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A Word or Two from the Board…



Greetings with Gratitude!

It was wonderful to see some of you in person at the OHSO Executive Board meeting on October 3, 2026! The directors and I love to connect with you, learn more about you, and enjoy fellowship together. Hopefully all of you will learn more about ADSOEF each month.

The star-studded Fundraising Committee introduced a new campaign for 2026-2027 with the theme: **ADSOEF CREATES BRIGHT FUTURES!** Read below for a description of this new fundraising campaign and the committee's goals. Please help us **fund the future of excellence in education!**

GREAT NEWS! A new web administrator has volunteered! Lesa Maria Triyanti, a former A. Margaret Boyd International Study Fellowship recipient, has been approved as the next ADSOEF webmaster. She wants to give back to the Foundation in gratitude for the funds that supported her as she earned her master's degree. Please see more about her below.

Also, keep reading to discover how Ava Jenkins benefitted from an Esther H. Strickland Student Teaching Grant and what she experienced during her internship.

Ten committees have been established for the 2026-2027 fiscal year and have started meeting to accomplish their goals. Six committees were highlighted in the August and September newsletters. Three more are described in this issue: the Fundraising, Nominating, and Personnel Committees. ADSOEF's success and effectiveness are made possible because of all our hard-working committee members.

With thankfulness,
Chris Snoddy
The ADSOEF Board of Directors



MEET THE NEW WEB ADMINISTRATOR: LESA MARIA TRIYANTI

Lesa Maria Triyanti contacted Chris Snoddy in August and expressed interest in becoming the new web administrator since Eileen McNally is retiring in December. She began training with Eileen in September and was approved by the Board of Directors (BOD) on September 21, 2026. The BOD is very excited that she is volunteering her skills! She describes herself below:

I was honored to be a recipient of the A. Margaret Boyd Fellowship in 2024, which supported my Master's degree in Instructional Design and Technology at the University of Cincinnati**.** I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity and support I received from ADSOEF, which played an important role in my academic journey.

When I saw the opening for the webmaster position, I immediately became interested because I would love the opportunity to give back to ADSOEF and contribute to the organization that supported me. My background is in instructional design, educational technology, and digital learning, and I have experience working with online platforms and developing and maintaining digital content.

Although I have not worked extensively with Weebly and JotForm, I am comfortable learning new platforms and technologies, and I would be very happy to learn with Eileen's mentorship and training during the remainder of 2026.

I would be excited to help ADSOEF maintain a website that is accurate, accessible, and user-friendly, while supporting the Foundation's efforts to reach donors and provide opportunities for future scholars, fellows, and grant recipients.

THANK YOU FROM AVA JENKINS FOR THE STUDENT TEACHING GRANT



Dear Scholarship Committee,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for being awarded the Esther H. Strickland Student Teaching Grant this year.

During my student teaching experience, I taught four different science subjects across four grade levels. This opportunity allowed me to explore new teaching methods, build meaningful relationships with my students, and make learning engaging through hands-on activities, games, and experiments.

Receiving this grant alleviated the financial burden of paying for college. By reducing my financial stress, I was able to focus more fully on my coursework and absorb the knowledge and skills necessary to become an effective educator.

This scholarship also enabled me to provide fun and interactive learning experiences for my students. While studying fossils in 8th grade science, students experienced what it was like to "sift" for fossils. In the same unit, they explored the processes of cast and mold fossilization by creating their own fossils using plaster. Later, students engineered parachutes to investigate the properties of air

resistance. In 7th grade science, students observed various chemical reactions to better understand chemical changes. Additionally, they researched bioluminescent organisms after participating in a demonstration using glow sticks.

These activities and projects are just a few examples of how the scholarship supported and enhanced my student teaching experience and benefited my classroom. Beyond these projects, the scholarship helped fund small rewards and incentives for students, which assisted me in building rapport and fostering positive student-teacher relationships.

Thank you again for your support of my student teaching experience and future career. The Esther H. Strickland Student Teaching Grant provided me with opportunities and experiences for which I will always be grateful.

Sincerely,
Ava Jenkins



The Fundraising Committee is delighted to announce the 2026-2027 fundraising campaign's theme - **ADSOEF CREATES BRIGHT FUTURES!** For every $1,000 donated, the letters in the word *FUTURES* will be colored and then smiley stars will be added to illustrate progress in reaching the goal.

Last year's theme was Colors of Hope to help educators achieve their goals by helping them paint brighter futures. The new theme continues that idea of bright futures. Let's all help educators create masterpieces!

Our fundraising goal is $16,000.89, with the 89 cents honoring the 89th anniversary of Ohio State Organization. A huge thank you for the donations we received in July and August totaling $2,485.00! We are grateful to all donors and want to remind everyone that you can donate in honor or memory of people dear to you. These honorees or the families of the remembered will receive beautiful handwritten notes detailing the meaningful gift made in their honor or memory.

The new campaign was introduced at the OHSO Executive Board meeting on October 3, 2026, where chapter presidents received a smiley star pin, information card, contribution form, and the September/October *Updates and Opportunities* flyer.

Mark your calendars for two important upcoming dates. November 15, 2026, National Philanthropy Day, which recognizes the profound impact of charitable giving and December 1, 2026, Giving Tuesday, which encourages people to give time, voice and resources to charitable causes.

Please help **ADSOEF CREATE BRIGHT FUTURES** for educators and their students!

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Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is charged with filling openings on the ADSOEF Board of Directors (BOD), which is the governing body for the Foundation. As a director and the Nominating Committee Chairman, I am asking all OHSO members to consider spending a term serving as an ADSOEF director. Some of the opportunities as a director are listed below:

- The ability to promote the ADSOEF's mission and purposes.
- The ability to have an active role in assuring that the Foundation's legal and ethical integrity is preserved.
- The ability to serve as advocates for ADSOEF to Ohio chapters
- The ability to assist in fundraising and thus assure ADSOEF and its mission will be able to continue far into the future.
- The ability to witness the funds of ADSOEF being used to enrich educational excellence through the many scholarships and grants awarded by the Foundation.

Please consider this opportunity to expand your educational horizons. The Bylaws specify that three directors serving three-year terms from July 1, 2027, through June 30, 2030, will be elected at the Annual Meeting. This will be held at the 2027 OHSO State Convention. The application to apply for a position as director is available on the ADSOEF website under *Applications and Forms*. This application is due by February 1, 2027, to Hannah Fairbanks.

Beth Archer, Alpha Psi
Debbie Canter, Delta Epsilon
Tammy Schroeder, Beta Eta
Marilyn Slusser, Delta Kappa
Hannah Fairbanks, Gamma Theta, Chairman

Personnel Committee



The Personnel Committee studies the work of ADSOEF's service providers, volunteers whose final product provides information and preserves the integrity and brand of ADSOEF. This committee assists the service providers and the BOD with evaluation tools to examine and report on achievements, challenges, resources, goals, recommended updates, and possible help needed to accomplish the final product.

In fiscal year 2025–2026, the focus was on Webmaster Eileen McNally (adsoef.org) and Editor Cathy Tenney (*Foundation Matters* and Eblasts).
Both Cathy and Eileen were asked questions regarding online resources and the ADSOEF information network they use to do their work. Both said they respond quickly to post updates and corrections to their respective communications. They expressed concern about access and usage by Ohio State Organization members and other stakeholders.

Board Directors and Personnel Committee members were questioned about members' usage of the communications and members' interests in applying for funding. They also commented on layout,

color, effectiveness, and other aspects of the communications. They made suggestions for improvements; those are still in process of being implemented.

In the past year, the Personnel Committee, in conjunction with the Governance Committee, spent much time ensuring the wording of policy, procedures and job responsibilities documents were accurate and met the legality test.

If requested, this committee will work with the BOD to assist with performance reviews, and to screen candidates in the event a service provider must be replaced. The chairman preserves research and documents electronically to pass to future Personnel Committee chairmen.

The committee is still searching for another member to help revise these documents and provide input to help the service providers.

Dr. Norma Kirby, Alpha Delta
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Holy Toledo Tour
June 16-18, 2027

Toledo Tour Overview

Toledo is steeped in history, from the Northwest Indian War and the War of 1812 to the Canal Era, its booming industrial growth, and the rise of Libbey in the Glass City, all fueled by the Great Lakes commerce. Whether you have heard of it, passed through, or have previous ties to it, Toledo has much to offer. The 2027 Biennial Seminar presents a unique opportunity to explore the city. ADSOEF has packed the **Holy Toledo Tour** with engaging activities, inspiring places to see, and stories that will spark your curiosity. Come join us as we uncover Toledo's past, present, and future! Even if Toledo is unfamiliar, participating in the **Holy Toledo Tour** from June 16-18, 2027, will reveal more than you ever expected. Hope to see you there!

Holy Toledo Tour Itinerary – Discovering the Glass City

The following Trip Tik presents the itinerary for the ADSOEF **Holy Toledo Tour**. We hope it ignites your interest in northwest Ohio and inspires you to join us when the Biennial Seminar 2027 *goes on the road again* June 16-18, 2027!

Wednesday, June 16, 2027

- 12:30-3:00 p.m. – **Pre-seminar adventure** in Fremont, Ohio, at the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library and Mansion, which is the first presidential library.
- Hotel Accommodations: Holiday Inn and Suites, Perrysburg, Ohio. Check-in time is 4:00 p.m.
- 5:00 - 6:10 p.m. – Welcome and orientation with a light dinner served in the conference room at the Holiday Inn and Suites in Perrysburg, Ohio, before departing for the Sandpiper Cruise.
- 6:10 p.m. – Board the bus.
- 6:25 p.m. - Leave hotel for the Sandpiper Cruise.
- 6:50 p.m. - Arrive at the Sandpiper Cruise pier.
- 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. – Sandpiper Cruise, narrated by local historian and host Tedd Long.
- 9:00-9:15 p.m. – Board the bus and return to the hotel.
- 9:45p.m. – Arrive at the hotel.

Thursday, June 17, 2027

- 7:00 - 8:15 a.m. – Gather and enjoy breakfast in the hotel conference room.
- 8:15 a.m. – Board bus. Local historian, Tedd Long will be our tour guide for the entire day!
- 8:30 a.m. – Depart hotel.
- 8:45 - 9:00 a.m. – A drive-by view of Fort Meigs, the largest reconstructed wooden fortification in North America. (Due to a scheduling conflict, the site visit to Fort Meigs will now take place as a ***post-seminar activity*** following the seminar's completion on Friday morning.)
- 9:15 - 9:55 a.m. – Fallen Timbers Battlefield overview and discussion of the 1794 battle that opened the Northwest Territory to American settlement. Author and local historian Dave Westrick will guide us through the battle of Fallen Timbers.
- 10:00 – 10:20 a.m. – Travel to Providence Metropark.
- 10:25 - 12:00 p.m. – Providence Metropark: Step back in time for a journey on the Miami-Erie Canal aboard the 1870s *Volunteer*, plus enjoy visiting the Isaac Lugwig Grist Mill.
- 12:00 - 12:30 p.m. – Travel back to Toledo.
- 12:30 - 1:15 p.m. – Lunch at Tony Packo's Café, famous for Hungarian hot dogs! Packo's restaurant became famous when it was mentioned by Jamie Farr, a Toledo native, in several episodes of the 1972–83 ***M*A*S*H*** television series.
- 1:25 - 2:00 p.m. – Visit Libbey House, the Edward and Florence Scott Libbey home.

- 2:10 – 3:00 p.m. – Glass Pavilion. (The Toledo Museum of Art is undergoing extensive renovation and will be closed until fall 2027, which is why it is not on the itinerary…in case you were wondering.)
- 3:15 – 3:45 p.m. – Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral. Cathedral officials claim that it was designed with **Toledo, Spain**, in mind and is the only American cathedral in the Spanish **Plateresque** style. The cathedral seats 1,400 worshippers.
- 3:55 – 5:00 p.m. – National Museum of the Great Lakes. The museum is most noted as the docking location of a museum **Lake freighter**, the SS **Col. James M.** Schoonmaker.
- 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. – Enjoy a plated dinner served in the Ottawa Room at the Maumee Bay Brewing Company.
- 7:15 p.m. – Return to the hotel.
- 7:20 – 7:55 p.m. – A brief rest break in the Biennial Seminar action!
- 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. – Dessert Smorgasbord provided by ADSOEF. Ashley Phlipot will present a PowerPoint on Lydia Bacon's travels as she followed her husband and the 4th Regiment of the U.S. Infantry during the War of 1812.

Friday, June 18, 2027

- 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. – Breakfast in the hotel conference room and room checkout.
- 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. – Seminar conclusion with speaker Lou Hebert, a reporter, and a writer in Toledo for four decades, presenting on the *Hidden Mysteries of Toledo.*
- 11:30 a.m. - Check-out time!

Post seminar adventure to Fort Meigs and the War of 1812.

- We can visit the site as a group, or you may explore it independently, depending on what best suits your schedule. For those who register, we will finalize plans for this adventure closer to the time of the June 2027 Holy Toledo Tour.
- There is major walking involved in touring Fort Meigs.
- Cost is $12.00
- Staff members will dress in period costumes while giving the tour presentation.
- The museum gallery features an impressive depiction of Fort Meigs' history for visitors who may not want to venture out to the restructured fort.

Important Facts to Remember
Holy Toledo Tour Details

- **Holy Toledo Tour can accommodate up to 55 participants. If registrations exceed this number, the seminar registrar will begin a waiting list.**
- **Holy Toledo Tour Registration Fee is $95.00 (three meals included)**

Holiday Inn and Suites Hotel (Perrysburg, Ohio) Information

- Each participant is responsible for making her own reservation under the group named *Alpha Delta State Ohio Educational Foundation Biennial Seminar*. ADSOEF has obtained a room block of 30 rooms. Each room has 2 queen-size beds.
- Room rate is $119.00 plus taxes ($15.17), for a total of $134.17 per night.
- Complementary hot breakfast offered daily.
- Complementary high-speed and wireless internet access in the lobby and all guestrooms.
- Cancellations must be made at least 48 hours prior to the arrival date.
- Check-in time is 4:00 p.m. Check-out time is 11:30 a.m.
- The cut-off date to make reservations is May 16, 2027. Reservations made after that date will be $165.30 for the room accommodation plus $21.08 in taxes for a total of $186.38.

To reserve a room at the Holiday Inn Express, Perrysburg, Ohio, use the following booking link or call:

Booking Link: **Alpha Delta State OH Educational Foundation Biennial Seminar 2027**

Holiday Inn Express Reservation Desk telephone number: 419.931.9999 ext. 0

***Be sure to reserve your room under the group named *Alpha Delta State Ohio Educational Foundation Biennial Seminar* to receive the room block discounted rate.

Link to registration using check: https://form.jotform.com/262706574896170

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Into the Future. . .Important Dates to Remember!

October 19, 2026
ADSOEF Board of Directors Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

October 26, 2026
ADSOEF Personnel Committee Meeting @ 3:30 p.m.

November 2, 2026
ADSOEF Governance Committee Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

November 4, 2026
ADSOEF Fundraising Committee Meeting @ 4:30 p.m.

November 4, 2026
ADSOEF Nominating Committee Meeting @ 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
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