football), Stan Lyons (men's track and field), Thad Matta (men's basketball coach), Mike Nugent (football), Andrew Pierce (men's track and field), Natalie Spooner (women's ice hockey) and RJ Umberger (men's ice hockey).

A special thanks to former Buckeyes: Jeff Logan who did a fantastic job serving as Master of Ceremonies, Dallas Lauderdale who provided the invocation, and Greg Storer who did an awesome job providing individual paintings for each HOF inductee.

Inductees were celebrated at half-time of the OSU versus Cincinnati football game the following day.



1979 FOOTBALL BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIP MEMBERS 40-YEAR REUNION

Supported by the Varsity "O" Alumni Society, the Ohio State 1979 Big Ten Championship Football Team Celebrated its 40-year reunion September 6 and 7 as a part of the Buckeyes vs. Cincinnati Bearcats football weekend.

The festivities began Friday the 6th with a reception and dinner at the Olentangy Road location of long-time Ohio State Athletics sponsor, Roosters. 77 former players attended and with guests there were 137 people in attendance. A great time was had by all, reliving tales and stories of their championship season and a moment of silence was held for teammates who have gone to that "Endzone in the Sky": Todd Bell, Scott Burrows, Gary Dulin, Reggie Echols, Rod Gorley, Ron Miller, Craig Pack, Chris Riehm, Steve Simpson and Al Taylor, as well as coaches who have passed, Earle Bruce, Dennis Fryzel, Billy Hill (Head Trainer) and Bob Tucker. May they rest in peace.

The Buckeyes finished fourth in the final polling. Schlichter and Fritz were named All-Americans and Laughlin was selected the team's Most Valuable Player. Coach Bruce was named College Football's Coach of the Year.



Dave Medich, Jim Houston, Steve Moberger, Ernie Epitropoulos, Jeff Gottron, Don Braun, Rex Rolfe.



Brian Swartz, Mike Strahine, Tom Orosz, Alan Balen, Tony Megaro.



Tom Waugh, Mike Guess, Nic Miller, Lamar Keuchler.

1974 OHIO STATE BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL TEAM 45-YEAR REUNION

Members of the 1974 Ohio State Buckeyes held a reunion the weekend of the OSU v. Cincinnati game, September 7. The weekend started with a social event attended by approximately 45 members of the team. The evening provided the opportunity to catch up with friends and teammates, share a few memories and, if truth were told, tell a few tall tales.

The weekend included on field recognition of the team, including Heisman Trophy winner Archie Griffin and the newest member of the Rose Bowl Hall of Fame, Cornelius Greene. The current edition of THE Ohio State Buckeyes capped off the weekend with a complete domination of the UC Bearcats and an impressive 42-0 victory.



Cornelius Greene, Brian Baschnagel, Steve Myers, Bill Lukens, Pat Curto.



Lou Pietrini, Jeff Ferrelli, Todd Alles, Scott Dannelley, Bruce Ruhl.



Bruce Ruhl, Archie Griffin, Cornelius Greene, Brian Baschnagel.

2004 WOMEN'S SOCCER BIG TEN CHAMPIONS ALUM WEEKEND

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The Ohio State women's soccer team hosted their annual Alumni Weekend Sept. 13-15. The Buckeyes recognized the 2004 Big Ten championship team at their contest against Miami, Ohio on Friday evening.

Events were held throughout the weekend celebrating the 15th anniversary of a 2004 team that set the standard for Ohio State women's soccer. Those Buckeyes posted a 19-4-3 record, including 6-1-3 in Big Ten play, winning the Big Ten Tournament and advancing to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Tournament. The 2004 team still holds or is tied for program records for the longest unbeaten streak (16 games), best home record (15-1-1), most wins (19), most goals (62), most consecutive victories (nine) and most shutouts (13).





A NEW DAY AT OSU

Over 100 former Buckeyes were guests of Coach Ryan Day and the 2019 OSU football team on August 19, 2019. Members of the Buckeye Brotherhood had the opportunity to see the latest edition of gridiron Buckeyes in action as they continued their preparation for the 2019 campaign. After practice the former players had the opportunity to tour the Woody Hayes Athletic Center which includes state of the art strength and training facilities as well as player lounge and entertainment areas. The afternoon was capped off with lunch in the newly completed food and dining complex.



OSU HONORS HALL OF FAME GOLF COACH JAMES BROWN ON 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP WIN

By Tami Kamin Meyer

Although he shares his name with a famous, albeit deceased singer and a former Cleveland Browns Hall of Famer, the James Brown who coached Ohio State's men's golf team for 36 years stands tall among them.

Brown epitomizes bleeding scarlet and grey. The Martin's Ferry, Ohio native is an OSU alum who earned a Master's elsewhere. He then served as men's assistant golf and basketball coach at Kent State University from 1968-1972, and was named OSU's men's golf coach in 1973.

Brown was active in both golf and basketball while studying at Ohio State. He started on OSU's men's basketball team all four years, defeating TTUN in 1965 in St. John's Arena when the Wolverines were No. 1 in the nation. During his junior and senior years, the hoops squad won the Big Ten championship under coach Fred Taylor. He was also a member of Ohio State's men's golf team. In fact, he was captain of the team his senior year, playing under Bob Kepler in his final year as coach.

According to Brown, Kepler exhorted his players to "have fun. I tried to pass that message on to my players."

Taylor was another of Brown's mentors. "I learned the incredible organization he created. He taught me to strive beyond what I thought was possible," he said.

In his 36 years at the helm of the Buckeye's men's golf team, Michigan never beat OSU in golf. His teams also won 17 Big Ten Championships and the NCAA National Championship in 1979. That team reunited on Sept. 7, 2019 to celebrate that championship's 40th anniversary. Coach Brown was also recognized that day for his successes at Ohio State on the Ohio Stadium field prior to OSU's shellacking of the University of Cincinnati.

"To be a Buckeye was a lifelong dream when I was playing (in high school)," said Brown. Several members of his family are now also OSU alums, and Brown wouldn't have it any other way.

Tami Kamin Meyer is a Columbus attorney and writer. She is the Marketing Chair of the American Society of Journalists and Authors. Her byline can be found on Forbes, Next Avenue, Your Teen, Ohio Magazine and Columbus Monthly.



Front row (L to R): Mark Balen, John Cook.
Back row (L to R): Head coach Jim Brown, Rocky Miller,
Rick Borg, Joey Sindelar.



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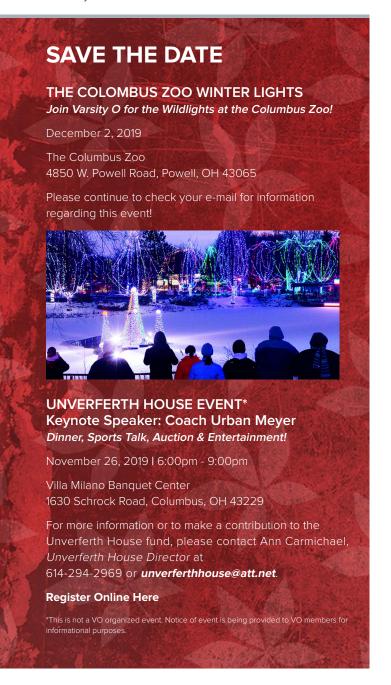
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UPCOMING EVENTS

For a complete listing of upcoming Alumni Association events, visit

osu.edu/alumni/activities-and-events/events

Alumni events are filled with fun, festivities and, yes, sometimes football. The Ohio State experience doesn't stop with commencement, so come together with your fellow alumni to enjoy more time as a #BuckeyeForLife.



ANNUAL HOMECOMING TAILGATE

October 5th | 4:00pm - 7:00pm

French Field House, 460 Woody Hayes Drive, Columbus, OH 43210

We hope you and your family will join us this year at our annual Homecoming Tailgate! Come eat and enjoy fellowship and activities before cheering on our Buckeyes against Michigan State!

- Delicious buffet style selections
- Cash Bar
- Music
- Games & Prizes
- FREE commemorative tailgate photos
- O Ability to purchase your 2019 VO Homecoming merchandise

VO Member and (1) guest will receive complimentary admission (please bring membership ID or Key Ring Card); Additional guests are \$5 each (up to 6 guests)

Register Online or call the alumni association at **800-762-5646**. *Deadline* for Registration is end of business on 10/2/2019. There will be minimal walk-in registration available.

Please email the society at VarsityOSociety@osu.edu. Go Bucks!



SPRING NEWSLETTER JACKET EVENT

Tuesday, October 22nd | 5:00pm

Football Recruiting Room

Teams represented: Baseball, Softball, Tennis, Track, Lacrosse,

Rowing, Golf, Gymnastics, MVB, Synchro Swimming, Cheer/Dance



NEWS

SHARE YOUR NEWS WITH US to be shared in future newsletters! varsityonews@gmail.com

THE SURVEY SAYS: WE ASKED, YOU ANSWERED

In August, the Varsity "O" Board sent a first-ever survey to all alumni Ohio State letter winners. We were delighted with your thoughtfulness and interest in Varsity "O". Your responses will help guide our planning for the future, and are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Below are some highlights from your survey responses.

EVENTS

You would like to attend "behind the scenes" tours of OSU athletic facilities.

This reinforces our sold-out Ohio Stadium Tour in August.

Your next highest choice was Meet the Coach Night. Our Meet Coach Ryan Day event last April was very popular.

Other events getting significant votes were:

- Watch Event for Away Football Game
- Beer or Wine Tasting
- Bowl Game Reception
- Event with Current Student Athletes
- Family Friendly Event
- Buckeyes After Work Networking

COMMUNICATIONS

Most of you like hearing from us through e-mail. Next most popular is our newsletter. Looking at Facebook posts and our website **www.varsityo.alumni.osu.edu** were next in line.

NEWSLETTER CONTENT

Here is the rank order of what you like to see in our newsletter:

- O Varsity "O" Events
- News About Current Teams and Athletes
- Team Reunions
- O Alumni Profiles

YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS

You offered many very helpful suggestions and comments. Some common themes were:

- O Many of you would like to volunteer to help Varsity "O", either at events in Columbus, or in your home community, or remotely.
- O Some have experienced frustration starting or renewing membership, or getting questions answered.
- O You would like to know more about some of our 36 varsity sports that don't get a lot of attention in the mainstream media.
- O You would like to better understand the perks and benefits of Varsity "O" membership.
- O You would like some events to be geared specifically to young alumni members.

WE HAVE WINNERS

The randomly selected lucky winners of \$50 gift cards from Buckeye Corner are:

Theodore Glavas - Track, New York, NY

Vicki Heck Studebaker - Swimming, Brookville, OH

Dorothy Aikman Lane - Golf, Columbus, OH

Christopher Basinger- Cross Country & Track, Columbus, OH

Daniel E. Dills - Track, Reno, NV

Charlie Keenan - Football/Wrestling, Aurora, OH

Doug Hill - Football, Miami, FL

Elizabeth Neumeyer - Rifle, Circleville, OH

Raymond Shoup - Baseball, Big Canoe, GA

Bryan Duby - Track, Chicago, IL



OHIO STATE ATHLETICS DEGREE COMPLETION PROGRAM

The Ohio State University Department of Athletics was one of the first in the nation to create a degree completion program for their former athletes. The Degree Completion Program was established at our university in 1994 under the direction of the Department of Athletics. It is now managed by SASSO (Student Athlete Support Systems Office) and to date, 193 former student-athletes have participated and graduated in this nationally recognized program. The ultimate goal of the Degree Completion Program is to provide academic and tuition support to former Ohio State student-athletes who left the university without completing their degrees. This program permits them to complete their undergraduate coursework and graduate. Details of the program are as follows:

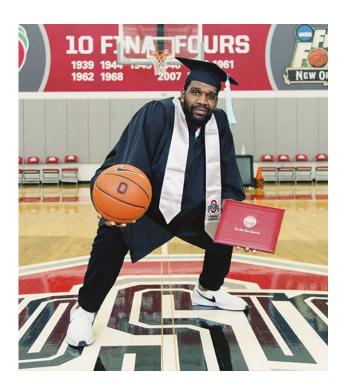
ADMISSION:

In order to participate in the Degree Completion Program (DCP), the following requirements must be met:

- O Applicants must be a former Ohio State student-athlete who received an athletic grant-in-aid, has exhausted their eligibility, and did not graduate;
- O Applicant must have a 2.00 cumulative grade point average; applicant must be within 30 semester hours/45 quarter-degree hours of graduation;
- Applicant must complete a written application;
- O Applicant must provide an academic plan approved by their college academic advisor of their remaining courses;
- Olimitividuals in the program are evaluated each semester with regard to their academic performance.

SUPPORT:

The Degree Completion Program provides assistance with re-enrollment into Ohio State, tuition, tutoring services, and academic counseling.





SESQUICENTENNIAL STORIES: HARLEY'S HEROICS

As The Ohio State University celebrates its 150 years, Varsity "O" looks back at great moments in its sports history. One hundred years ago, a wonderful thing happened. The Buckeye football team beat That Team Up North. That hadn't happened before. In fifteen prior games, Michigan won thirteen, there were two ties, and the Wolverines had outscored the Buckeyes 369-21.

On October 25, 1919, the game was played in Ann Arbor, at Ferry Field. Both teams entered the game undefeated and unscored upon, Ohio State at 3-0 and Michigan at 2-0. Ohio State's Coach was Dr. John Wilce. Michigan was led by Coach Fielding Yost.

Late in the first period, Buckeye tackle lolas Huffman blocked a Wolverine punt and end Jim Flowers recovered in the end zone for Ohio State's first touchdown. Chic Harley kicked the extra point. Ohio State led the Woverines 7-0.

Michigan kicked a 37-yard field goal in the second quarter, bringing the half-time score to 7-3, in favor of the Buckeyes.

Mid-way through the third period, Pete Stinchcomb ran 17 yards on a quarterback sneak. On the next play, Buckeye halfback Chic Harley raced 42 yards around end for a touchdown, eluding virtually the entire Wolverine defense.

Ohio State's defense dominated the game. The Buckeyes held the Wolverines to only one first down for the day. In one of his all-time finest games, Harley punted eleven times for a 42-yard average, and intercepted four Wolverine passes. The final score was Ohio State 13, Michigan 3.

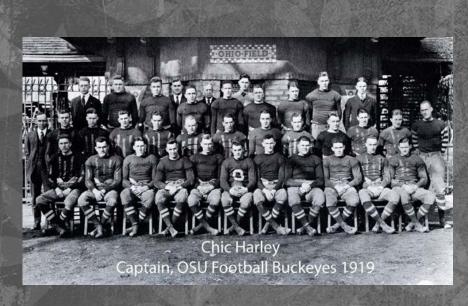
Michigan Coach Fielding Yost seldom visited an opponent's locker room after a game (and never following a Michigan loss). But this afternoon he toured the OSU dressing quarters, congratulating the victors for their brilliant play and excellent strategy.

Yost told the Buckeye squad, "You deserve your victory. You fought brilliantly. You boys gave a grand exhibition of football strategy, and while I'm sorry, dreadfully sorry, that we lost, I want to congratulate you. And you, Mr. Harley, I believe you are one of the finest little machines I have ever seen. Again, I want to congratulate Ohio State."

At the end of the season, Harley became Ohio State's first three-time All American.

Noted writer and humorist James Thurber was a classmate of Harley's at Columbus East High School and at OSU. In 1941, Thurber wrote, "If you never saw (Chic Harley) run with a football, we can't describe it to you. It wasn't like Jim Thorpe or Red Grange or Tom Harmon or anybody else. It was a kind of a cross between music and cannon fire, and it brought your heart up under your ears."

He also wrote a poem, "When Chic Harley Got Away," which concluded, "And there's nothing quite so thrilling from the first year to today, like the glory of the going when Chic Harley got away."





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