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Suncoast
Alumni Club

News and Events

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Suncoast Alumni Club Summer & Fall Preview

Please read on to get current news regarding our 2021-2022 Scholarship recipients, 2021 Game Day and our event plans for the summer and fall.

Suncoast Alumni Club

The Suncoast Alumni Club is an officially chartered alumni club of the Ohio State University Alumni Association. We operate with the same mission, values, goals, and pride. We are ambassadors for the University networking throughout the community to raise University awareness, encourage future Buckeyes, providing financial support to students, while creating life-long friendships among alumni.

How Firm Thy Friendship O H I O !

For 2020-2021 the Suncoast Alumni Club achieved the Ohio State University Alumni Association Scarlet and Gray level club (the highest level) and is in the process of completing the requirements to achieve this level once again for 2021-2022.

Please follow us on the Suncoast Alumni Club website ([Suncoast.Alumni.osu.edu](https://suncoast.alumni.osu.edu)), our Facebook pages and Instagram for the latest information on events or other club information. To keep up with the latest Buckeye news and Tampa Bay events use this link to add your email address:

<https://suncoast.alumni.osu.edu/subscribe/>

We invite you to become a member. Use this link to join:

<https://suncoast.alumni.osu.edu/membership/>

New memberships will run through August, 2022.

Suncoast Alumni Club Board

Elections for the Suncoast Alumni Club board members for 2021-2022 will be held in July.

The club invites you to consider becoming part of the Suncoast Alumni Club board, as part of the executive team, a director or an event leader. Planning for 2021-2022 will be extremely important as we restart many activities which have been suspended during the past year. We encourage alumni to participate in the leadership roles with fresh, new ideas.

Member support is important. Please consider your participation in this great club and contact tampabaybuckeyes@gmail.com if you are interested.

Game Day 2021 - Ohio State Buckeye Football

Mark your calendar – Thursday, September 2, 2021!
Ohio State Buckeyes at Minnesota Golden Gophers

We are pleased to announce the official Ohio State Buckeye 2021 Game Day locations for the Tampa Bay area.

Pinellas
Quaker Steak & Lube
10400 49th Street North Clearwater, FL 33762
(727) 572-9464
www.thelube.com

Hillsborough
O'Brien's Irish Pub
701 W. Lumsden Road Brandon, FL 33511
(813)-661-9688
www.obrienspubs.com

Tampa (**Our newest location!**)
The Brass Tap
203 North Dale Mabry Highway, Tampa, FL 33609
(813) 422-6810
www.brasstapbeerbar.com

Join us at these **ALL Buckeye** locations for great viewing, great food and beverage, tailgates, Scholarship raffle, fan apparel and the best Buckeye football fans in the area!

Suncoast Alumni Club Events-2021

Suncoast Alumni Club Beach Clean Up

6/19/2021, 9-11 am, at our adopted shoreline on Davis Island

Join us as we team with Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful to do our part in helping keep the Bay area beautiful and continue to pay forward in our community. Join us as we clean our adopted shoreline on Davis Islands next to Tampa General Hospital at the corner of Columbia Dr and Arbor Place. It is a great opportunity to get together with fellow Buckeyes.

RSVP to tampaclub@osu.edu

7/25/2021 VIRTUAL BTN Big 10K

Represent The Ohio State University, test your fitness and enjoy a virtual race experience. Show Buckeye pride and walk or run a 5K or 10K anytime between July 25 and July 31 from wherever you choose! Last year the Suncoast Alumni Club signed up more runners than any other Tampa Bay Big Ten Club. For \$20, you receive an Ohio State technical race shirt, a Big Ten branded workout towel, digital bib, and a certificate. For information and to sign up go to <https://btbig10k.com>

Suncoast Alumni Club Summer

We are currently planning events later in the summer to bring Buckeyes together. Please visit our Facebook page and Suncoast web site for information.

8/28/2021 Big Ten Football Kickoff

After a 2020 cancellation, the Big 10 alumni clubs are planning the 2021 Big Ten football kickoff. The tentative date is Saturday evening, August 28th. A new location is planned this year. Watch for future announcements with details.

2021-2022 Buck-I-SERV

We look forward to Buck-I-SERV resuming and hosting students from the university visiting and volunteering in the Tampa Bay area. Thanks again to those past Buck-I-SERV students for making a better environment here in Tampa Bay.

The Suncoast Alumni Club Scholarship Fund

The purpose in providing scholarships is to support local students with aspirations to attend The Ohio State University. Our scholarship has supported students from the counties of Pinellas, Hillsborough, Pasco and Hernando for the past 25 years. Each student must meet certain criteria such as strong academic achievement and well-rounded character. Please read on to learn about each of this year's recipients.

Paying Forward – An Ohio State Tradition

Pay it forward is an expression for describing the beneficiary of a good deed repaying it to others instead of to the original benefactor. The history of the expression goes back to ancient Greece, described by the likes of Benjamin Franklin and Ralph Waldo Emerson. But we most remember it as misquoted by our beloved Woody Hayes, "You can pay back only seldom. You can always pay forward, and you must pay line for line, deed for deed, and cent for cent." He also shortened the (mis)quotation into "You can never pay back; but you can always pay forward" and variants. Contributions can be made by going to the Ohio State University web site or directly to our fund using this link:

https://www.giveto.osu.edu/makeagi_ft/?Source_Code=AA-0-OSUAAClub-ON-S&Fund=306120

These donations may qualify as Qualified Charitable Deductions or Required Minimum Distributions. Check with your financial advisor for details.

The 2021 Suncoast Alumni Club Scholarship Recipients

Sarah Munger is currently a sophomore majoring in Biology with an academic interest of Pre-Medicine. Sarah is currently living on campus combining virtual learning with one on campus class. She is also involved in an on-campus research program. Sarah says the past year with the pandemic and virtual learning has been a different experience. She will remain in Columbus this summer continuing the research position. Sarah is a member of a sorority. Although she is still focused on Pre-Medicine, she now is thinking of an MBA before pursuing medicine.

Alex Zhong is majoring in Finance and is currently looking to graduate in Spring, 2022 completing her undergraduate in 3 years. Covid-19 made things weird. Alex returned to China in March 2020 and started study virtually. It fouled up her plans and disrupted her regular schedule. There is a huge time difference. Sometimes she has classes at 5 in the morning, and sometimes she has classes at 2 AM. So, she is basically living in China with American time. Alex plans to take one business core class this summer and has a 3-month internship at a securities firm. She has gotten the covid vaccinations (both shots) and plans to return to campus in August.

Danielle Gorddard is currently a junior majoring in Psychology with an academic interest of Pre-Medicine. Danielle is currently living on campus combining virtual learning with one on campus class. She will apply for medical school hopefully in Florida after her graduation in Spring 2022. After the pandemic started last spring Danielle returned home to Palm Harbor where she worked at St. Marks Village (an assisted living facility in Palm Harbor) assisting in the care of the residence units. She also was a COVID screener taking temperatures. She commented on how fulfilling that made her feel to help during the pandemic.

The Suncoast Alumni Club Scholarship Fund continued

Bethany Schneider is currently a sophomore majoring in Chemical Engineering. Bethany is currently living on campus combining virtual learning with one on campus class. She finds it challenging as she is currently without a roommate and looks forward to the fall and a return to “normal”. She will remain on campus over the summer and has an internship at Battelle. Bethany had the opportunity to attend the National Championship game in Miami with her father.

Asa FitzPatrick is a remarkable young man. Easily one of the most confident, impressive phone interviews I have ever done. Extremely strong leadership skills. He is a first-year student from Tampa Bay. He is from Lutz, FL. He was homeschooled which allowed him to do what he likes to do which is travel with some local Tampa Bay clubs emphasizing leadership talks to high school students. He is currently living on Ohio State campus and his first year GPA is currently 4.0. He is majoring in finance with a minor degree in social psychology. He is loving his Ohio State experience and plans on staying there through the summer and taking additional classes. He said the students he interacts with on campus are just burned out with all the virtual learning. But he sees as they do that they are near an end. he feels 40% of the students are either signed up or have already received a vaccine.

Hailey MacNealy is a delightful young lady in her third year of psychology major. She is getting a minor in disability studies as well. She is off campus with two other roommates, and all have been vaccinated at this time. She has made the Dean’s list last two semesters and currently has three A’s and a B going into finals. She currently is 100% virtual classes. She does not like it that way as she prefers to be in front of the teacher. She feels bad for the incoming freshmen that they will not be able to experience that. Last semester she went the hybrid method and had a couple days per week in a classroom. She will be coming home for the summer and is thoroughly enjoying her Ohio State experience. She is ready for this pandemic to be over but is excited about the Ohio State football season this year.

Andrew Connors is just finishing up Covid protocol quarantine. Feeling fine and better, as he had a mild case. Andrew will finish his third year with finals next week. He is majoring in computer information science. He has a 3.4 GPA. Upon graduation he wants to get into government work or possibly work with one of the larger telecommunication companies. For Andrew, the past two semesters have been in the hybrid fashion. The pandemic has made it much more stressful on him and his friends, but he can see the light at the end of the tunnel. He emphasized that this decision to go to Ohio State was the best thing he has ever done. He does not know if he is coming home this summer because he is anticipating an internship either in Columbus or in Colorado. Andrew is a nice, pleasant young man and a deserving scholarship recipient.

We asked each scholarship recipient what they now thought of their decision to attend The Ohio State University. Each of them strongly agreed that it was the best decision and think the university, the campus and the people are great!

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