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New Beginnings...

A word or two from your Board of Directors

Don't you just love the adventure and excitement of new beginnings? Educators everywhere have started their new school year – a blank slate to organize, schedule, and fill; new students to know, nurture and instruct; new learning for all involved; and new possibilities and opportunities to be utilized in an effort to make a difference in the lives of those they teach.

The same is true of ADSOEF. Here we are with a brand-new biennium before us, with five newly elected board members joining the five experienced directors already in place, busy at work **believing** in the possibilities and opportunities the Foundation has to offer. ADSOEF committees, with numerous OSO volunteers, are working diligently **building** new pathways to funding the future of education for the Ohio State Organization community in 2023-2024. We, too, are committed to making a difference in the lives of our members, the grant and scholarship recipients and the beneficiaries of our educational projects, leadership development and lifelong learning programs.

Now is the time...to embrace your new beginnings and the immeasurable opportunities and possibilities afforded you to connect with others and ADSOEF. Please contact us at adsoef.org with any suggestions or questions regarding the Educational Foundation. We look forward to hearing from you!

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Each month in ***Foundation Matters***, we look forward to reporting our progress! We welcome, invite, and encourage all...to add your voice and your passion with ours. It has been said, “there is strength in numbers,” and your ADSOEF family is looking to **YOU...ALL of YOU** for support. Please know **YOU** are a valued Foundation member and the value **YOU** give is truly appreciated beyond measure!

Working steadfastly for you...
The ADSOEF Board of Directors

Once again, our generous, dedicated donors far exceeded this year’s “Open Your Hearts” campaign goal of \$8,500. In fact, not only was the goal reached, but more than doubled! We thank each and every one of you for your generous contributions which allow the Foundation to continue to meet our goal of funding and promoting educational excellence in Ohio. We are “heartily grateful!



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Making a Difference...One Book at a Time!

The Educational Services Committee loves to award Individual/Classroom/Community Project grants which improve education for everyone. The Beta Rho Little Free Libraries Project doubled the impact of the \$500 it was awarded!

Beta Rho chapter members purchased used books for 50 cents each from the Pickaway County Friends of the Library to supply four Little Free Library boxes they created. This money bought hundreds of books to give away and helped the library buy books for its permanent collection. Below is what Marcia Smith, the Beta Rho literacy project coordinator, writes about Beta Rho's Little Free Libraries project.

Beta Rho Chapter received a \$500 ADSOEF Educational Project grant in March 2023. The Executive Board of Beta Rho first initiated the idea of applying for the grant to provide additional support for a Little Free Libraries project it had launched in 2015. Twelve years earlier, the local public library had moved out of the south-central part of town, where walking distance access had been beneficial for a large low-income population. Beta Rho members felt the new north-end location hindered south-end residents from their pursuit of literacy. After approval by the city council, a request was made to Logan Elm HS Principal Nate Smith for two Little Library Boxes to be constructed in the spring of 2016 by the Woods Class. One was placed at Circleville Presbyterian Church, where community meals are served, and the other at Circleville Head Start. Since 2016, Beta Rho has extended library outreach to Pickaway County Emergency Clearinghouse Food Pantry and Haven House Women and Children's Refuge. The Beta Rho Literacy Committee, all Beta Rho sisters, area residents, and schools have provided over 3000 books to children and adults at all 4 locations through book donations and the purchase of used books from Pickaway County Friends of the Library at a price of 2/\$1.00. Literacy Committee members have restocked the shelves of these locations monthly.

As word spread and demand for books increased, it became increasingly difficult for our chapter to be able to provide enough books to fill these locations on an as-needed basis. This was particularly important at our Emergency Clearinghouse Food Pantry location where shelves were often empty when we returned at the beginning of each month. However, with the help of the \$500 ADSOEF grant, Beta Rho has successfully repainted and repaired two of its Little Free Library boxes and purchased 940 books from Pickaway County Friends of the Library. These ADSOEF funds have moved us toward the year-round, as-needed book distribution goal to all four of our Little Free Libraries Circleville locations. Thank you!



COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHT

Policies, procedures, and bylaws, oh, my! Although the work of the Governance Committee is not as much *fun* as presenting scholarships, grants, project awards, and fellowships, the Governance Committee's work is vital to the successful long-term and day-to-day operation of ADSOEF and supports the mission and purposes of ADSOEF.

The Governance Committee is responsible to develop and maintain ADSEOF governing documents. You can find the most recent versions of the *Bylaws* and policies on the website at adsoef.org. The Governance Committee is currently focused on the annual process of reviewing the *Bylaws* and policies and revising them if needed. Also, additional policies are being considered and procedures are being developed to accompany all policies. Your input is encouraged! Please review the documents on the website, offer suggestions, and ask any questions you may have. The Governance Committee members appreciate and value your input.

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Macy Weinreich - an Esther Strickland Student Teaching Grant Recipient

Hi everyone! I am Macy Weinreich, and my student teaching was filled with amazing lessons and experiences. I had the opportunity to work with some of the most passionate and dedicated team of teachers. I was assigned to a *Title* school and then I was selected to teach in a room with two co-teachers. This was beneficial to me because I was observing, pulling ideas and advice from educators with two different teaching styles and with two totally different personalities.

In our classroom, the content area was math. I was able to also go into the language arts classroom to observe and work with those teachers too. The whole school staff demonstrated to me the importance of building a community within the school arena to create relationships with the surrounding school community.

One of my favorite memories of student teaching was a field trip to a Cincinnati ice hockey game. As part of my math lessons, on the days leading up to our trip, I assigned word problems all relating back to the game of hockey. I used the students' names so they could relate to it even more. As an example: Student A scored 12 goals the first half and 20 the second half. Student B scored 11 goals the first half and 22 the second half. How many goals did they score altogether? During our morning meetings, we also tied in the game of hockey with our various classroom activities.

Many of my students had never experienced or even knew how the game of ice hockey was played. We taught them what to expect during the game and the basics of how the game was played. The day of the game was so exciting. Every student was in attendance, eager and ready to go! It was also the first time many of the students had traveled to downtown Cincinnati. During the bus ride, several teachers and I pointed out many noteworthy landmarks...like the Bengals football stadium as one important landmark. At the game, we sat right behind the penalty box and the students were able to view the players and their actions at very close proximity. Sadly, our hometown hockey team lost the game, but the kids nevertheless still had the best time ever and talked about their hockey game adventure for days.



Alpha Delta State Ohio Educational Foundation

At a Glance

*Alpha Delta State Ohio Educational Foundation
has served members and nonmembers through the following programs:*

Student Teaching Grants (Esther H. Strickland) assisted 55 students at Ohio public universities during their student teaching semester.

International Study Fellowships (A. Margaret Boyd) supported 4 students from foreign countries who completed advanced degrees at a university in Ohio.

Leadership Development (Leadership Memorial) provided support to 3 members for expenses related to the development of leadership knowledge, skills, or experiences, and for expenses specifically related to non-profit leadership or board participation.

Educational Projects (Individual/Classroom/Community) provided up to \$500.00 in financial support to 9 educators for educational projects for targeted learners in non-profit settings and community-based projects.

Lifelong Learning provided support to 1 member for expenses for ongoing, voluntary, and self-motivated pursuit of knowledge for either personal or professional reasons, provided funds for the Biennial Seminar presenter and provided funds for bus transportation for the Biennial Seminar.

Scholarships are available for members through the Margaret L. White Scholarship at The Ohio State University, the Ruth Grimes Scholarship at Miami University, the Florence L. Woodward Scholarship at Kent State University, the Jane Brundige Stein Scholarship (for students enrolled in the College of Education or Nursing) and the Jane Brundige Stein Student Teaching Grant for students enrolled at The Ohio State University, Marion Branch and the Annie Webb Blanton Scholarship at any accredited university. Two Annie Webb Blanton scholarships were awarded.

ADSOEF is an all-volunteer 501(c)3 private charity that is managed by 10 elected directors.

All members of Ohio State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma are also members of ADSOEF. No membership fee is required by the Foundation.

**Thank you for your support for the professional and personal growth of educators
and educational excellence!**

Numbers are reported for the period July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2023.

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Welcome. . .Mukadas Tashieva to



It is an honor to introduce our latest A. Margaret Boyd Fellowship recipient, Mukadas Tashieva, from Kyrgyzstan. Mukadas and her family arrived at Kent State University on August 16, 2023. She is pursuing her master's degree and hopes to find a solution to the teaching of English to children with disabilities. Mukadas has taught disabled children for several years, and wants to gain more knowledge in this area, as in her country many children with learning disabilities are often forgotten and not given the opportunity to learn.

Mukadas and her family, husband, three sons and a daughter, are living in Kent, Ohio. Upon conversing with her she commented, "It is a great honor for me to receive the A. Margaret Boyd Fellowship, and I would like to thank you for your warm welcome!" The attached picture shows their excitement upon arriving at Kent State after a long twenty-two-hour flight to the United States.

Members of OSO will have the opportunity to meet Mukadas and renew your friendship with Della Kartika Sari, at the September 30, OSO Executive Board Meeting, as they are both planning to attend the meeting.

Marilyn Slusser, Scholarship/A. Margaret Boyd Fellowship Liaison



Into the Future... ADSOEF Dates to Remember

September 15, 2023

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September 18, 2023

ADSOEF Board of Directors Meeting
7:00 PM

September 30, 2023

OSO Fall Executive Board Meeting
10:30 AM
New Hope Church Pavilion
4739 West Powell Road
Powell, Ohio 43065

September 19, 2023

Fundraising Committee
6:30 PM

September 25, 2023

Fundraising Committee
6:30 PM

October 11, 2023

Governance Committee
6:30 PM

October 15, 2023

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October 16, 2023

ADSOEF Board of Directors Meeting
7:00 PM

November 20, 2023

ADSOEF Board of Directors Meeting
7:00 PM