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## SEVENTH ADSOEF ANNUAL MEETING

What an absolute joy and delight to see so many OSO/ADSOEF members who participated in the seventh ADSOEF Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 6, 2024, in Grove City, Ohio. A special thank you to OSO President Melodie McGee for giving us permission to combine our annual meeting with the OSO Spring Executive Board.

In this issue of Foundation Matters are articles of the ADSOEF 2024-26 Directors election, the 86<sup>th</sup> Birthday Luncheon and the announcement of 17 Student Teaching Grants. Be sure to also check out the website at [adsoef.org](http://adsoef.org) for a copy of the Report for the 2024 Annual Meeting (can be found in Official Documents). An additional **thank you** to all who contributed so generously during the 86th Birthday Luncheon. We truly have an amazing and giving membership!

Many thanks to all who are involved in the many facets of this Foundation. Please know your involvement, no matter at what level, is valued and immeasurable. We are sincerely grateful to each one of *you*. **Thank you** for your unwavering support...ADSOEF would not be what it is today without all of **YOU**. **YOU** are definitely making a difference to Ohio's educational excellence.

Our infinite gratitude,  
The ADSOEF Directors

## Newly Elected ADSOEF Board of Directors



Pictured from left to right are Susan Samoviski, Chi; Chris Snoddy, Alpha Lambda; Dr. Lois Harkins, Alpha Lambda; Hannah Fairbanks, Gamma Theta; and Candace Haudenschild, Alpha Psi.

**Congratulations to the 2024-2026 Elected Directors of ADSOEF!**

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## 2024 - 2025 Esther H. Strickland and Jane Brundige Stein Student Teaching Grant Recipients



On April 6, at the OSO 86<sup>th</sup> Birthday Luncheon, Marilyn Slusser, OSO Scholarship Chair and the ADSOEF Scholarship Liaison honored the 2024-2025 Esther H. Strickland and Jane Brundige Stein Student Teaching Grants. ADSOEF budgeted funds for OSO/ADSOEFF to award seventeen student teaching grants. The grants ranged from \$2,500.00 to \$1,100.00.

At Miami University we have the following recipients: Melinda Barman, Chemistry; Delaney Barrett, Language Arts; Mackenzie Claypool, High School Inclusive Special Education; Jordan Hammond, History; Courtney Kidd, PreK-5; Mackenzie May, Primary Education; Mary McCauley, PreK-5; Carissa Osborne, Integrated Math; Sydney Reynolds, Integrated Special Education; and Kayla Wood, Middle School Math.

The recipients from Kent State University include Madison Beadling, Early Childhood; Alisia Gerber, Early Childhood; Lauren Jewell, Early Childhood; Makala Johnstone, PreK-5; Michaela Nottee, Early Childhood; and Giana Schiavi, Early Childhood.

The last recipient is Kyle Kaiser, Preschool-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, who received the Jane Brundige Stein Student Teaching Grant from The Ohio State University, Marion Branch.

These seventeen future educators are just waiting to **bloom** into outstanding educators! Many thanks to all OSO/ADSOEF members, chapters, and friends for your generous donations to ADSOEF, as you know and can see the value of your numerous donations. Please know that we, as a society, are truly fulfilling Purpose #5 for the Delta Kappa Gamma Society.

Nicole Burley, Delta Kappa  
Sue Loader, Alpha Psi  
Judy McClanahan, Gamma Nu  
Marilyn Slusser, Delta Kappa, Chairman

## ***A Round of Applause to the OSO Scholarship Committee!***



Marilyn Slusser, OSO Scholarship Chairman and ADSOEF Scholarship Liaison, along with the OSO Scholarship Committee received over 23 applications for the Esther H. Strickland and Jane Brundige Stein Student Teaching Grants. The committee members spent most of February and the first part of March individually reading submissions and scoring each application using an evaluation rubric. At a Zoom meeting on March 5, the committee met to rank the applicants and to determine the student teaching grant awards.

The Directors would like to take this moment to extend and knowledge our heartfelt gratitude to Marilyn Slusser, Chairman, Delta Kappa; Nicole Burley, Delta Kappa; Sue Loader, Alpha Psi; and Judy McClanahan, Gamma Nu, for their extraordinary efforts and special attention to details in this rather involved grant and scholarship selection process. Here is a round of applause for each of you with our sincere **thanks** for a job especially well done!

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## **Our Seeds are Sprouting!**

After attending the OSO 86<sup>th</sup> Birthday Luncheon on Saturday, April 6, 2024, at Grove City, there is no doubt our DKG/OSO/ADSOEF members are seeing the benefits of *Planting Seeds for the Future*. It was a joy that 17 university students were awarded the Esther H. Strickland Student Teaching Grant. These grants help fund the future of education! Many thanks to Marilyn Slusser and the OSO Scholarship Committee for the countless hours spent recruiting student teachers, screening application forms, and selecting worthy recipients for these grants. In addition, a huge *Thank you* goes out to every DKG member who contributed during the year. At the Birthday Luncheon, members generously donated \$2,285.00. Thus far for the 2023-2024 fundraising campaign, \$15,874.78 has been donated.



Keep in mind that contributions to ADSOEF are welcomed and encouraged at any time of the year. What a lovely way to honor or remember a special lady as Mother's Day approaches! Birthdays, anniversaries, or any day would be a perfect time to recognize a special person in your life. Donations may be made online by visiting the [adsoef.org](https://adsoef.org) website or by downloading the Contribution Form at the bottom of this article. *Continue Planting Seeds for a Brighter Future!!*

The ADSOEF Fundraising Committee,  
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In honor of Jim and Julie Kellough

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In memory of Barbara J. Mauch

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In memory of Vell H. Snyder  
In memory of Andra Surratt  
In memory of Barbara Blair

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

**April 15, 2024 - 6:30 PM**  
Governance Committee Meeting

**April 22, 2024 – 1:30 PM**  
Finance Committee Meeting

**May 7, 2024 – 6:30 PM**  
Fundraising Committee Meeting

**May 15, 2024**  
*Foundation Matters* arrives in your mailbox

**May 20, 2024 - 7:00 PM**  
ADSOEF Board of Directors Meeting

**June 3, 2024 – 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM**  
Scholarship Committee Meeting  
Hilliard Library

**June 15, 2024**  
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**June 17, 2024 - 7:00 PM**  
ADSOEF Board of Directors Meeting

**June 18, 2024 – 1:00 PM**  
Fundraising Committee Meeting



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