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## **It's Back to School for 2024-2025!**



### **Let's celebrate the hope and promise of a new school year!**

**Welcome back** educators, students, administrators, secretaries, substitutes, tutors, bus drivers, custodians, support personnel and parents! As the new school year begins, let us remember:

- each day is a fresh new opportunity for all to learn, grow and achieve.
- to embrace every challenge as a chance to improve...and don't be afraid to inquire and ask questions.
- to let curiosity and determination guide you to success.
- the journey of education is like a marathon, not a 100-yard dash, so pace yourself and learn to absorb and take in each and every moment.
- to make this year the best one yet!

Wishing all a very positive, productive and a remarkably successful 2024-2025 school year!

*The ADSOEF Board of Directors*

## ***Bee the Future of Education!***



The 2024-2025 ADSOEF Fundraising Campaign took flight on Saturday, September 14, 2024, at the OSO Fall Executive Board Meeting. OSO/ADSOEF members across Ohio are encouraged to *Bee the Future of Education!* This year's goal has been set at \$10,000.87. Yes, that is an interesting number! The Fundraising Committee wanted to raise the bar but continue to recognize the OSO anniversary. The goal of \$10,000 is an upward step toward funding the future of education, and the \$0.87 is our way to reflect on the forward-thinking women of the past 87 years.

We can all *Bee the Future of Education* by supporting the grants, fellowships, classroom and community programs, and scholarships of OSO/ADSOEF. Honor a special person in your life or provide a meaningful remembrance by donating to one of the ADSOEF funds. By adding \$0.87 to your donation, you will also be remembering and celebrating the 87th OSO anniversary.

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## **ADSOEF INTRODUCES NEW A. MARGARET BOYD RECIPIENTS**



### **Welcome to Ohio Kendra and Lesa!**

The Alpha Delta State Ohio Educational Foundation in conjunction with the A. Margaret Boyd Fellowship is happy to welcome and introduce two new Fulbright Scholars for the school year 2024-2025. The recipients are Lesa Maria Triyanti from Indonesia, studying at the University of Cincinnati seeking a master's degree in educational technology, and the other recipient is Kendra Perez from Honduras. Kendra is studying at Kent State University seeking a master's degree in teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL). These two young women arrived in mid-August and are adjusting to life in the United States. Thanks to Mukadas Tashieva and Della Sari, our most recent A. Margaret Boyd Fellowship

recipients have been welcomed and shown around their respective campuses and cities.

Lesla, Kendra, and Mukadas attended our September 14, 2024, OSO Executive Board Meeting. They were overjoyed to meet many of our members and are exceedingly grateful for our help in their educational journey.



Gamma Upsilon Chapter  
In memory of Ruth Marie Bullock

Gamma Upsilon Chapter  
In memory of Dr. Davina J. Gosnell

Dr. Norma Kirby

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## ***R.I.P. Ms. Quinn: My Student Teaching Experience Casey Quinn***

It sounds very morbid, I know, and out of context, I could see how someone might be concerned. However, that best summarizes the end of my student teaching, and in the best way possible.

I had such an enriching student teaching experience, and it was largely due to the Esther H. Strickland Student Teaching Grant. I could restrict my working hours to the weekend so that throughout the week, I could solely focus on student teaching. While much of my week would consist of planning and grading, the most rewarding aspect was the students and staff with whom I interacted daily. The expert experience and generosity of my cooperating teacher were integral to my growth during the semester. She, as well as the entire English department, supported me every step of the way but also allowed me to use my education to see what worked and what didn't.

My favorite part of student teaching, however, was the students. Initially, I was concerned about building connections with students, getting to know them, and getting them excited about learning. I dedicated myself to learning their names as quickly as possible so that by the time I was creating and teaching the curriculum, I would be able to interact with all of the students and make them feel known. I slowly took over the freshman bells, and while they were a challenge, I learned a lot from them and was excited to see them every morning. I was more hesitant to take over the Advanced Placement Literature classes because I knew nothing about the class's structure. However, once I took on the challenge, I quickly connected with those students. Every day they came into the classroom ready to discuss literature, especially my fifth-bell students. I was able to connect to my students outside of class as well during book club, which I was grateful to have mentored.

One phrase that I heard quite a lot throughout my time as a student teacher was, "You can't leave!" It is the best feeling to know that you have left an impact on students enough that they enjoyed your class. To 'honor' me and my time with them, students threw me a 'funeral.' It might seem very odd to have a funeral while living, but it was an endearing gesture from my students. They read a eulogy and a poem, and they gave me a "Certificate of Patience" signed by all of them. I received notes from students, which I have already stored in a box, and I can always look back on my first students.

Although a bit odd, the funeral allowed us to end the semester on a great note. I am forever grateful not only for my student teaching placement but to be a recipient of the Esther H. Strickland Student Teaching Grant. It relieved a burden that allowed me to dive into the position, and as a result, I will be a better teacher.

## Capture it. . .ADSOEF at Work!



ADSOEF Chairman Diana Kirkpatrick giving her report at the OSO Fall Executive Board Meeting.



ADSOEF Queen Bee Linda Diltz sharing the fundraising theme for 2024-2025.



Leesa, Kendra and Mukadas ADSOEF's three current A. Margaret Boyd recipients attended the Fall Executive Board Meeting.

### ***Into the Future...Important Dates to Remember!***

**September 16, 2024 – 7:00 PM**  
ADSOEF Board of Directors Meeting

**September 23, 2024 – 7:00 PM**  
Governance Committee Meeting

**October 3, 2024 – 7:00 PM**  
Nominating Committee Meeting

**October 8, 2024 – 6:30 PM**  
Fundraising Committee Meeting

**October 15, 2024**  
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**October 21, 2024 – 7:00 PM**  
ADSOEF Board of Directors Meeting

**November 6, 2024 – 6:30 PM**  
Fundraising Committee Meeting

**November 15, 2024**  
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**November 15, 2024**  
National Philanthropy Day

**November 18, 2024 – 7:00 PM**  
ADSOEF Board of Directors Meeting

**December 3, 2024**  
**Giving Tuesday**



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