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A Word or Two from the Board…



Greetings with Gratitude!

As ADSOEF finishes the last month of its fiscal year, all the directors and committee members are reflecting on this wonderful year. The Fundraising Committee is wrapping up a very successful campaign which has raised over $40,000!

Due to your substantial donations of time, talent, and funds, $78,500 has been awarded to members and nonmembers in grants, scholarships, and fellowships during this year. In the 2026-2027 Budget, the Board of Directors has been able to increase the income expectations and the projected expenditures by more than $41,000 in each category. Most notably, ADSOEF has over $1,000,000 in assets due to your generosity and to favorable investments. WOW! This amazing achievement has been a group effort you have helped create.

In this issue of the newsletter, you will find a thank you letter from the A. Margaret Boyd International Fellowship recipient, Paola Romero. She has finished her first year and has been approved for a renewal fellowship of $5,000 to continue her master's degree studies at Kent State next year.

Cathy Adams, Gamma Alpha, submitted a final report for the $500 grant for her Field Trip Help Project. She sent some great photos of her students at the Franklin Park Conservatory.

Also, save the dates of June 16-18, 2027, for the Biennial Seminar and find out the destination below!

With thankfulness,
Chris Snoddy
The ADSOEF Board of Directors

ADSOEF Biennial Seminar 2027 will be On the Road Again…to Northwest Ohio... June 16-18, 2027
Save the Date!

On the road again (Holy Toledo! Is it that time already?)
I can't wait to get on the road again.
The life I love is traveling with my friends.
And I can't wait to get on the road again.

On the road again (Yep…plans are in the makin'!)
Goin' places that I've never been.
Seein' things that I may never see again.
And I can't wait to get on the road again…with you all!

Song by Willie Nelson

Plan to join us June 16, 17, and 18, 2027 for the ADSOEF Biennial Seminar…for the Holy Toledo Tour! Be sure to save these dates and look for detailed information in the August 2026 edition of *Foundation Matters*!





THANK YOU FOR THE FELLOWSHIP!
FROM PAOLA ROMERO

Special thanks to ADSOEF!

This week, I completed my first academic year at Kent State University, where I am pursuing a master's degree in special education. Thanks to the support of the A. Margaret Boyd Fellowship from the Alpha Delta State Ohio Educational Foundation, I have had the opportunity to receive a high-quality education—an experience that is often inaccessible in my home country of Honduras. Moving to the United States to pursue graduate studies was both exciting and challenging, especially because English is not my first language, and I had not taken an English class in over 11 years. Despite these challenges, I persevered, adapted to a new academic system and culture, and successfully managed my graduate coursework and responsibilities.

Throughout this year, I have taken classes that transformed the way I understand education, intervention, and the role educators play in students' lives. My studies have helped me better understand the teaching of reading and writing, early intervention, as well as the laws and policies surrounding Special Education—areas that are still limited or lacking in my home country. I have also

taken courses in Applied Behavior Analysis and research methods, which have strengthened my academic and professional preparation and will play an important role in my future thesis work and long-term goals. Through these experiences, I have gained a deeper appreciation for evidence-based instruction, inclusion, and early intervention, while reinforcing my belief that education and research can create meaningful changes in communities.

Coming from a developing country where formal special education services remain limited, this journey has strengthened my commitment to advocating for students with disabilities and promoting more inclusive educational opportunities. Although adjusting to a new country and graduate program was not always easy, the support of professors, classmates, friends, family, and the A. Margaret Boyd Fellowship made this transition both manageable and deeply enriching. Beyond financial assistance, the fellowship provided the encouragement and stability I needed to focus on my academic and professional growth during my first year abroad, and I remain deeply grateful for the opportunity to continue learning and preparing to make a meaningful impact in the field of Special Education.

Sincerely
Paola Romero

GRANT FUNDS FIELD TRIP TO THE FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY FOR HUNTINGTON LOCAL 7th GRADERS

To the Members of ADSOEF

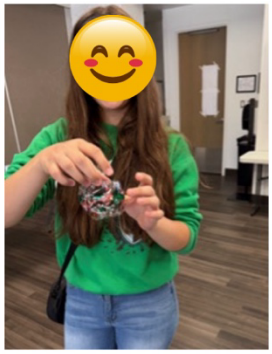
Thank you so much for the opportunity to support our 7th grade students on our trip to Columbus! Due to bussing and scheduling issues, our venue and scope had to be changed. We could not get a date to work at the History Connection and did not have the time for lunch at a sit-down restaurant, but your money was put to good use. We took our students to the Franklin Park Conservatory.

I had five students in my group, and none of them had ever been there before. They had a great time and were excited to go home and tell their families about the Conservatory.

The $500.00 Individual/Classroom/Community Project grant money covered the entire cost of the entrance fees to the Conservatory and paid for a portion of the transportation costs, so our students did not have to pay anything for this trip. This made it possible for these students to enjoy a field trip they may not have ever been able to take!

The other 7th grade teachers and I are so appreciative of this opportunity for our students.

Sincerely
Cathy Adams, Alpha Gamma







Opening for a New Webmaster

Due to the retirement announcement by Eileen McNally, the current webmaster, the ADSOEF Board of Directors (BOD) is searching for someone to provide the services of a webmaster beginning July 1, 2026. Eileen's contract ends on June 30, 2026, and she has indicated that she will not be renewing it. However, she will be available to mentor and train the new webmaster for the remainder of 2026.

The main responsibility of the webmaster is to maintain and update the ADSOEF website. Currently, this includes, but is not limited to, Weebly for the website and Jotform for the applications. Experience with Weebly and Jotform is preferred, but anyone willing to learn and work with these platforms is welcome to apply. The contract is for one fiscal year from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026, with a stipend of $500.00 for the year.

Please consider helping ADSOEF keep the website updated, accurate, and user friendly! It greatly impacts the Foundation's ability to raise funds, attract donors, advertise opportunities, and allow people to apply for scholarships, fellowships, awards, and grants.

Contact Chris Snoddy at **ckvs@sprynet.com** with any questions.

Colors of Hope Campaign



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We want to thank all the chapters and members for creating so many **Colors of Hope** that helped us **Paint a Brighter Future** for teachers and students across Ohio and as far away as Ghana!!! Our paint splatters reached very far.

Our 2025-2026 Fundraising Campaign total through May 31, 2026, is $40,495.46 which includes the $20,000 generous donation from the Beta Lambda Chapter. So far, we have exceeded our goal of $14,000.88 by $26,494.58 thanks to the generosity of our members!

Come join us!! The Fundraising Committee is looking for a new member or two!! We meet monthly via ZOOM to have lots of fun, get creative, and plan next year's campaign!! If this sounds like you, please email Christine Snoddy at ckvs@sprynet.com.

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Into the Future. . .Important Dates to Remember!

June 15, 2026
ADSOEF Board of Directors Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

June 25, 2026
ADSOEF Board of Directors Orientation @ 2:00 p.m.

June 29, 2026
ADSOEF Personnel Committee Meeting @ 1:00 p.m.

July 6, 2026
ADSOEF Governance Committee Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
If needed

July 20, 2026
ADSOEF Board of Directors 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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Date: _____ Amount: _____

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