Greetings! Welcome to the Ohio University Women’s Club of Greater Cleveland! Our club was founded in 1939, with the purpose of providing service to the university through the establishment of scholarships funds, specifically the Freshmen Scholarship to women in the Cleveland, Ohio area attending Ohio University. We also offer the Ruth Fowler Brown Endowed Scholarship to upper class women. To date, we have awarded approximately 290 freshmen and upperclassmen scholarships, totaling more than $400,000!

We also promote social engagement, networking and fun among our members. The OUWC offers a number of events each year for all members. Our annual events include the Fall Brunch and Auction and the Spring Scholarship Luncheon. In addition to the Fall Auction, another major fundraiser is chartering buses to transport siblings to campus for Sibs’ Weekend.

There are 14 positions on the Board. Our club also has 4 sections (Northeast, Southeast, Southwest, and West Side). Each section holds its own meetings or activities and has a section chair or co-chairs, to help you connect to women who live near you! Section events are open to any club members though, which have included Cleveland Indians’ games, local Happy Hours, Lolly the Trolley tours, Holiday parties, museum tours and more! Our events take place all throughout the year and friends are welcomed, as a way to get to know the Club.

Our Club has a deep rooted history, but also a strong vision for the future. I am so honored to serve as your Chapter President for these next two years. I am very excited for our group to continue our award-winning traditions, while also being open to trying new things and engaging new members. No matter what age you are or what background you have, one thing all OUWC members have in common is our shared love of Ohio University! Let’s make it another great year! Feel free to reach out to me at my phone number or email address below, with any questions or ideas….I would love to get to know each and every one of you!

Sincerely,
Valerie Hillow Gates
President
valerie.gates@heart.org
440-840-4852
This year’s Spring Luncheon was held on April 16 at the Cleveland Campus of Ohio University’s Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine. Attendees enjoyed a delicious lunch, presentations, and a tour of the beautiful facilities. Officers were installed for 2016-2017, and members were updated on scholarship winners.
Freshman Scholarship Winner

I am currently taking the introductory cluster for the college of business. In these classes, we learn the basics of business including writing professional messages and identifying ethical issues facing businesses in the news.

Last week I had my first round of exams. I receive As on both of them. I am extremely proud of my academic achievements so far.

I have also made a lot of new friends. I am in a learning community. Therefore, within my lectures, there are twenty-five of us that know each other and meet every Tuesday. We help each other with homework and even get pizza sometimes.

There were a lot of events during homecoming weekend. My roommates and I started off the weekend by going to the parade. Afterward, we tailgated before attending the football game (that we won!). Finally, we went to the volleyball game (that we also won). The day was jam-packed with Bobcat fun.

I am proud to be a Bobcat and cannot wait to see what other adventures are to come!

Thank you,
Colleen Goetz

RUTH FOWLER BROWN SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

“I want to thank you and all of the ladies of the Women’s Club for the scholarship award and the continued support of my education. During my studies, it is nice to know that I have such confidence placed in me and my success.

This year I have been working hard and focusing on classes. I have started to take even more civil engineering courses and it has been challenging, but also very interesting. I have developed an interest in construction management and intend to pursue certification in that field.

I am also a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, an academic and service honor society, and have attended the monthly meetings for that group.

This summer will be very exciting as I will be starting my engineering career with an internship at Donley’s, a construction management company in Cleveland, and will be working for them full-time. Donley’s is a big part of the re-development of Cleveland and I look forward to working on projects like the construction of Public Square. I wish I could be with you at the luncheon to see the work that Donley’s completed at the new Ohio University medical school.

Maureen Klag
GPA: 3.61

“I can’t believe its almost that time! Graduation is exciting, but at the same time I’ll be leaving my home for the past four years. This year has been a busy one. I’ve been finishing up classes for my Spanish major as well as my Business and Latin American Studies minors. I’ve had an amazing time working for the Office of Global Opportunities as a Peer Advisor and sharing my experiences with other students who are looking to go abroad to study, intern, and volunteer. I’m currently in the process of researching and applying to graduate programs for next spring and fall. I plan to enter a combined masters/PhD program for either Spanish & Portuguese or Latin American Studies in the future.

In the meantime I will be working and saving up because I know I’ll busy once I start grad school! I’ll miss Athens tremendously but I’m excited for what’s to come!

Thank you all for being part of the most amazing four years I’ve had here in Athens!

Rachel Goforth
GPA: 3.97

“This past year I have been a part of Alpha Lambda Delta and the Pre-PT Club. I have also been in running club and playing intramural soccer. My major is psychology pre-physical therapy and I’m looking to add a biology minor. I have recently started helping one of my head TA’s with his research. This research is on an “ellipti-go” which is essentially like a mix between a bicycle and an elliptical. We’re looking to see the similarities and differences on muscle endurance between using this ellipti-go and running. Lastly, I have been hired as a Bobcat Student Orientation leader for over the summer and have been going through training for that this past semester.

Also thank you for this opportunity. I really appreciate all the generosity of OUWC and how much you have helped contribute to my college career. Thanks again!

Amanda D’Agostino
GPA: 3.81

Everything I have attempted to do to promote interest in Ohio University has been done with the hope that I can repay another student with the benefits that I received.”
— RUTH FOWLER BROWN, BSED ’32

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I'm so excited as I look forward to the new adventures that lie ahead, but also so sad to leave the place that I've called home for the last 4 years. It's amazing how much you change and develop through your time in college, especially when you go somewhere as life-giving and inspiring as Ohio University. I've been blessed with a myriad of opportunities in my undergraduate career, many of which would not have been possible if it weren't for your continual financial support. Thank you so much for putting in the time and effort to raise the funds to provide me with scholarships these past four years. I'm unbelievably grateful for the relief you've given me from the financial burden of paying for college.

Most of my credit hours this year have been devoted to writing an undergraduate thesis for the Honors Tutorial College. As a nutrition major, I discovered that my passion is in the area of food insecurity. Due to this interest, the topic I am writing about for my thesis is "The relationship between food security and cervical health of women in Appalachia." Essentially, I've been looking into whether or not the higher rate of cervical cancer in women living in Appalachia is due to improper nutrition. Overall the thesis-writing experience has been stretching and rewarding. Although the deadlines have been stressful and the task has seemed daunting at times, I am very proud of the work that I've accomplished. The faculty and mentors that I have worked with for the past 4 years have equipped me in countless ways to set me up for success.

Next year I will have the pleasure of pursuing a master's degree in human nutrition at Ohio State. Fortunately, I have received full-funding and will also be receiving a stipend for working as a teaching assistant. I'll be performing research under Dr. Irene Hatsu, a professor at Ohio State who specializes in studying food insecurity. I'm super excited for the opportunity to continue my education as I pursue my ultimate goal of being a registered dietician. But don't worry, even though I'll be going to the Buckeye school, I'll still always stay loyal to the Bobcat family!

Katie Black
GPA: 3.8

I am so honored to receive the Ruth Fowler Brown Scholarship for the 2016-2017 school year. You guys are so generous and kind! I am genuinely enjoying each course that I am taking. I am at the point of my college career that every class I take is specifically focused on my major (Child and Family Studies) or my minor (Psychology). I achieved a 4.0 GPA last semester, boosting my accumulative GPA to a 3.966. I am hoping to earn another 4.0 this semester to raise that even higher. I will finish up my classes in the fall of 2016, and I will do a 15 credit hour internship in the spring. I will then graduate in May 2017 — oh my how time flies!

Last November I was elected Executive President of the Ohio University Child Life Student Organization. I have devoted a ton of time to this group and I am very proud of the success we have had as a student organization this semester. I went on a volunteer trip to Give Kids The World Village in Kissimmee, Florida last December and helped out children with terminal illnesses. I will be volunteering here again this August. I also am going to be volunteering at a family camp called Flying Horse Farms in a few weeks, which is a weekend camp of fun for children with serious illnesses.

I have been working at Latitude 39, the restaurant on the bottom floor of Baker, for a year and a half now, and I absolutely love it there. I am also employed at Kids on Campus at The Plains Elementary school, which is an after-school program for economically or academically at-risk children in Athens County. I am on the Ohio University Women’s Club Volleyball team again this year, and I have created friendships with teammates that will last forever.

I am already denying the fact that I will be graduating in a little over a year. However, Ohio University has prepared me for the real world better than I ever could have imagined, and I am so excited to live the rest of my life knowing that I am forever a Bobcat.

Kara Oster
GPA: 3.966
Fall Luncheon & Auction Reminder

Date: Saturday, November 5, 2016  
Time: 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Location: The 100th Bomb Group  
20920 Brookpark Road  
Cleveland, OH 44135  
Cost: $30  
RSVP By: October 28

Schedule of Events

11:00:  
Silent Auction, Raffle,  
Preview of Live Auction

11:45-12:30:  
Luncheon Buffet and OUWC Meeting

12:45-3:30:  
Live Auction, Raffle, & Check Out

Fall is here and the Ohio University Women's Club Scholarship Auction is right around the corner! It will be held again this year at The 100th Bomb Group. Preview starts at 11:00 am and Brunch will be served at 11:45, followed by our lively and fun live auction.

Here's where we need your help! Can you help us out with a donation of any type of hand-crafted item, items for entertaining and decor, a gift card for a product or service from a local business, or something related to Ohio University (academics, scholarship, etc.)? Those of you who have attended the auction in the past know how varied and extensive our items are. Keep in mind that items should be appropriate for the University theme and they should be in new or excellent condition. All donations are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible. Proceeds benefit our scholarship fund.

You can reach Sheila at (216) 272-4578 or srmchale@aol.com, or Gail at (216) 524-3030 or gail@naswgr.com, to arrange for pickup of your item prior to the event. You can also bring your donation with you the day of the auction. Please be advised that all unsold items become the property of the OUWC.

Thank you for your consideration of our request to aid us in providing scholarships! Hope to see you Nov. 5, 2016. This is always a fun and memorable event.

Cordially,  
Gail Jordan & Sheila McHale  
OUWC Auction Committee

Some of this year's items...

OU Paw Medallion, Passions of Athens Mugs & Chocolate, Football Jerseys, Russell Jackets and Hoodies, Tee shirts, Blankets, Assorted Barware, Athens Brick paperweights, 1804 Pillow from the OU Inn and many one-of-a-kind gift baskets.
Events

OUWC Members Honored at 2016 Alumni Awards Gala

The 76th annual Alumni Awards Gala was held during Homecoming weekend. Thirteen individuals whose outstanding professional achievements and service have made a significant impact on Ohio University were honored, including two members of OUWC of Greater Cleveland.

Kelly Baylog received the Charles J. and Claire O. Ping Recent Graduate Award, which recognizes the outstanding achievement of alumni within 15 years of their graduation from Ohio University. Amy Hollis received the Distinguished Service Award as an instrumental member of the Cleveland regional The Promise Lives Campaign committee. Congratulations to you both!

Southwest Section Potluck
Membership Directory Updates

Please update your directories with the following information:

**New Member:**
Homolak, Diane Heensath (James) (SW)
440-230-1047
20914 Queensbridge Lane
North Royalton, OH 44133
Economics, 1979
Hewlett-Packard Company, Attorney
Diane.homolak@hpe.com or dihomolak@gmail.com

**New Address:**
Martinez, Tracie
5142 Renee Lynn Circle
Stow, OH 44224

**Corrections:**
Goforth, Rachel
Spanish, 2016
The Spanish American Committee, AmeriCorps
Service Member

**Southwest Section:**

**Spring Potluck**
May 9, 2017 – 6 PM
Dinner and planning session for 2017-2018.
Please bring a side dish.
Hostess: Jan Pae, 604 Wyleswood Drive, Berea, OH 44017.
RSVP: 440-234-3917

**Find OUWC on Social Media!**

Facebook: [OhioWomensClub](https://www.facebook.com/OhioWomensClub)
Twitter: [OhioWomensClub](https://twitter.com/OhioWomensClub)
Pinterest: [OUWC](https://www.pinterest.com/OUWC)

**Southwest Halloween Costume Party & Craft Night**
Join members of the Southwest Section of the Ohio University Women’s Club of Greater Cleveland for a Halloween Costume Party with a craft project. Please bring an appetizer to share or a tasty beverage (pop, wine, etc.). Desserts will be provided.
**Monday, October 24, 2016 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM**
7009 Brookside Road
Independence, OH 44131
RSVP: please contact hostess Karen Shallcross at kshallx@prodigy.net or 216-524-0863 by Saturday, October 22nd to let her know if you are coming and what you are bringing to share. If you have items to donate to the OUWC auction, you can bring those to the party as well. Chinese raffle items needed by Nov. 5th.

**Akron White Elephant Auction Fundraiser**
Akron area women will be hosting our White Elephant Auction Fundraiser at Wolf Creek Winery to raise funds for our Lillie Greer Scholarship to help local students attend Ohio University’s Honors Tutorial College. Items donated will be auctioned off, and there will be several OHIO items available as well. Appetizers and snacks are provided; wine, beer, water and soft drinks are available for purchase.
**Saturday, November 19, 2016 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM**
The Winery at Wolf Creek
2637 South Cleveland-Massillon Road
Norton, OH 44203
Please register by Nov. 17. For more information, please contact Ann Cousins at knvdgmom@sbcglobal.net.

**West Side Holiday Party**
All alumnae and friends are invited to join the West Section of the OU Women’s Club of Greater Cleveland for a festive holiday party in Lakewood! We will do a wrapped green/white Ornament Swap with a $10 limit. Feel free to be creative with your ornament to swap!
**Thursday, December 8, 2016 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM**
17739 Indianola Ave.
Lakewood, OH 44017
Please bring a dessert or appetizer to share! To RSVP, please contact Carol Hacker at cj hacker@sbcglobal.net.

**Southwest Ears to You**
All alumnae and friends are invited to join the Southwest Section of the OU Women’s Club of Greater Cleveland for a creative evening out. OUWC will be making earrings to donate to Ears to You!, an organization that provides earrings to women undergoing chemotherapy. All materials will be provided, and no experience is required.
**Monday, January 16, 2017 5:30 PM - 9:30 PM**
1535 Mazepa Trail
Parma, OH 44134
Please bring $7.00 to cover the cost of materials. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Yolanda Sutyak at yctns@cox.net.
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RSVP: Register by mail or online by October 28. Send checks with completed registration forms to Lisa Gallagher. To pay by credit card on the Ohio University Alumni Association’s Web site, visit http://bit.ly/OUWC-2016

Questions? Contact Lisa Gallagher at shamrocks@stratos.net

For more information on the Ohio University Women's Club (OUWC), visit
www.twitter.com/OhioWomensClub www.pinterest.com/ouwc
Directions to
100th Bomb Group Restaurant

20920 Brookpark Road
Cleveland, OH 44135

From the Northeast
1. Follow I-90 West to I-71 South to I-480 West.
2. On I-480 W, take exit 9 for Grayton Rd.
3. At the end of the exit ramp, turn right onto Grayton Rd.
4. At the stop light, turn right onto Brookpark Rd. Destination will be on the right.

From the West
1. Take I-480 East.
2. Take exit 9 for OH-17 / Brookpark Rd toward Airport.
3. Turn right onto OH-17 W / Brookpark Rd. Destination will be on the right.

From the Southeast
1. Follow I-77 North to I-480 West.
2. On I-480 W, take exit 9 for Grayton Rd.
3. At the end of the exit ramp, turn right onto Grayton Rd.
4. At the stop light, turn right onto Brookpark Rd. Destination will be on the right.
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How did you hear about the event? ________________________________

Checks should be made payable to The Ohio University Foundation.

Mail to: Lisa Gallagher
8106 Parmenter Dr.
Parma, OH 44129


Deadline to register is October 28. Payment must be made at time of registration.