

Tis the season...to be thankful!

Late autumn always comes with the opportunity to reflect on the events of the year, giving us permission to give thanks for all of the wondrous experiences and the remarkable people in our lives. Thanksgiving provides the perfect time to let those closest to us know just how much they are appreciated.

Yes, the season of counting blessings is upon us and the ADSOEF Board of Directors' blessings would simply not be complete without counting you...our membership among them. Sending to all, our warmest wishes and gratitude...Happy Thanksgiving!

We are thankful...
The ADSOEF Board of Directors



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Into the Future

Important Dates to Remember

November 15, 2024

Foundation Matters arrives in your email

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National Philanthropy Day

November 18, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.

ADSOEF Board of Directors Meeting

November 28, 2024

Happy Thanksgiving

December 2, 2024 - 6:30 p.m.

Governance Committee Meeting

December 3, 2024

Giving Tuesday

**Consider a contribution to help match the sponsored
\$1,000.00 match and work towards our goal of
\$10,000.87!**

December 4, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.

Nominating Committee Meeting

December 9, 2024 - 6:30 p.m.

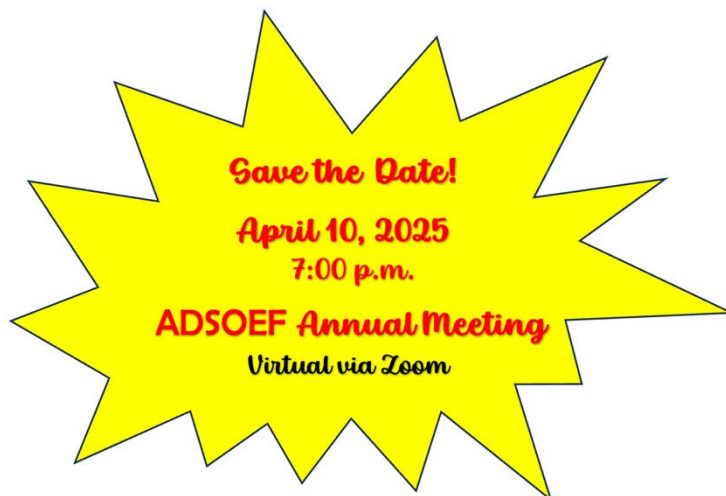
Fundraising Committee Meeting

December 15, 2024

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December 25, 2024

Happy Holidays!!



More information about the ADSOEF Annual meeting to appear in the January or February 2025 *Foundation Matters*.

Bee the Future of Education!



This is the day!! The time has arrived!! Every year ADSOEF participates in a Fall Appeal that begins on National Philanthropy Day (November 15th) and runs through Giving Tuesday (this year, December 3rd). Funds raised during this appeal will support individual/classroom/community projects, grants, fellowships, and scholarships. In 2023, thanks to two \$1,000 matching donors, almost \$6,000 was donated during this time period. This year, one of those donors will once again match donated gifts up to \$1,000. The amount you contribute will be doubled thanks to this generous supporter. Giving Tuesday is later this year, expanding the appeal campaign an extra week. Let's make good use of the gift of time!

As of October 31, 2024, \$1,914.83 has been donated toward the goal of \$10,000.87. The Fall Appeal campaign is the perfect time to give that amount a major boost. You may have received a handy contribution form in the mail this week, or you can always click on the link below to print the form. Of course, donations can also be made online using the ADSOEF website. Donating in **memory of or in honor of** a special person in your life is a beautiful way to show gratitude and appreciation for that individual. The ADSOEF Fundraising Committee wishes to thank all who respond to this fundraising appeal. Let's ***Bee the Future of Education!***

The ADSOEF Fundraising Committee,
Joan Avery, Chi
Holly Buente, Gamma Pi
Nancy Russell, Beta Kappa
Linda Diltz, Beta Rho, Co-chairman
Barb Zirke, Alpha Psi, Co-chairman

The ADSOEF Board of Directors' Approves Two More Awards!

The Educational Services Committee is very excited to continue ADSOEF's mission "to provide funding to serve charitable purposes relating to professional and personal growth of educators and educational excellence" by announcing two awards approved at the October Board of Directors' meeting.

Congratulations to Carolyn Puckett, Alpha Delta, who sponsored Marlin Ellis' *Weightroom Improvement Project!* The \$500.00 award from the Individual/Classroom/Community Project Fund will help purchase bumper plates for the weightlifting equipment at the Washington Court House Schools' weightroom facility. Marlin believes the new equipment will encourage more students to participate in the high school's weightlifting class and the weightlifting clubs at the middle and high schools, which will lead to their improved physical fitness, health, and academic success.

Congratulations also go to Cindy Lawyer, Alpha Psi and the 2025 Biennial Seminar Coordinator! She was approved for a Lifelong Learning Fund grant of \$1,010.00 for the 2025 Biennial Seminar. The award will cover the cost of one 56-passenger tour bus and the deposit for the Amish Heartland Group Tours. This

grant will help defray the costs of the Biennial Seminar's Amish Tour for all the OSO members who attend. Plan to be there from June 11-13, 2025!

Please look for photos and final reports in future newsletter editions!

Educational Services Committee

Chris Snoddy, Alpha Lambda, Chairman

Lona Bowman, Delta Kappa

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JoAnn Krock, Zeta

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*Dr. Molly Helmlinger, Beta Kappa, Liaison for both OSO and ADSOEF

Election Time for the Board of Directors of ADSOEF

Even though the actual election of directors of ADSOEF will not take place until next spring at the ADSOEF Annual Meeting, it is time to think about your role in the successful endeavors of ADSOEF. If you are presently a director whose term is expiring, please consider in what way you might be able to continue to serve ADSOEF. Experience always counts for something! If you have not been a director, perhaps it is time for you to carefully consider which of your talents will benefit ADSOEF. As a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, we all possess leadership skills and professional experiences that will qualify any of us to be a member of the Board of Directors!

This will be the first election under the new *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. The application form has been revised to reflect these choices. Applications are available on the ADSOEF website.

Nominations Committee

Debby Canter, Delta Epsilon

Nancy Waters, Alpha Psi

Hannah Fairbanks, Gamma Theta

Tammy Schroeder, Beta Eta, Chairman



Emma Brown's Student Teacher Story 2023-2024

In the fall of 2023, I completed my general education student teaching placement. I was placed at Otsego elementary school in Grand Rapids, Ohio. I was assigned a fourth-grade classroom and had 24 students in my homeroom. I had six students that were on IEPs and because of my degree and experience with intervention, I really enjoyed helping these students to grow and learn.

I also taught ELA to 24 students, as well as science and social studies to 75 students. I could not have asked for a better experience. I was in a small rural school and got to know the entire staff quickly. Everyone was kind and welcoming. I feel that I learned not only from my mentor teacher but from the rest of staff members as well. I felt that I could talk to any staff member and ask for help if I needed it. I was confident in feeling that I was doing a good job because of the interactions and feedback I received from my mentor teacher, the other staff members, and administration.

This school also came with two dogs! One was a therapy dog named Callie, who was a golden retriever and followed the guidance counselor around. Our other dog was a school facilitator dog. Her name was Dana, and she was a black lab. I had never been in a school that had therapy dogs that were allowed to walk freely around the school building. The students absolutely loved having Callie and Dana around!

While I was at this placement, I felt that I was able to be independent. Once I learned the practices of the school plus, my teacher's expectations for her students, I felt confident in taking over her classroom. I took over her classroom in the 9th week of school. I was expected to plan and teach the entire day. I was also in charge of classroom management. This was a definite challenge for me! I had to figure out how to handle certain situations and making sure that my students understood my classroom expectations. I also had to make sure that they treated me as their **real** teacher, which was also a challenge!

My students often talked during transitioning. As a result, I came up with a PBIS reward system for the whole class. At the beginning of the week, I started the class with a certain number of tallies on the chalkboard. If anyone talked while transitioning, the entire class would lose a tally. If they made it to Friday with tallies left and before lunch, they would earn a reward we decided on for that week. As the weeks progressed and at the beginning of each week, the class would start with fewer and fewer tallies. My students acclimated fairly well to this reward system, and I was excited to see just how much they had grown over the semester.

I looked forward to coming to school every day and seeing my kids/students. I looked forward to hearing how things were going in their lives. I loved how much they wanted to learn and how engaged they were during my lessons. Science was by far the best! My first lesson with them was on the scientific method. We did a science experiment with exploding paper bags. They were so interested in learning the steps and how to apply them. They were curious about the world and wanted to ask endless questions to learn the **whys** of the world. I really enjoyed the content as well. I loved learning the topics in fourth grade myself. I felt that I not only was learning the ways of teaching but re-learning the content I was teaching, which I truly enjoyed.

One unexpected challenge I faced while student teaching was giving moral support to my mentor teacher. My mentor teacher's mother-in-law was in a home hospice situation because she had pancreatic cancer. I felt inadequate offering support to my mentor teacher through this difficult time. I also sometimes felt

bad asking her questions or asking for help during this time. It did, however, help me to grow as an individual and helped me to be empathic. Along with this, I felt comfortable asking other teachers and staff for help when I felt alone. Her mother-in-law passed away the day of parent-teacher conferences. I nervously stepped in for her during the parent-teacher conferences. This was scary at first and required a lot of work on my part. After completing the evening of conferences, I felt that I was better prepared to be a teacher and was excited for my first year of teaching to begin.

I am thankful for this experience and its outcome. Overall, my student teaching experience, taught me so much more compared to what I thought I already knew about teaching. My mindset changed and as a result I chose to take on each and every challenge with an open mind and heart. I have grown so much and for this, I am so thankful and grateful. I also realized too, that I love...love to teach. I am truly excited to see where all of this will lead me after graduation.

I am so thankful for my time in Grand Rapids, Ohio!



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In honor of Debbie Canter

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