WIP MISSION

Women in Philanthropy of Ohio University will foster a powerful tradition of giving and support for the University and its departments, activities and facilities. It will aspire to increase the number of women who give to Ohio University by providing advocacy about women's philanthropic issues and by training future generations of Ohio University donors.

WIP DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

Summer WIP Meeting
July 21, 2011, 4-6 p.m., The Westin St. Francis Hotel at 335 Powell St., San Francisco, Calif.

Fall WIP Golf Event
Moved from original date of 5/12/11, new time and place TBD

Fall WIP Meeting
Nov. 3, 2011, Athens

MAKE A GIFT

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THIRD BIENNIAL 'OHIO WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE CONFERENCE'

By Allison Pisching MBA/MSA 2012
Women in Philanthropy of Ohio University (WIP) proudly presents the “OHIO Women Making a Difference Conference” scheduled for Wednesday, April 27 and Thursday, April 28 on Ohio University’s Athens campus. The two-day event is an opportunity to network, learn, and have fun as we celebrate and honor the contributions women provide to their communities. With increased awareness and involved alumnae, OHIO women have the opportunity to make a significant difference on-and off-campus.

This conference is open to alumni, faculty, staff, students, and community members. Bess Relyea, an attendee at the 2009 biennial conference, described the event as “a delightful day of listening and learning from many women who were certainly qualified to be presenters and so giving of their time and talent.” This year’s lineup is promising to provide an unforgettable experience by bringing together a unique group of women specializing in a multitude of professions.

"Divas and Desserts" will kick-off the conference on Wednesday evening with a networking reception and mixer. The keynote speaker at the event will be Janelle Simmons BSJ’95, the director of community relations and philanthropy for Limited Brands, Inc. Ms. Simmons is a public relations and development professional who has more than 15 years of experience in helping non-profits...
meet their resource development goals through strategic marketing, communications, and fundraising. Alongside her BSJ from the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism, Ms. Simmons' honors include Columbus Business First Forty Under 40 and Who’s Who in Black Columbus.

Thursday’s events will begin with an introduction from Ohio University’s Provost Pam Benoit. Six breakout sessions will make up the remainder of the morning events, with two choices of speakers and panels each hour. Panel sessions will include topics from "Managing Your Professional Image" to "Taking Your Destiny into Your Own Hands" to "Women's Health Through the Decades."

After the breakout sessions, OHIO's First Lady, Deborah McDavis will welcome all and introduce keynote speaker Beverly Jones BSJ, MBA '75. Ms. Jones will share her story of implementing effectiveness and change management as well as her story of executive life coaching to propel professionals to take the next steps in their careers. During her last years at OHIO, before heading to Georgetown Law, Ms. Jones wrote a landmark report, "The Status of Women at Ohio University." In implementing the report, she created the University’s first affirmative action program.

During Thursday’s luncheon, WIP will host the “Power of the Purse” silent auction where bidders can win purses filled with themed gift packages for every occasion.

Don’t miss the WIP OHIO Women Making a Difference Conference. The registration deadline is April 22, 2011. Please visit the conference website for a full schedule, registration, ways to sponsor a student, and conference sponsorship opportunities at www.ohio.edu/conferences/WIPConference.cfm. Tickets are $50/attendee and $15/student with an option for lunch only. Breakout sessions are FREE to STUDENTS ONLY. For more information on Women in Philanthropy, or to make a general donation, please visit www.ohio.edu/development/women. If you have any questions pertaining to the conference, please contact Andrea Conner (connera@ohio.edu) or Dorothy Schey (schey@ohio.edu) 740-593-4556.
Debbie Arnold ’81 will serve as WIP Student Activities Chair. Thank you to former Chair Sara Lipman and former Co-Chair Tanya Conrath for your guidance to the Community Service Leadership Council (CSLC). Debbie is quickly learning about the position and we thank her for jumping in midstream with such enthusiasm! WIP Volunteer and graduate student, Allison Pisching is working with Debbie to monitor the WIP SCORE Grant process through the CSLC. Thank you both for this extremely important connection to the most recent WIP SCORE grant.

STACIA TAYLOR ’82 HONORED AS OHIO BOBCAT CLUB'S 'REPRESENTATIVE OF THE YEAR'

On Sunday, Nov. 21, 2010, the Ohio Bobcat Club’s “Bobcat Rep Program” held its second annual celebration lunch in the Baker Center Ballroom. Bobcat Reps and their guests joined each other in recognizing the success of the new, yet impacting, initiative. Bobcat Reps help the Ohio University Athletics Department reach out to its 98,000+ alumni in the state of Ohio. Reps enhance alumni and fan connections with Bobcat Athletics, help host events in their areas, and garner support for the Ohio Bobcat Club, Ohio Athletics’ official fundraising organization. With nearly 100 Bobcat Reps in the state, support of the program is growing each year. At the annual Bobcat Rep celebration, one Rep is selected as the Bobcat Rep of the Year. To earn such recognition, a Bobcat Rep must go above and beyond the call of duty to help take the program to another level. This year, Stacia Taylor of Mason, Ohio, earned the title.

Stacia has set a standard for reaching out to OHIO Alumni in the Cincinnati area and within her personal network. Attracting new Ohio Bobcat Club members, encouraging season ticket purchases, and spreading Green & White Pride throughout the area are all within Stacia’s capabilities.

Most notably were Stacia’s organization and financial efforts in support of a Women in Philanthropy golf event held last May. The event, which allowed women to learn many aspects of the game of golf from Ohio University Women’s Golf Coach Kelly Ovington, attracted several individuals and a few gifts to the Jody Galbreath Phillips Giving Circle to support Women’s Athletics. Stacia was recognized at half-time of the OHIO Men’s basketball game vs. Texas A&M Corpus Christi on Sunday, Nov. 21.
WIP WELCOMED COACH FRANK SOLICH AT FEBRUARY MEETING

Women in Philanthropy (WIP) Chair Barbara Strom Thompson, presided over the Feb. 3 meeting in The Lindley Room at The Ohio University Inn and Conference Center. She opened the meeting with a welcome address and reported that WIP has raised, to-date, $350,000.

The keynote speaker of the meeting was OHIO Head Football Coach Frank Solich, who shared stories from his 40-year coaching career after graduating from the University of Nebraska. February was the culmination of recruiting players for the upcoming season, and 24 players signed letters of intent for OHIO the day before the WIP meeting. Coach Solich identified recruiting good athletes as the most important thing he does. He believes his position enables him to help young men maximize their ability on the field and in the classroom. The Bobcats are involved in many Community Service activities including campus clean-up, blood/marrow drives, building a new playground in New Orleans, working in homeless shelters, and participating in both the Big Brothers & Big Sisters program and "Rufus Reads."

In relation to athletics, Stacia Taylor provided a brief report about the Jody Galbreath Phillips Giving Circle to Support Women's Athletics. She reported that WIP is only $8,700 away from reaching its goal of $50,000 for the initiative.

Joyce Atwood, director of development at the OHIO Chillicothe Campus, introduced the new WIP OU Chillicothe Giving Circle, with the goal to mentor students, provide grants, social services, and meet the needs of students. The event, a dinner theater show, was held on February 18 and a second event, “The Power of the Woman Session” during the OHIO Chillicothe Library event, was held on March 3.

The WIP Financial Literacy Task Force (FLTF) has been busy, as reported by Jeannie Becka, chair of the Task Force. The award winning online course, MoneyU, was introduced to the student population on the Chillicothe campus as part of a one-hour credit course. Currently 81 students have signed up. In order to continue this success, the WIP FLTF will hold a breakout session about financial matters during the upcoming WIP OHIO Women Making a Difference Conference in late April.

Additionally, OHIO students on the Athens campus have been
working diligently to promote the mission and vision of WIP. Two classes, International Marketing and Management Information Systems, have put together proposals for WIP’s marketing and website changes. The collaboration of these students and WIP has a promising long-term affect on initiatives on- and off-campus.

GRACIE MANSION OPENS ITS DOORS FOR WOMEN IN PHILANTHROPY

Thursday Feb. 17, was a perfect afternoon to share memories of Ohio University at the historic Gracie Mansion in New York City, the Mayor’s “official” residence. Guests tasted delicious, exquisitely displayed morsels and tea, and relished being together with alumnae from the Class of 1958 to the Class of 2010.

Gracie Mansion, thanks to a 2002 renovation, is a stately home in New York City with a concentration on 19th century American living. The home is complete with American-made furniture, a collection of chandeliers, whale-oil fixtures, and even an early gasolier. The property is flanked with views of Hellgate and the East River and large reception rooms for visitors. The Ohio University group met from 1-3:30 p.m. and enjoyed tea and a tour of the Mansion.

Women in Philanthropy (WIP) Chair Barbara Strom Thompson, provided an overview of WIP, a growing group of alumnae working to engage OHIO women across the country. Arlene Greenfield, WIP member and Chair of the Ohio University Alumni Association (OUAA), also provided information regarding the wide reach of the OUAA.

WIP SCORE GRANT SUPPORTS SECOND ANNUAL 'BARE ON THE BRICKS' EVENT

By Ashleigh Mavros
On Sunday March 6,
more than 300 Ohio University students ran a “nearly naked mile” down Court Street to partake in the annual “Bare on the Bricks” philanthropy event.

Co-sponsored by Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity and the Student Alumni Board, the groups discovered the idea from other colleges who developed similar events.

On the slightly chilly Sunday morning, students arrived on College Gate fully clothed, but left the event a few pounds lighter. As they made their way down Court Street, participants stripped their clothes. With the bare minimum of bathing suit attire at the end of the race, hundreds of pounds of clothes were donated. Many participants even brought extra bags of clothes to donate to the cause. All of the clothing donated at the event will benefit Athens community clothing banks such as My Sister’s Place.

This event was made possible through a SCORE (Student Community Outreach Resource Endowment) Grant provided to Student Alumni Board by the Community Service Leadership Council. The $500 grant was donated through Ohio University’s Women in Philanthropy.