



SENIOR CLASS COUNCIL

YOUR [GATEWAY] TO SUCCESS

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As a soon-to-be college graduate, the world, it seems, is your employment oyster. You are graduating from a prominent university with good grades, a solid resume and decent work history. Getting a job will be a cakewalk, right?

Unfortunately, this isn't always the case.

Good news! The more contacts you have in your industry, the easier your future career pursuit will be. Introducing The [Gateway], your bridge to success – from campus life to the corporate world and beyond.

The [Gateway] is a social networking Web site sponsored by the Ohio University Alumni Association (OUAA) available to Ohio University graduates and seniors.

"The online community is very similar to Facebook and MySpace in that is a site for social networking," said Courtney Cooper, a senior journalism major and avid [Gateway] user. "The difference is that [Gateway] is private; it's completely

Ohio University specific."

The network is an easy solution for Bobcat alumni to stay personally and professionally connected. It allows students to find friends, professors and classmates; identify faculty and alumni who share career interests and hobbies; and expand your own personal and professional networks.

Need information on the best neighborhood or restaurant in Chicago or Cleveland? Ask an alumna! The private social network is a great resource for maintaining relationships established during your campus days.

Use [Gateway] to connect with old friends, look for other Bobcats in your geographical area or class year, and expand your social network to Bobcats around the globe. Search exclusive Gateway job postings by companies that know the value of an Ohio University education or by fellow alumni looking to hire a talented Bobcat.

"I have already contacted Bobcat alumni in Columbus and Cincinnati, Ohio, to inquire about future hiring plans and job

opportunities," said Cooper. "[Gateway] is the best way to look for a job, employer, network or OU alumni in the area of your choice."

The [Gateway] requires an alumni ID number which is only established after all of your credits are processed. However, Ohio University seniors are also invited to join The [Gateway]!

"I highly recommend that all OU seniors take advantage of this opportunity and join," said Lynn Walsh, Senior Class Council President. "It's a great opportunity to interact with fellow OU alumni." While The [Gateway] is an opportunity to remain connected with OU alumni, Walsh advises that "you should keep your profiles professional."

Registered members can use the site to find Bobcats in other states or countries, in specific businesses or industries, with similar interests or backgrounds. "Getting started is quick and easy!" added Walsh. Sign up today at <http://thegateway.alum.ohio.edu/>.

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SENIOR FORUM

Fall quarter saw the first Senior Forum hosted by the Senior Class Council. The Council created this program to give seniors the chance to voice opinions and concerns and to share ideas on what they want the year to encompass.

Many topics were covered at the Forum. A brief overview of the Council and the Alumni Association started the meeting, with seniors being shown the many services and discounts available on the organizations' web sites. There was information handed out about the Young Alumni Trip this year to Costa Rica. This trip will be in June and will be an all-inclusive for only

\$1,400. The trip is open to seniors as well as current students and alumni of Ohio University.

The most important information announced at the forum was on The Gateway, an Ohio University alumni social networking site that is NOW open to all seniors. This Web site connects all alumni and offers seniors the chance to network with the over 192,000 alumni across the world. The Council looks forward to more discussions and great ideas at the Senior Forum during winter quarter. The event will be held during the third week of winter quarter, and there will be FREE PIZZA!

NEW WEBSITE

By: Kimberly Kanner

Senior Class Council has been working very hard on our website focusing on making it user friendly. Make sure you log on often because there will be updates on events and information on commencement. Please feel free to email us with comments or questions regarding the site.

SENIOR SOCIALS

By: Danielle Demming

Senior Class Council is very excited about our upcoming events for winter quarter. One special event just for seniors will be Senior Socials at an uptown establishment. Each week Senior Class Council will host a social at a different place with drink specials for seniors ONLY! Some of the businesses participating

in this event will be: Broney's, Pub, Pig Skin, Paw Purrs, and many more of our favorite Uptown places! The senior drink specials each week will be different from that bar's weekly list of specials, think of it as a VIP for the Class of 2008. This is just one way that Senior Class Council plans to celebrate OUR senior year together!

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

The first Senior Spotlight for the class of 2008 is on Walt Williamson. Walt, a Columbus native, exemplifies campus leadership through his involvement in the OU community. Walt has been active throughout his time in Athens, serving as President of IFC, Auditor of Student Senate, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of Beta Theta Pi, Treasurer of the Ohio University Recruiting Society, Treasurer and

Co-Founder of Leaders in Education Achieving Diversity while also serving on the Ohio University Council of Student Leaders, Society for Human Resource Management, and Greek Week committee. After graduation Walt plans on probably taking an offer from Verizon Wireless working as a Human Resource analyst or coordinator while pursuing his masters in business or education.