



## Find a mentor, be a mentor

By Nicole Emmelhainz

The Ohio University Alumni Association has launched a new mentoring service that allows alumni to serve as — or connect with — mentors in their fields. It's a great way to exchange first-rate advice and promote Bobcat spirit. To learn more, *Ohio Today* talked with Quentin Derryberry III, assistant director of alumni outreach and engagement.

**Q: What is the Bobcat Mentor Network?**

**A:** It's a network for both alumni and students who are searching for a mentor. A mentor can be contacted to help with job-related questions, including career advice, interviewing tips or looking over a résumé. The mentoring could also be about a life transition. It really can help anyone, from a student who is trying to select classes for a major to someone who is already in a career. It's about the life of a Bobcat. Wherever you are on that journey, this can help.

**Q: So it's a very broad program, and it's also unifying the Ohio community.**

**A:** Absolutely. One of the greatest assets we have is our 192,000 alumni. It's a great resource for other alumni to tap.

**Q: It seems especially useful for students who are just starting out at the university to have someone show them what they've learned.**

**A:** We think so. You can learn a lot being on campus, but you learn so much by connecting with an alumnus who has



**The Bobcat Mentor Network taps an indispensable resource: Ohio University alumni.**

been there and done that. To be able to connect with alumni, to utilize resources and networking that alumni have, will give students a competitive advantage that other universities can't offer.

**Q: Is it correct that mentors will be able to find mentors for themselves?**

**A:** Any alumnus has the capability of finding a mentor. With the database continuing to be populated, alumni can search for a mentor any time. And the neat thing about the Bobcat Mentor Network is that choosing whom you want to be a mentor for

is completely in your hands. Alumni can state which career stage they are willing to advise: any, entry-level, mid-career, executive or retired. That power is in the hands of the mentors, allowing them to use the network in ways they are comfortable with and where their expertise lies.

**Q: The mentors are really setting the pace for the program?**

**A:** Yes, and another feature is that each mentor has the option to either opt-in or opt-out without taking his or her information out of the database. If you're not available in the summer, just get online and check the calendar for the days you want to be out.

**Q: What do mentors need to do to sign up?**

**A:** To get more information and to sign up, simply go to our Web site, [www.ohioalumni.org](http://www.ohioalumni.org), and click on the mentor network icon.

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## 2007 Alumni Awards

OHIO UNIVERSITY

Congratulations to these 2007 Ohio University Alumni Association award recipients and Kermit Blosser Ohio Athletics Hall of Fame inductees.

### ALUMNA OF THE YEAR

*Amelia Tunanidas Pantelis, DO '82*, of St. Petersburg, Fla., is a medical director for WellCare. She endowed the university's Amelia G. Tunanidas Scholarship and was the first College of Osteopathic Medicine graduate to earn an association Medal of Merit.

### MEDALS OF MERIT

*Mark C. Arnold, BSIS '81*, of Columbus, is a partner and director with Advanced Drainage Systems and, as a lieutenant colonel in the U. S. Army Reserves, served in Afghanistan and Iraq. He has chaired the Russ College Board of Visitors.

*Robert S. Biscup, DO '80*, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., an orthopedic spinal surgeon, is a recognized pioneer in spine care and surgery. He is a former alumni association board member, a member of the Thomas Ewing Society and an OU-COM Medal of Merit winner.

*Robert Chandler, MS '72*, of New York City, is president and co-founder of the Chandler

Chicco Agency, a public relations and marketing firm. Since 2003, he has partnered in research endeavors with the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism and regularly hires Ohio graduates and students.

*Michael E. Jackson, BSED '68*, of Tipp City, Ohio, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel, is executive director of the National Aviation Hall of Fame. A regular on the "Legends of Airpower" TV series, he is national chair of Operation Welcome Home and founder and president of the American Veterans Institute.

### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

*Patricia A. Ackerman, BA '66*, of Richmond Heights, Ohio, has served on the Ohio

# Ohio University Alumni Association Chapter Network Events

## NORTHWEST OHIO

**Nov. 13 • Toledo Social Hour** Dale's Bar and Grill, 322 Conant St., Maumee, 5:30–8 p.m. Contact Laurie Mitchell at 419-897-7884 or toledobobcats@gmail.com, or Kevin Klingaman at 419-367-0018 or kjcoh@hotmail.com.

**Dec. 11 • Toledo OHIO Family Night at the Zoo Lights** Toledo Zoo; meet at the Anthony Wayne Trail side of zoo at 6:15 p.m. to enter zoo at 6:30 p.m. Contact Laurie Mitchell at 419-897-7884 or toledobobcats@gmail.com.

**Jan. 5 • Toledo OHIO vs. BGSU Basketball Game Watch** Anderson Arena on the BGSU campus, 4–6 p.m. All OHIO alumni can sit together. Pay as you go. Contact Laurie Mitchell at 419-897-7884 or toledobobcats@gmail.com.

**Jan. 8 • Toledo Social Hour** Buffalo Wild Wings, 3555 Navarre Ave., Oregon, 5:30–8 p.m. Pay as you go. Contact Laurie Mitchell at 419-897-7884 or toledobobcats@gmail.com.

**Feb. 12 • Toledo Social Hour** Buffalo Wild Wings, 26567 N. Dixie Highway, Perrysburg, 5:30–8 p.m. Pay as you go. Contact Laurie Mitchell at 419-897-7884 or toledobobcats@gmail.com.

**Feb. 13 • Toledo OHIO vs. UT Basketball Game Watch** Savage Hall on UT campus, 7–9 p.m. OHIO alumni can sit together. Pay as you go. Contact Laurie Mitchell at 419-897-7884 or toledobobcats@gmail.com.

**March 11 • Toledo Social Hour** Shawn's Tavern, 4400 Heatherdowns Blvd. (corner of Key and Heatherdowns), Toledo, 5:30–8 p.m. Pay as you go. Contact Laurie Mitchell at 419-897-7884 or toledobobcats@gmail.com.

**April 8 • Toledo Social Hour** Frogtown Johnnies, 6725 Central Ave. (Central and McCord), Toledo, 5:30–8 p.m. Pay as you go. Contact Laurie Mitchell at 419-897-7884 or toledobobcats@gmail.com.

University Board of Trustees and The Ohio University Foundation Board of Trustees. She spent 25 years with the Cleveland Heights/University Heights school district.

*Richard H. Brown, BBA '65*, of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, owns Richard H. Brown and Associates law firm. He has served on The Ohio University Foundation board, the alumni association board and as president of the Cleveland Alumni Chapter.

## HONORARY ALUMNI AWARD

*Lewis R. Smoot Sr.*, of Columbus, is president and CEO of Smoot Construction Corp., which offers a Russ College of Engineering and Technology minority

## MIDWEST

**Dec. 12 • Minnesota Planning Meeting** Ol' Mexico Restaurante, 1754 Lexington Ave., North Roseville, 6–7 p.m. Pay as you go. Free OHIO giveaways. Contact Cliff Ancier at 763-542-7827 or mnnj@comcast.net.

## SOUTHEAST U.S.

**Nov. 14 • Nation's Capital Happy Hour—MD** Ropewalk Tavern — Federal Hill, 1209 S. Charles St., Baltimore, 6:30–9 p.m. Come out and mingle with your fellow Bobcats at our monthly rotating Happy Hour in the Federal Hill section of Baltimore. Contact Jim Jolley at 410-493-2828 or jimjolley\_99@yahoo.com.

**Dec. 1 • Nation's Capital MAC Championship Football Game Watch** Crystal City Sports Pub, 529 23rd St. South, Crystal City (nearest Metro: Crystal City), 7–11 p.m. Contact Wes Bornhorst at 703-401-0815 or wesrickb@hotmail.com.

**Dec. 2 • Naples Area Alumni Dinner** The Inn on Fifth, 699 Fifth Ave., Naples, 6–8 p.m. Join fellow alumni and the deans of several Ohio University colleges for an evening of food and fun. Contact Greg Scharer at scharer@ohio.edu.

**Feb. 9 • Charlotte Checkers Game** Charlotte Bobcats Arena, 333 E. Trade St., Charlotte, 7:30–9:30 p.m. Cheer on the Checkers and compete with other schools' chapters in crowd turnout. Proceeds benefit the V Foundation for Cancer Research and the Charlotte chapter. Contact Tony Swegle at 704-302-6450 or oucharlotte@yahoo.com.

**Feb. 22 • Charlotte Happy Hour during Charlotte Networking Week** Dixie's Tavern,

scholarship. He is a speaker for the college's Robe Leadership Institute.

## CHARLES J. AND CLAIRE O. PING RECENT GRADUATE AWARD

*Gregory Kaple, BBA '98*, of Hoboken, N.J., senior partner with Integrated Management Services, is active in OU's Ralph and Luci Schey Sales Centre and a member of the NY/NJ/CT Alumni Chapter and Lindley Society.

*Julie Mann, BBA '02*, of Charlotte, N.C., is a systems analyst/programmer at Wachovia Corp. She has served as president of the alumni association's Charlotte chapter since 2003 and is on the board of the College of Business Society of Alumni.

301 E. Seventh St., Charlotte, 5–7 p.m. Join area Bobcats and current students in town for Charlotte Networking Week. Afterward, take in a Charlotte Bobcats vs. Sacramento Kings basketball game across the street; group rate available. Contact Tony Swegle at oucharlotte@yahoo.com.

**March 9 • Charlotte The Wedding Singer Musical Performance** Belk Theater, 130 N. Tryon St., Charlotte, 2–4 p.m. See the new musical comedy based on the hit movie; parental guidance suggested. Chapter receives a group rate for Sunday performances. RSVP by Jan. 16 to Tony Swegle at oucharlotte@yahoo.com or 704-302-6450.

## SOCIETY EVENTS

**Nov. 10 • Singing Men of Ohio Society of Alumni and Friends SMO/SMOSAF Retreat** Athens campus, 8 a.m.–4 p.m. Contact Lamar Hylton at L\_hyltonmetro00\_98@yahoo.com.

**Feb. 29–March 1 • The Sales Centre Alumni Society Alumni Experience Day and Reception** Athens campus. Contact Jennifer Livanee at 216-410-0131 or jennifersteinriede@hotmail.com.

**April 17–18 The Sales Centre Alumni Society 11th Annual Symposium, Awards Dinner and Spring Board Meeting** Athens campus. Contact Jennifer Livanee at 216-410-0131 or jennifersteinriede@hotmail.com.

## SOUTHWEST U.S.

**Nov. 24 • Austin OHIO vs. Miami Game Watch** Sam's Boat, 3908 W. Braker Lane (near intersection of North MoPac and West Braker), Austin, 12:30–3:30 p.m. Pay as you go for event co-hosted with Austin Miami University Chapter. RSVP to Teresa Szostak by Nov. 23 at 512-771-0115 or tszostak@austin.rr.com.

## INTERNATIONAL

**Nov. 10 • Europe Fall Meeting** Brussels, Belgium, 1 p.m. Contact Jerome Spaans at 322-771-1612 or ruemy@yahoo.com.

## KERMIT BLOSSER OHIO ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

*Richard J. Schorr, HON '85*, of Lancaster, Ohio, recipient of the Glenn C. Randall Lifetime Achievement Award, was the voice of the Ohio Bobcats for 31 years.

*David M. Zastudil, BBA '02*, of Westlake, Ohio, is a punter/holder for the Cleveland Browns and a former Baltimore Raven. He is eighth in all-time college punting average.

*Joseph A. Zychowicz, BBA '72*, of Toledo, Ohio, was a member of the MAC champion wrestling teams from 1970 through 1972 and captain his senior year. He was an All-American in 1972 and placed fourth at the NCAA tournament.