DEAR ALUMNI,

THERE’S A SUNDIAL TUCKED BETWEEN GALBREATH CHAPEL AND UNIVERSITY TERRACE. BUILT IN 1907, IT COMMEMORATES THE FIRST BUILDING ON OHIO UNIVERSITY’S COLLEGE GREEN.

In this report, you’ll encounter many faces of the OUAA. Through them, you’ll discover the services, events, partnerships and accomplishments that define your Ohio University Alumni Association.

Like the shadows on the sundial, OHIO alumni leave their mark on our university every year by engaging with OUAA. I hope you’ll join them in 2014!

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The OUAA Board of Directors is made up of 25 OHIO graduates of varying demographics, representing the diversity of more than 200,000 Bobcats worldwide. It serves as an advisor to OUAA as the association works to connect alumni to their alma mater.

- Members meet three times a year to meet and work with students, campus stakeholders, community leaders, legislators and alumni.  
- The board supports the work of six committees.  
- The board helps facilitate OUAA’s annual Alumni Leaders Conference.  
- The board evaluates and grants OUAA Legacy Scholarships, awards given to OHIO students whose family members are also OHIO graduates.  
- After serving six-year terms, directors enter the Thomas Ewing Society, where their service continues as lifelong Bobcats.

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OUAA Board Of Directors

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Bill Hilyard, BSED ’67  
Chair, OUAA Board of Directors  

“I’m proud of the board’s accomplishments for 2013, which included increasing our outreach efforts with alumni, OHIO faculty and staff, and taking a much more active role philanthropically. As I end my term as chair this June, I reflect that what I enjoyed most was to work with 21 wonderful alumni board members to affect the lives of nearly 200,000 alumni and bring them back to the fold of a great university. I will always be grateful for the many opportunities that Ohio University has given me.”

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Though it’s easy to miss, it faithfully measures the time of day in Athens by the simple shadow cast upon its face. Reflecting on my first trip around the sun with the Ohio University Alumni Association, I find my year marked by the long shadows cast by this institution’s alumni — people whose dedication, commitment, accomplishments and passion make this a special place.

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Each year the Ohio University Alumni Association presents awards to OHIO’s outstanding alumni and friends to recognize and celebrate their accomplishments and support of the university. Recognizing outstanding alumni serves OUAA’s mission to connect, inform, serve and engage the university’s diverse alumni and friends.

LIST OF AWARDS 2013

ALUMNUS/A OF THE YEAR: Awarded to Medal of Merit or Distinguished Service Award winners. For alumni who have gained distinction professionally or who have demonstrated extraordinary service and support to OHIO.

JAMES WYCOFF, AB ’71

MEDAL OF MERIT: For alumni highly recognized in their fields.

DOROesa HANNA, AB ’49

MARTIN SAVIDGE, BS ’81

AMY SAGE WEBB, BSJ ’90

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD: Recognizes exceptional service toward alumni chapters, clubs, societies and, at times, Ohio University and its colleges and schools.

LAWSANNA MCKINLEY WHITE, BS ’65

RECENT GRADUATE AWARD: Honors recent graduates who are actively engaged with OHIO and whose achievements reflect the impact of their OHIO education.

MICHAEL CATE, BS ’91, CERF ’91

HONORARY ALUMNUS/A: Awarded to non-alumni who have provided exceptional service to OHIO or OUAA and whose efforts have positively impacted students, faculty, staff and community.

CHARLES ‘KIP’ VOSLER

OHIO ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES: Ohio University Intercollegiate Athletics recognizes outstanding, former OHIO athletes.

LAURA CORB, BS ’94

JOSEPH “JOE” WOBBEK

BRYAN GOBEL, BS ’96

SAB CHARITY

• At Homecoming 2013, SAB hosted the annual “Paint the Town Green” community food drive, which collected 3,052 pounds of food for the Athens County Food Pantry, the pantry’s largest donation to date.
• In Fall 2013, SAB teamed with OHIO’s Learning Communities program and provided a planner for every incoming freshman.
• The “Bare on the Bricks: A Nearly Naked Mile” event collects over 1,000 pounds of clothes for local shelters, organizations and families in need. Students literally donate the clothes off their backs and run down Court Street (clothed in at least a bathing suit) for this worthy cause. Co-sponsor Phi Kappa Psi teams with SAB for the annual February event.

SAB OUTREACH

• SAB created a LinkedIn group for the OUAA Board/TESS/SAB Professional Networking Community, an effort that provides mentoring opportunities for students and fosters dialogue between SAB and the OUAA Board.
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Black Alumni Reunion

The Ohio University Alumni Association, along with the Ohio University Ebony Bobcat Network, hosted the first OUAA-hosted Golden Bobcat Class Homecoming for the Class of 1963. Hilda Richards, the first dean of the College of Health Sciences and Professions and the first female and the first black dean at Ohio University, was honored with the inaugural Ohio University Diversity and Inclusion Medal of Excellence. Carl Walker, BSED ’56, was interviewed regarding his book about black students at OHIO in the 1950s, “The Soulful Bobcats,” during the BAR’s Authors@Alden webcast.

Homecoming

OHIO hosted its 91st Homecoming on Oct. 7–12, 2013. The theme, “Our Past, Our Present, Our Future,” was chosen directly by OHIO alumni and students—a first for the university. OUAA and the Division of Student Affairs’ Campus Involvement Center collaborated to offer activities for the Bobcat Nation.

2013 Highlights

- A new ohio.edu/homecoming website provided information and news.
- OUAA hosted its first Homecoming Bonfire during Student Alumni Board’s “Yell Like Hell” Pep Rally. Drawing more than 1,500 ‘Cats, the event featured the Marching 110, a cappella groups Section 8 and Title IX, and appearances by President Roderick J. McDavis and Vice President for Student Affairs Ryan Lombardi.
- 98 units registered for the Homecoming Parade.
- The Homecoming Court included 10 stellar student candidates for Bobcat King and Queen.
- The Class of 1963 was invited for the first OUAA-hosted Golden Bobcat Class Homecoming.
- OUAA sold out its Historical Hayrides on The Ridges and the first Star Gazing event (with Professor of Astronomy George Eberts), welcoming a total of 390 participants.

For many of us, BAR is a time to reflect on where we came from and where we are now. I was so moved by the number of African-American alumni I saw at the Gala who have gone on to do extraordinary things. OHIO has a rich African-American history, and being able to learn about and meet alumni who are now in their 70s and 80s was very special.”

“Ed (’63) and Marcia Peura

“It is difficult to put into words how much we appreciate all you did for the 1963 alumni at Homecoming this year. We had a once-in-a-lifetime, heartwarming experience.”
Chapters and Societies

Ohio University's 200,000 alumni live all over the world: 190,744 in the United States, 115,667 in Ohio, and 7,123 across the globe.

2013 CHAPTErs AND SOCIETY HIGHLIGHTS

Chapters

Alumni @ Student Networking Award
Los Angeles Chapter's Media School Reception
Alumni Networking Award
Boston Chapter's OHIO vs. UMass Bobcat Bash

Philanthropic Award
Ohio University Women's Club of Greater Cleveland Holiday Brunch and Auction

Most Innovative Program Award
Greater Cleveland Chapter Great Lakes Beer Tasting School

Community Service Award
Greater Charlotte Chapter's Charlotte Family House

Best New/Reorganized Chapter Award
Metro New York Chapter

Outstanding Chapter Award
Ohio University Marching Band Society of Alumni and Friends

Societies

Alumni @ Student Networking Award
Army ROTC Society Branching Ceremony and Heroes Day with Bobcat Basketball

Alumni Networking Award
Communication Sciences and Disorders Society’s 75th Anniversary of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

Philanthropic Award
The Post Society 100th Anniversary Celebration

Most Innovative Program Award
College of Business Society 2nd Annual Bobcat Basketball Bus Trip

Community Service Award
United Campus Ministries 30th Annual Fundraiser

Best New/Reorganized Society Award
George V. Voinovich School Society

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ALUMNI CHAPTErs AND NETWORKS

6 Chapters in Ohio
15 Regional chapters across the United States
12 International networks of alumni across the globe

SOCIETIES OF ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

8 Academic societies
31 Special interest societies

2013 CHAPTErs AND SOCIETY HIGHLIGHTS

- Women’s Club of Greater Cleveland hosted its Fall Brunch and Holiday Auction, raising $5,000 for its scholarship fund.
- OUAAl established two new societies: the George V. Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs Society, and the Student Senate Society, thanks to critical help from volunteers.
- E.W. Scripps School of Journalism Society sponsored Senior Saturday, featuring networking, alumni critiques and job-hunting strategies.
- Greater Charlotte (N.C.) Chapter hosted its 10th annual Charlotte Networking Week (Feb. 21-23, 2013), connecting 43 students with 80 alumni for professional shadowing, employer site visits, panel discussions, networking sessions and a “Living in Charlotte” tour.
- College of Business Society of Alumni and Friends hosted its YOGO (You Only Get Once) First Impression event.
- Nation’s Capital Chapter hosted 19 events, more than any other chapter.
- Black Alumni Network (special-interest society) hosted regional programs in Washington, D.C., and Atlanta, leading up to The Black Alumni Reunion in September.

As they work to reestablish a chapter, San Francisco-area alumni hosted a cookout at Golden Gate Park in July, and more than 60 alumni and friends attended.

Ohio alumni are Bobcat sports fans: 15 chapters and societies hosted 43 individual football and basketball game watch parties.

BRENDA DANCIL-JONES, AB ’70
MEMBER, ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

“Chapters and societies are the OUAA’s arms and legs. They are our outreach resource ‘on the ground,’ so to speak. They have their fingers on the pulse and know what’s going on in their communities. They have great capacity for publicizing the university and helping reach out, market, recruit students, engage alumni and get people excited to show up. And they show up well!”

Dancil-Jones is pictured with Ohio University President Roderick J. McDavis at an event hosted by the OUAA Board of Directors during its summer 2013 meeting in Alexandria, Va.
A Night in Athens in ...

“An Night in Athens in …” recreates the OHIO and Athens experience through life-sized photo wraps set up to reflect the buildings on Court Street and the OHIO campus. The wildly popular events transport alumni back to Court Street and let them “visit” familiar campus buildings while enjoying dishes inspired by their favorite Athens restaurants and buggies, such as Casa Nueva and the Burrito Buggy.

The events are co-hosted by the regions: The Promise Lives Campaign Committee. In 2013, events in Cleveland and Chicago drew tremendous crowds — 450 Bobcats attended the Cleveland event, and 400 alumni came to the event in Chicago, nearly 10 percent of all alumni in the greater Chicago area.

For OUAA, the events have

• enhanced alumni engagement with chapters that host the events.
• informed alumni about the importance of giving their time.
• brought together the largest and most diverse audiences of any off-campus events (excluding athletic events).

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SARAH KOSTIH, BS ‘09, MA ’11

“The entire night was filled with the spirit of Athens. I loved walking around with friends, reflecting and reminiscing over one of the best times in my life! This event also helped me connect with alumni from both my undergrad and graduate programs. It was great to catch up and learn about the accomplishments my fellow Bobcats have made since graduating.”

Regional Campuses

Photo by Mike Donley

Bill Willan

Executive Dean for Regional Higher Education

“Is this OUAA task force is a step forward for the regional campuses. It’s work should result in regular opportunities for alumni to revitalize its connections to the campuses and the university that provided them with an affordable, high-quality education close to home. At the same time, it presents the campuses with an opportunity to draw upon alumni expertise in order to develop additional learning opportunities for current students. The prospect is an exciting one.”

2013 HIGHLIGHTS

• An OUAA task force, chaired by OUAA Board member Lt. Col. Mike “Scoop” Jackson, BSED ’88, is exploring how to best serve 22,310 alumni who have earned degrees from regional campuses — and thousands more who received some part of their OHIO education there.

• OUAA co-sponsored alumni engagement activities with regional campus leadership.

• Each new regional campus graduate received a Loralie’s Baking Co. brownie from OUAA during special commencement ceremonies in May 2013.

• OUAA and Student Alumni Board sponsored finals week fun for regional campus students in fall 2013.

• OUAA is a sponsor of the Lancaster Campus’s annual Celebrate Women Conference.

Strategic Initiatives

OUAA’s Strategic Initiatives effort offers alumni OHIO-themed merchandise through the Bobcat Store, with many of the products made in Athens by local craftsfolk and artists. The association also partners with institutions to bring a variety of services to alumni. All proceeds support OUAA’s programs and activities.

• The OUAA recently relaunched the affinity credit card program featuring the official Ohio University Alumni MasterCard. Nearly 100 alumni signed up for the card in 2013.

• The Bobcat Store features OHIO-themed apparel for women, men and children; home and office products; graduation gifts; and affinity shops for OHIO’s colleges, student organizations, sports teams and Greek life.

• The Bobcat Store took 2,277 orders in 2013 with total revenue of $143,469.

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KEITH CHAPMAN

Owner, Keith Chapman Jeweler

“Four years ago, I began an exciting partnership with OUAA to create pieces of jewelry that showcase the institution. Our collaboration gives students, parents, faculty, staff and alumni the opportunity to buy jewelry with a connection to their alma mater. Over the years, alumni frequently stop by my Uptown store on their visits back to campus and show off their favorite Bobcat Store items, all of which were handcrafted right here in Athens.”

Photo by Sarah Barclay, BSVC ‘14

Meghan Hanrahan, BSc ’09, Cert ’09

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The Promise Lives Campaign will secure at least $450 million in support of OHIO’s students, faculty, programs, partnerships and facilities by June 30, 2015.

During the campaign, **69,430 individuals** have made gifts and commitments to the Ohio University Foundation — **40,642 of them alumni**.

As of December 31, 2013, all of them had pushed the campaign total to more than **$445.8 million**.

**Charles R. Stuckey, BSME ’66, Hon ’05**
Chair, The Promise Lives Campaign Steering Committee

“The Promise Lives Campaign gives us so much to celebrate. All alumni are invited to participate by giving at any level, especially to endowed funds; by participating in OUAA events; and by promoting scholarships as the university’s number one priority.”

Stuckey will serve as OHIO’s 2014 undergraduate commencement speaker on Sat., May 3.