

Foundation Matters

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A Word or Two...from the Board of Directors

- As Directors we are looking forward to another promising and productive year in 2025.
- During the 2024 Fundraising Campaign our membership has been so giving and generous. **THANK YOU!** We believe this reflects upon the faith and trust you hold in our **ADSOEF** mission and purpose. Truly, your generosity simply takes our breath away!
- FYI...Collected contributions:
 - July 1 through December 31: **\$13,692.69**
 - November 13 through December 31: **\$10,502.86**
 - December 1 through December 29: **\$5,684.89**
- Preparing in earnest for the 2025 ADSOEF Annual Meeting scheduled for April 10, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Specific details to be posted in the February and future issues of *Foundation Matters*.
- We continue to collaboratively work with Biennial Seminar Coordinator, Cindy Lawyer, to organize and bring to fruition the June 11-13, 2025, Lifelong Learning/Biennial Seminar event.
- We continue to facilitate the awarding of numerous scholarships, grants, and fellowships in 2025.
- The election of five directors happens on April 10, at the ADSOEF Annual Meeting. We certainly look forward to seeing all of you at our Annual meeting! Do plan to attend.
- Remember the ADSOEF Director Electronic Applications are due by February 1, 2025, and can be found at adsoef.org. Apply today!
- Last, but not least...Thank you for your continuing support of ADSOEF! It allows **us** (you included) to collectively impact the future of education in Ohio.
- Wishing you happiness, joy, and wonderful memories in 2025!

With sincere gratitude
The ADSOEF Board of Directors

February 1, 2025...Arriving Soon!!

The magic date for applying to become a director of ADSOEF is February 1, 2025!! It is fast approaching. The application (electronic only) can be found on the ADSOEF website (adsoef.org). A description of the director's position can also be found on the website. If you have questions, the current directors and the Nominating Committee members will be very happy to answer any questions.

The election will take place at the ADSOEF Annual Meeting on April 10, 2025, via Zoom. This will be the first election under the recently amended *Bylaws*. We will be electing three (3) directors for a two-year term starting in July 2025 and ending July 2027, and two (2) directors for a three-year term starting in July 2025 and ending July 2028.

We need your help to insure the continued excellence of ADSOEF. Please join us or encourage a chapter member to join us by applying today!

Nominating Committee
Debby Canter, Delta Epsilon
Hannah Fairbanks, Gamma Theta
Nancy Waters, Alpha Psi
Tammy Schroeder, Beta Eta, Chairman

[Time is quickly ticking away....apply today!](#)

Scholarships, Grants and Fellowship Applications are due

February 1, 2025

Applications and descriptions can be found at adsoef.org.

Open to members and non members.

In this season of giving, the Educational Services Committee would like to share heartfelt testimony from Niki Shaner Applegate about the impact on her students from a \$500.00 Individual/Classroom/Community Project grant. This award was possible because of all your generous donations. Please keep reading this final report for her Grief Companions Project.

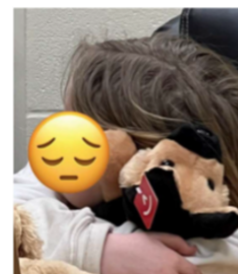
Signs of Healing: How Companion Animals Help Kids Navigate Grief

My name is Niki Applegate, and I'm an elementary counselor with the Teays Valley School District. For nearly 10 years, I've had the privilege of co-facilitating a grief group alongside a counselor from OhioHealth, offering support to elementary-aged children coping with the loss of a family member or close friend. Over the years, the group has grown significantly, particularly following the challenges of COVID, which has led us to expand into two groups this year due to increased demand. To ensure a safe and intimate setting, we limit our group size to a maximum of 8 students.

One memorable session involved gifting each child a companion animal. I placed the animals in gift bags, numbered them, and, during our meeting, the kids took turns drawing a number and retrieving the corresponding bag. The room filled with sweet anticipation as the children carefully opened their bags, exchanging smiles, hugs, and an overwhelming sense of joy. It was heartwarming to watch them bond with their new stuffed companions, each animal serving as a comforting presence in their lives.

Since that day, many children have continued to bring their companion animals with them to our weekly sessions. These animals provide a sense of security, helping the children manage difficult emotions and offering a tangible connection to the loved ones they have lost. The animals give them something to hold onto during tough moments—a quiet reminder that they are not alone.

It has been a deeply rewarding experience to witness the group's growth as they share their stories, supported by the comfort of their stuffed friends. Through their vulnerability, the children have become more resilient and learned coping strategies for when the tough days come. Thanks to the ADSEOF Grant, the children in this year's grief groups, and those in the years to come will have a constant companion on their journey—a little friend to walk beside them as they navigate life and grief.



Thank You for Bee-ing the Future of Education!

Reflecting on the generosity of our DKG members over the past year provides each of us an opportunity to truly appreciate and realize the far-reaching effects of belonging to OSO/ADSOEF. By working together, we have created a synergy that benefits students, educators, and communities across our state and throughout the world. **Many thanks to all who so generously supported the fall campaign, and a special thank you to the anonymous donor who matched the individual giving up to \$1,000.** Donations during that time totaled **\$9,977.86** and contributions from

July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, stand at **\$13,692.69**. **WOW!!!** Thank you for making this happen as we continue to gather contributions into 2025.

As we start a new year, the busy bees on the Fundraising Committee are preparing for the OSO Convention. Tickets for the ADSOEF Raffle will be sold on Friday, April 4th until lunch begins on Saturday, April 5th. Speaking of lunch...the Birthday Luncheon is a perfect time to reconnect with friends from around the state and to celebrate the 87th birthday of Ohio State Organization (formerly Alpha Delta State Ohio). Envelopes will be provided at the tables for making donations to support grants, fellowships, scholarships, and individual/classroom/community projects.

With the cold days of winter upon us, warm a heart by honoring someone in your life with a donation to any of the ADSOEF funds. A donation in memory of a special person is a beautiful way to touch the hearts of that family.

The ADSOEF Fundraising Committee

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Details to be published in the February and future editions of *Foundation Matters*.

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Into the Future. . . Important Dates to Remember

January 15, 2024

Foundation Matters arrives in your email

January 20, 2025

ADSOEF BOD Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

January 27, 2025

Governance Committee Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

February 1, 2025

ADSOEF Director Applications Due

February 1, 2025

Scholarships, Grants and Fellowship Applications Due

February 5, 2025

Fundraising Committee Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

February 15, 2025

Foundation Matters arrives in your email

February 17, 2025

ADSOEF BOD Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

April 4-5, 2025

OSO State Convention

Deer Creek State Park Lodge
22300 State Park Road 20
Mt. Sterling, OH 43143

April 10, 2025

ADSOEF Annual Meeting (Virtual) @ 7:00 p.m.



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Contribution Form

- Please use a separate contribution form if you are making more than one donation.
- A contribution acknowledgement will be sent in honor or in memory of the person designated below.
- Contributions or bequests are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.
- Checks should be made payable to Alpha Delta State Ohio Educational Foundation (ADSOEF) and should be mailed with this form to:

Dr. Lois Harkins
12 N. Shafer Street
Athens, OH 45701-2303

Date: _____ Amount: _____

Cash (In-person only)

Check # _____

(Please Circle)

This contribution is designated for:

____ The programs of Alpha Delta State Educational Foundation (without restriction)

____ Educational Projects Fund (Classroom/School/Community)

____ Scholarship Fund (Annie Webb Blanton)

____ International Studies Fund (A. Margaret Boyd)

____ Leadership Fund

____ Student Teacher Grant Fund (Esther H. Strickland)

____ Lifelong Learning Fund

____ Jane Brundige Stein Scholarship Fund

____ Florence L. Woodward Scholarship Fund

Donor Information (name of individual, chapter, or group)

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In MEMORY OF or IN HONOR OF (circle one)

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