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## A Word or Two from the Board of Directors

It's May...it's May...time is literally flying by! We simply cannot believe we are into May already. Where did the time go? Didn't we just get started with our seventh year as a Foundation? Now, with a month and a half remaining, it's time to put the finishing touches and complete 2023-2024 for ADSOEF. Here are the latest happenings and possibly the last to occur (for this year that is) for ADSOEF:

- The BOD recently met and approved another candidate for the A. Margaret Boyd Overseas Fellowship at Kent State University. We approved in March a recipient for the University of Cincinnati. The BOD is extremely proud and excited to fund two candidates for 2024-2025. Cheers to our Scholarship Committee!
- ADSOEF celebrated many successes at our Annual Meeting on April 6. Be sure to view the YouTube video of the OSO Executive Board Meeting /ADSOEF Annual Meeting. Many thanks to the OSO Communications and Marketing Committee for this production. See if you can spot yourself among the many snapshots taken! <https://tinyurl.com/yckan2wd>
- The Educational Services Committee has received two more applications to fund and is looking for Board approval at the BOD meeting on May 20.
- The Governance Committee is still hard at work revising required procedure documents, hoping to finish and receive approval for all by the June 17 board meeting.

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- The OSO/ADSOEF Scholarship Committee has all but completed their responsibilities for the year and is ready to meet in late June to get a head start on their eighth year with ADSOEF.

We have said this before, but believe it is well worth repeating...**Thank you** for your unwavering support of ADSOEF. ADSOEF would not be what it is today without **YOU!**

Our infinite gratitude,  
The ADSOEF Directors

### ***Our Seeds Have Burst into Bloom!***

When the ADSOEF Fundraising Committee set the goal of \$8,600.00 for the 2023-2024 campaign in honor of the Ohio State Organization's 86th birthday, the committee members knew this was a lofty goal. We were confident, however, that DKG members across Ohio would rise to the occasion. Not only did our members achieve that goal, but they generously surpassed the targeted \$8,600.00 by several thousand dollars. At the Birthday Luncheon \$2,285.00 was collected. As of April 30, 2024, the amount donated during the 2023-2024 fundraising campaign stands at \$17,885.38.

The ADSOEF Fundraising Committee wishes to extend a huge **THANK YOU** for your support and generous donations which have provided funding for grants, fellowships, classroom and community projects, and scholarships. Each one of you has been busy **Planting Seeds for the Future** of education, and the committee appreciates your efforts. We also want to remind you this year's campaign continues until June 30, 2024. If you were unable to attend the Esther H. Strickland Birthday Luncheon in April, today is the perfect time to donate in honor or memory of a special person in your life. *Working together, our planted seeds are bursting into beautiful blooms for the future of education!*

The ADSOEF Fundraising Committee,  
Joan Avery, Chi  
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Linda Diltz, Beta Rho, Co-chairman  
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### ***Educational Services Project Receives a Stamp of Approval!***

The Educational Services Committee is excited to announce that the Board of Directors approved an Individual/Classroom/Community Project at the March meeting. Congratulations to Julie Lombardo, Beta Rho! She is the project leader her daughter, Monica Lombardo Todisco, and was awarded \$500.00.

The project is titled **Media Arts Equipment**. Monica is a Media Arts teacher at Circleville High School and will use the funds to purchase a Cricut machine, heat press, and various supplies. Her students will now be able to take their sketches and computer designs to the production stage and make products with the designs embossed on them!

Please look for photos and a final report in a future newsletter edition.

### ***Chapter Mentoring A Grand Story to Tell!***

Pay close attention to the first gal on the left in the picture below. Her name is Kaitlin Jones from Gamma Lambda chapter. Kaitlin is one of the younger members in Gamma Lambda. She has been working for the past three years as an educational aide. This past fall she passed all required Praxis exams and is currently interviewing for her first teaching position. Sandra Procaccio made a donation on behalf of Gamma Lambda Chapter at the April 6 Birthday Luncheon to honor Kaitlin Jones as a new and young incoming educator. According to Sandra Procaccio, President of Gamma Lambda, Kaitlin has worked hard and deserves to be honored!

**Congratulations** to Kaitlin and **cheers** to Gamma Lambda chapter for constantly giving her support in her educational journey. What an inspiration it is to other chapters to *reach out* so to speak, in their own schools when classified staff members continue training at their own expense to reach a goal, lean into the dream, and make positive steps along the way. ADSOEF applauds Gamma Lambda members for inspiring, supporting and honoring young educator Kaitlin Jones!



The joint Gamma Lambda and Phi Christmas Brunch on December 9, 2023. Featured from left to right: **Kaitlin Jones** (Gamma Lambda Chaplain and member of Gamma Lambda Scholarship Committee), Sandy Procaccio (President, Gamma Lambda), Ginny Snyder (Recording Secretary, Gamma Lambda), and MaKayla Rogers (Gamma Lambda Social Media Chairperson and Gamma Lambda Scholarship Committee).

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January 2, 2024

Dear Members of ADSOEF and OSO

I first want to express my sincerest gratitude to the Alpha Delta State Ohio Educational Foundation and the Ohio State Organization. I am a recipient of the Esther H. Strickland Student Teaching Grant. This grant has greatly helped financially during student teaching. By receiving this grant, I was able to focus my full attention on supporting my students in the classroom and learning how to be the best teacher I can be. With this grant, I no longer had to work a part-time job in the evenings and on the weekends to pay for my college expenses. Rather than working, I was able to devote that time to lesson planning, networking, and well-needed rest.

I completed my general education student teaching in kindergarten at Fostoria Elementary. My student teaching began before the school year started for the students, so I attended a week of professional development and workdays before the first day of school. This week allowed me to understand what goes into the beginning of the school year and how to best prepare for it when I have my own classroom. I also got to network with other professionals and experience all facets of education, including administration, curriculum, planning, classroom design, parent collaboration, and much more. For the first few weeks of school, I served as an educational support in the classroom for the students as I observed my mentor teacher in action. However, I quickly began taking over parts of the school day by planning and teaching on my own. This experience opened my eyes to life as a teacher and allowed me to experience strategies that may or may not work when I have my own classroom. Eventually, I took over the classroom completely, by planning and teaching all curriculum, transitioning students from one activity to the next, and making executive

decisions in the moment. By taking control of the classroom, I had the opportunity to embrace the impact teachers can make on young children and deepen my love for education.

Although I loved the opportunity to lesson plan, attend staff meetings, and connect with parents, the best part was creating relationships with the students. My classroom had 23 kindergarteners ages 5 and 6 years old. They were full of energy and loved to learn. They also had a lot on their plate as many of them had inconsistent home lives outside the classroom. Showing up for them every day and welcoming them into the classroom reminded me of why I want to be a teacher. These young children were resilient and happy despite all that was going on in the background. Through these relationships, I planned lessons that would interest them and spark their curiosity, such as interactive math games, hands-on phonics activities, entertaining read-aloud, real-world connections to the content, and fun science investigations.

My student teaching was filled with growth, learning, and connection. I am extremely grateful for the grant I received and how it enhanced my student teaching experience. I am eager to have a classroom of my own and create deep, lasting relationships with my students while using best practices and well-supported curriculums. I desire to see students reach those “aha moments” where they see themselves as capable of success despite the challenges in front of them. Thank you again to the ADSOEF/OSO for the opportunity you gave me to pursue my student teaching experience with my full attention. I hope to teach kindergarten or second grade.

Thank you!  
Karley Becker

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

**May 15, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.**

Governance Committee Meeting

**May 20, 2024 - 7:00 PM**

ADSOEF Board of Directors Meeting

**June 15, 2024**

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**June 17, 2024 - 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM**

Scholarship Committee Meeting  
Hilliard Library

**June 17, 2024 - 7:00 PM**

ADSOEF Board of Directors Meeting

**June 18, 2024 - 1:00 PM**

Fundraising Committee Meeting

**July 14, 2024 - 1:00 PM**

Fundraising Committee Meeting

**July 15, 2024**

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