A Letter from the President

It is hard to believe the 2016-2017 year has officially come to an end, and thus, my first year as your Ohio University Women’s Club President has also ended. I am excited that I have another year remaining in my term, as I am having too much fun to be done! I want to start by thanking each and every one of YOU! Our Club has a rich history and a promising future because of the amazing members we have, and the dedication YOU put into our activities. I am excited for us to continue our award-winning traditions, while also trying new things to grow and engage new members and ideas!

We are so lucky to have such wonderful members and friends, who support our alma mater, and have fun in the process! We’ve made lifelong friends and new friends, and all are welcome to join in our events and activities. We have had club members celebrate many joys and successes this year, and we have also had club members face difficult personal challenges this year — and I am so proud to see our members rally around each other in both circumstances. Bobcats always stick together!

Please join me in delivering a big thank you to the officers who are moving off the Board this year, as we are so grateful for their volunteerism and time. Thank you to our immediate past Recording Secretary, Lisa (Albertini) Ciofani and our immediate past Student Relations Chair, Aubrey Strippy. Both positions have been filled — Cathy Bathgate is taking on Recording Secretary and Kelly Baylog is taking on Student Relations Chair. We know these amazing leaders will be great additions to our Board of officers, the rest of whom are remaining in their roles for another year. We thank each of them for their continued dedication and time!

There are many fun activities scheduled over the coming months; we hope to see you at one of them! Feel free to reach out to me at my phone number or email address below, with any questions or ideas for our Club. Have a great summer and enjoy some down time in the beautiful weather!

Sincerely,
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President
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The 2017-2018 OUWC board was installed at the Spring Luncheon.
This year's OUWC Spring Luncheon was held on May 6 at Dino's Catering at Acacia Reservation in Lyndhurst. In addition to a delicious lunch, members were given updates on scholarship winners—three winners were in attendance. Lisa Gallagher spoke about the OU School of Music's 100th Anniversary Celebration, and officers were installed for 2017-2018.
Scholarship Updates

RUTH FOWLER BROWN SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

BY JAN PAE

Former OUWC freshman scholarship winners who meet our established criteria are eligible for the Ruth Fowler Brown award. Those criteria include being enrolled in an Ohio University sponsored academic program and maintaining a grade point average of 3.5 or better.

In this our 40th year of awarding scholarships to upperclassmen, I am pleased to announce our three 2016 Ruth Fowler Brown Scholarship winners, each of whom will receive $1,250. They are: Colleen Goetz, who will begin her sophomore year this fall, Amanda D’Agostino and Maureen Klag, who will begin their senior years this fall.

I’d like to tell you a little about our former and current winners:

Arianna Spalding, a former two year winner, has completed her undergraduate studies as a Sociology/Criminal Justice and Psychology major early and will graduate this summer. She was recently accepted into the OU Sociology Graduate program for the 2017-2018 academic year with full funding. She sends her thanks for all we have helped her with and our continued support. Arianna graduates with a GPA of 3.9.

Kara Oster is a three time recipient of an RFB award and she will graduate this spring with a 3.9 GPA. She will continue her studies this May in the graduate program at John Carroll University. Her dual major of Child and Family Studies with a concentration in Child Life plus psychology gives her an opportunity to further her goal to educate special needs students. She sends her gratitude to all of the members of OUWC for an “unforgettable four years at OHIO.” Thanks to all of you.

Colleen Goetz thanks us for our generosity and says that she has thoroughly enjoyed her freshman year. She joined the Accounting Club and will join Women in Business in the fall. Attending Bobcat sports events, exploring Athens and making friends while finding out what it’s like to be a college student took up her free time. She will intern this summer and is in the process of interviewing for positions. All of this she has accomplished while posting a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Amanda D’Agostino will be a senior this year and she continues her studies to achieve her degree with a dual major in psychology pre-physical therapy and biology. She is a member of the pre-physical therapy club and Alpha Lambda Delta honor society which devotes members’ efforts to community service projects. Nelson Dining Hall is fortunate to have her as a team member and Amanda also has added a role as a volunteer for the Kids on Campus program at Trimble Elementary School. She is a member of the running club and an intramural soccer player. She will again work as a Bobcat student orientation leader for incoming freshman over the summer before coming home to find a job and to shadow physical therapists to prepare for graduate school as well as to study for the GRE. She has a 3.7 GPA.

Maureen Klag has been presented with many different opportunities within the College of Engineering outside of her regular classes. She was a participant in the Concrete Canoe team where she worked all year on designing and constructing a canoe out of concrete. She was elected Treasurer of the engineering honor society Chi Epsilon and received the civil engineering Junior Academic Achievement Award at the Russ College of Engineering spring banquet. This spring semester she worked closely with the Dean of the Russ College to assist him in determining and publishing the licensing requirements for engineering educators all over the country. This summer she will co-op with Danis Construction, a 100 year old Cincinnati company which provides contracting services for healthcare facilities and universities. She is excited to see what her senior year brings and she sends her gratitude for our continued support. Maureen’s GPA is 3.7.

I’m impressed with the accomplishments of all of our RFB scholarship recipients and I thank you as you have made their awards possible with your continued dedication to our fundraising projects. Now, more than ever, your help is needed to continue to grow the endowment so these exemplary students can continue to be rewarded with a financial vote of confidence in their dedication to their studies.

Remember that each of you can help the RFB Endowed Scholarship Fund grow when making your contribution to the Ohio University Foundation. All you have to do is to designate your gift to go to the OUWC RFB scholarship fund and you will be contributing to the support of talented women from the Greater Cleveland area who have chosen Ohio University as the place to pursue their academic dreams.

Freshman Scholarship Winner

Congratulations to our 2017 Freshman scholarship winner, Gabrielle Cognata, who will receive $5,896 from the OUWC! She plans to major in Computer Science at OU this fall.
Southwest Section Potluck
The Southwest section had great time at Jan Pae's house for their annual potluck and planning session in May!

Private Potting Party at Dean’s Greenhouse
The Westside Section had a great time at their private potting at Dean’s Greenhouse and decided to make this an annual event! Thank you to Dean’s Greenhouse who donated 10% of all of our purchases in May towards our OUWC scholarship fund!
Upcoming Events

Northeast Section Theater Party & Dinner
Join the Northeast Section at the Willoughby Fine Arts theater for Kiss Me Kate followed by dinner.
Sunday, June 11, 2017 2:00 PM
Willoughby Fine Arts
RSVP: Please contact Catherine Fischer at 440-944-2875 for more information. You can order tickets from Willoughby Fine Arts for $25.

Cleveland Bobcats at Indians Game
June 9, 2017

Cleveland Bobcats Nautica Cruise
July 13, 2017

OU Women’s Club of Cleveland Fall Luncheon & Auction
Saturday, November 4, 2017
New location TBA

OU Homecoming Weekend in Athens
October 6-8, 2017

Thank You
Thank you to all the members who donated food or money to the Cleveland Food Bank through our collaborative effort with The Ebony Bobcat Network, the Cleveland Bobcats and the Akron Ohio University Women’s Club! We were able to collect 433 lbs. of food and non-food items and $115 in monetary donations!

Newsletter Submissions: Please send any photos, announcements or upcoming events to be included in the Fall 2017 newsletter to Tracie Martinez at tracie_hudson@yahoo.com. Thank you!

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THE OHIO UNIVERSITY WOMEN’S CLUB
MEMBERSHIP FORM  2017-2018

The OUWC is a non-profit service organization, and it operates solely on annual membership dues. Membership to this club is open to any woman who has done resident work at Ohio University, the wife of any former resident student, and any friend of Ohio University.

Make your check payable to The Ohio University Foundation and include this form with your payment by May 31, 2017. Please mail to:

Marcia Day
508 Springtree Drive
Valley City, OH 44280

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