

So Many Busy Bees at the OSO Convention!

Things were certainly buzzing at the OSO State Convention! A HUGE thank you to all who supported the ADSOEF Fundraising Raffle!! Many of you bought tickets with a chance to win one of the lovely items donated by several of our generous members. In addition to the raffle, our DKG/OSO ladies dug deep into their pockets, purses, socks, or any other place where they might keep their cash to make donations at the Birthday Luncheon. The amount donated during the State Convention was \$4,521.00 bringing the current overall total for this fundraising year to \$20,298.00. That's the way to **Bee the Future of Education!** THANK YOU! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!!



The ADSOEF Fundraising Committee,

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Thank You

We want to take a moment to express our heartfelt thanks to the entire ADSOEF/OSO membership. Your unwavering support is the backbone and main stay of ADSOEF, and we are genuinely grateful for the trust and faith you've placed in us. Your unending financial support not only allows us to continue funding and delivering educational opportunities, but aids us, on an ongoing basis, in expanding our outreach to others as we provide assistance to our Ohio State Organization community.

ADSOEF/OSO members, chapters, and anonymous donors, pat yourselves on the back and take a well-deserved bow, for it is you who make ADSOEF flourish and thrive.

We are grateful . . .for all of this and more,
Your ADSOEF Board of Directors



Alpha Delta State Ohio



Educational Foundation

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In memory of Helen Payne

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Hey Mom...Happy Mother's Day!

With just over two months left for the ***Bee the Future of Education*** fundraising campaign, all donations are needed and appreciated. Your ongoing support of ADSOEF grants, fellowships, scholarships, and individual/classroom/community projects is invaluable. As Mother's Day approaches, consider donating in honor or memory of a special woman in your life. What a beautiful way to show your love for an extraordinary person. The ADSOEF contribution form can be found at the end of the newsletter.



Individual/Classroom/Community Project Fund Grant

The Educational Services Committee is delighted to share information about the completion of an Individual/Classroom/Community Project Fund grant. Julie Lombardo, Beta Rho, applied on behalf of her daughter, Monica Lombardo Todisco. Monica received \$500.00 for her Media Arts Project to purchase a Cricut machine and supplies for her Media Arts class at Circleville High School. Below is Monica's report about the impact this award had on her students.



Media Arts Grant-Alpha Delta State Ohio Educational Foundation

The Circleville Media Arts Program, supported by the generous funding of the Alpha Delta State Ohio Educational Foundation, utilized the grant to purchase a Cricut machine and associated supplies to enhance our students' creative and technical learning experiences. The grant enabled us to expand our ability to engage students in hands-on design, giving them the tools to create custom projects that support school spirit, community engagement and educational initiatives. The Cricut machine and supplies were integrated into several key projects throughout the year. A significant portion of the work focused on producing promotional signage for Spirit Week, where students designed and created vibrant posters, banners, and other visual materials that helped to promote school pride and foster a sense of community among students and staff. The designs were student-driven, encouraging creativity while reinforcing the importance of school culture.

Additionally, the program launched a Kindness Marketing Campaign, in which students crafted personalized materials to promote acts of kindness within the school. Another focus was supporting an agricultural education initiative. Students used the Cricut to design and create signage and raise awareness about FFA programs.

At the end of year, students will also have the chance to participate in a *Design Your Own Product* project. Students will be able to create personalized items, including water bottles, as part of their media arts curriculum. This project will allow students to showcase their individuality while gaining practical skills in design software, production, and branding. Overall, the Cricut machine and supplies provided students with the opportunity to enhance their creative, technical, and entrepreneurial skills, fostering a deeper connection between the Media Arts Program and various school initiatives. The Circleville Media Arts Program is grateful to the Alpha Delta State Ohio Educational Foundation for their investment in our students' education, which has enriched their academic and creative development.



My First Semester at UC – Lesa Maria Triyanti

I can't help but feel incredibly grateful for the opportunity to study at the University of Cincinnati. From the very beginning, I've been surrounded by inspiring and supportive people - whether it's been Della, my fellow Indonesian Fulbright, or my professors who genuinely want to see us succeed. Looking back, I never really had a clear picture of what academic life in the U.S. would be like. I was constantly worried, filled with self-doubt, and asking myself questions like, "Will I be able to do this?", "Is it even possible?", and "Will people understand my English?" But as it turns out, it wasn't as bad as I had imagined. I've managed to navigate everything just fine, and I've made the most of this first semester.

I am also deeply honored and incredibly grateful to have been awarded the \$8,000 A. Margaret Boyd Fellowship to support my studies at UC. This fellowship has greatly eased my educational journey, and I feel so fortunate to be selected as a recipient. It has also been a wonderful experience to meet and learn from the many inspiring educators and mentors associated with DKG. I truly appreciate their dedication to empowering students and fostering a love for learning. This opportunity not only helps me financially but also motivates me to give back and strive for excellence in my academic and future endeavors.

What really stood out for me when I was at UC was how much I've learned - not just from my courses, but from the entire process of adapting to a new academic environment. I've found joy in the journey, in the challenges, and in the growth that has come with it. So far, my favorite courses have been *Learning Science and Technology* and *Multimedia Studio*.

The *Learning Science and Technology* course has been especially significant for me as an aspiring instructional designer. It's opened my eyes to the importance of understanding how humans learn and how different instructional designs can be used to accommodate these different learning styles. This course has shown me that everyone learns in unique ways and that the best instructional methods are those that are adaptable to these varying needs. It's been eye-opening to realize how crucial it is to approach learning with flexibility and empathy.

Multimedia Studio, on the other hand, has been more hands-on, where I've had the chance to design various types of multimedia to teach concepts, share information, and more. What really caught my attention in this course was the emphasis on accessibility. We don't just create multimedia to look good or to be informative; we must consider how accessible it is for all learners. This is where I was introduced to Universal Design for Learning (UDL), a framework that's incredibly important for an instructional designer to understand. UDL promotes designing learning experiences that are flexible and accessible to all, regardless of their background or ability. Learning about UDL has been one of the highlights of this course because it's a principle I know will guide my work in the future.

Outside of academics, my first semester has been fulfilling in other ways as well. One of the most rewarding experiences has been volunteering with the Book Bus, where I work with Sandy Lingo to read books to children. It's something I genuinely look forward to after a day of working on assignments. The joy on the kids' faces, the excitement they bring to each story, and the simple act of sharing literature with them has been one of my favorite things to do. It's a small but meaningful way for me to give back to the community and make a positive impact.

All in all, I can confidently say that my first semester at UC has been a fun and enriching experience. It's been a blend of hard work, personal growth, and the opportunity to explore new passions. I've learned a great deal, not just academically, but also about myself and what I want to achieve as I move forward in my studies and my career. I'm excited to see where this journey takes me and the many lessons yet to come.

Mark your 2025 calendar to save the date for the Biennial Seminar, June 11-12th, learning firsthand about the simple life of the Amish.

Join us in Ohio's Amish Country, June 11-12, 2025 for Two Days of Fun Filled Learning!!

*Registration Fee is \$120.00, which includes the cost of theater tickets for ***Elvis Forever*** (\$40.00); the day-long bus tour of the Amish Community around Millersburg/Berlin, Ohio; the Behalt Museum fee, and the luncheon meal at an authentic Amish home (\$80). ADSOEF will provide the bus, as well as the gratuities for the tour guide and bus driver.

*Please register early as **registration (complete with payment) is limited to the first 55 participants. Electronic registration ends May 1 and there will be no refunds after May 15.**

*Everyone is responsible for securing their own hotel accommodations. ***See important information below.***

*Your 2025 Biennial Seminar Registration can be achieved by using: (1) the link with payment by PayPal/Credit Card; or (2) the link with payment by personal check.

*Dinners for Wednesday and Thursday evenings will be at your own expense and at venues of your own choosing.

*FYI...Many Amish venues or establishments accept ***cash only***. Come prepared!

2025 Biennial Seminar Registration with PayPal/Credit Card Payment:

<https://form.jotform.com/250346446260049>

2025 Biennial Seminar Registration with Payment by Personal Check

<https://form.jotform.com/250374613912050>

The Biennial Seminar Itinerary

Wednesday evening, June 11

- 5:00 – 6:30 P.M. Dinner at a Millersburg/Berlin venue of your own choosing!
- 7:00 – 9:00 P.M. Amish Country Theater Production of ***Elvis Forever***
- 9:00 P.M. Back to the Encore Hotel for a good night's rest and/or visiting with DKG sisters!

Thursday, June 12

- Early to rise! Get ready for a day of fun-filled learning and DKG fellowship.
- Partake of the Encore Hotel complimentary buffet breakfast served from 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.
- @ 8:30 A.M. Meet our tour guide and board the Pioneer Trails Tour Bus at the hotel entrance.
- Amish Heartland Tour from 8:30 A.M. – 4:30/5:00 P.M.
 - Travel the backroads for an introduction to our lovely area.
 - Behalt Cyclorama tour & video and shopping
 - Visit a Dan order quilter and soy candle artisan ...and mother of 10 - to see a quilting demonstration inside her new home and shop her home store with soy candles, potholders, essential oil products...
 - Meal at an Amish home will be chicken and pie.
 - Visit an Amish buggy maker and tour his immaculate shop.
 - Shop Walnut Creek Cheese bulk food store
 - Visit 4 Amish sisters to watch a candle creation being made. Shop in their candle store.

- 4:00 – 5:00 P.M. back to the Encore Hotel.
- 5:00 - 6:45 P.M. to rest and eat dinner. Chose a dinner location/venue of your own choosing.
- 7:00 – 8:00 P.M. – Meet and gather in the Encore Hotel Community room to hear Marcus Yoder, director of the Behalt Amish and Mennonite Heritage Center speak in depth about the Amish way of life.
- 8:00 -10:00 P.M. Fellowship, fun and games to follow the Marcus Yoder event.

Friday, June 13...at your leisure or convenience

- Early to rise or not! Pack your bags...and check-out of the hotel by 11:00 A.M.
- Be sure to partake of the Encore Hotel complimentary buffet breakfast served from 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. before heading home.
- Head home with wonderful memories, experiences and new facts of the Amish way of life.
- ...or perhaps a few will want to do a little more shopping before actually leaving the Amish community to head home?!
- Whatever the time sequence...**Safe travels to all...ADSOEF/OSO looks forward to seeing you in June of 2027 at our next Biennial Seminar!**



Encore Hotel & Hall + Amish Country Theater

RESERVATION INFORMATION

Encore Hotel & Hall + Amish Country Theater
4365 State Route 39
Millersburg, Ohio 44654

Call: 888-988-2414

Group Name: Delta Kappa Gamma OSO

Group Code: b528407

All reservations must be confirmed by credit card. (Discover, American Express, Mastercard)

Check in: after 3:00 p.m. Check out: by 11:00 a.m.

Complimentary buffet breakfast is served daily from 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM.

ROOM RATES: To take advantage of the **DKG Room Block**, room reservations must be made by May 1, 2025. The cut-off date for reserving rooms in the Room Block is 5:00 p.m. local time at Encore Hotel & Amish Theater on Thursday, May 1, 2025. **Be sure to mention the Group Name and Group Code when making your room reservation!** After that date, it is at the hotel's discretion whether to accept additional reservations, which will be subject to prevailing rates and availability. The room rates for June 11 and June 12 are as follows:

*Deluxe Guest Room – the room rate is \$129.00 each night (\$146 with applicable state and local taxes or occupancy taxes included).

*2 Queen Suite room rate is \$149.00 each night (\$160 with applicable state and local taxes or occupancy taxes included).

- Rates are for a single or double occupancy per room. Additional charges of \$10 per guest per night for triple or quad occupancy.
- Cancellations - Guests must call in and cancel 72 hours prior to their stay.

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Into the Future. . . Important Dates to Remember

April 15, 2025

Foundation Matters arrives in your email

May 5, 2025

Governance Committee Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

May 6, 2025

Fundraising Committee Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

May 15, 2025

Foundation Matters arrives in your email

May 19, 2025

ADSOEF Board of Directors Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

June 11-12, 2025

Biennial Seminar

June 15, 2025

Foundation Matters arrives in your email

June 16, 2025

ADSOEF Board of Directors Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

June 23, 2025

ADSOEF/OSO Scholarship Committee Meeting
Via Zoom @ 10:00 a.m.

June 31, 2025

End of the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year

July 1, 2025

Beginning of the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year



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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)

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