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Ohio University Classified Senate Newsletter

Meet Your Senate Members



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COME JOIN US!

Our monthly meetings are streamed via Adobe Connect every month and we would like to see you there. You can join us in person or via Adobe Connect at <https://connect.ohio.edu/csen/>. If there are any topics that you would like to see addressed, please feel free to email classified.senate@ohio.edu

Letter from the Classified Senate Chair



Dear Colleagues,

My name is Amanda Graham and I am the 2018-2019 Chair of Ohio University's Classified Senate. I currently serve as the Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion. I have been with the Office for Diversity and Inclusion since joining the University in January 2012. Along with working full-time at the University, I am also a full-time wife to my husband, Dennis, and mom of four wonderful children, Tyler, Caylynn, Carter, and Gracelynn. I strive to balance my home, work, and the diverse range of tasks that I take on daily to put my best foot forward and make a lasting impact.



Thus far, I have really enjoyed my time representing the Classified Staff at Ohio University. Since the beginning of my term, the Senate has been able to move forward with multiple movements. As a Senate, we have revised and updated the Senate Bylaws to provide a greater representation of our purpose, mission, and procedures. Most recently, we have voted in support of modifications to the practice of the "Rule of 3", that will provide more opportunities for growth and advancement for current Classified staff.



All are encouraged to attend the remaining Classified Senate meetings; all remaining meeting information (date, time, and location) can be found on the Classified Senate website, <https://www.ohio.edu/csen/meetings.cfm>. If you have any questions or would just like to meet in person, please feel free to stop by my office on the 3rd floor of Cutler Hall. You can reach me via email at grahama4@ohio.edu, or via my direct office line at 740.593.2614. In my term as Chair of Classified Senate, I plan to make positive changes and let the Senate's presence have a lasting impact on the culture at OHIO.

Many thanks,

Amanda



Upcoming Events



- **Classified Senate will be hosting an Ohio University Credit Union Lunch & Learn:**
~ Thursday, December 6, 2018 from 12:00p—1:00p in HRTC 141/145
- **Performance Management Information Sessions!** We encourage everyone to come and learn more about the Pay for Performance process. In addition, all HR Liaisons will be there to answer any questions employees might have:
 - ~ Tuesday, November 27, 2018 from 9:00am—11:00am (Location TBD)
 - ~ Thursday, November 29, 2018 from 2:00pm—4:00pm (Location TBD)



****Sessions will be live streamed to all regional campuses as well****

Dublin Campus Meet & Greet

09/26/2018



Classified Senate members traveled to Dublin for a Meet & Greet with Classified employees. Everyone joined in to watch a slideshow regarding Classified Senate and discussion took place on topics associated with the Dublin employees to try to benefit those employees to our best. We look forward to doing this again in the future!

Classified Senate Homecoming Sales

Classified Senate had a table during Homecoming to raise money that will help fund the scholarships that Classified Senate sponsors. This is always a fun event and gets everyone out of the office for a little while. Thank you to everyone who worked this event!!

Classified Senate Scholarship Fundraiser		OHIO UNIVERSITY	
100% of our profits are used to fund Classified Senate's five annual student scholarships. Your support is greatly appreciated.			
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	Green & Cream Ohio University Coverlet: Two-layer 100% cotton 46" x 67" \$46.73 + \$3.27 sales tax	\$50	
	Ohio University Umbrella Folds auto open/close umbrella 43" arc; folds to 11" \$22.43 + \$1.57 sales tax	\$24	
	Ohio University Vacuum Insulated Tumbler Double wall stainless steel vacuum construction with copper insulation 30oz. Capacity; 8.86" H \$20.57 + \$1.43 sales tax	\$22	
	York Round Coaster Aluminum coaster handcrafted in the USA; 4.5" diameter \$18.60 + \$1.40 sales tax	\$20	
	Print Glasses 16 oz. heavyweight; screen printed logos \$7.44 + \$0.56 sales tax \$11.36 + \$0.84 sales tax	\$8 each \$12 pair	
	Canvas Tote 100% flexible cotton, square bottom with zipper closure \$16.74 + \$1.26 sales tax	\$18	
	Bobcat Kitten Plush White T-shirt with screen printed Ohio University pa print logo 12" height \$12.25 + \$0.85 sales tax	\$13	
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<small>Please make checks payable to Ohio University Classified Senate. Credit card payments can be made online at www.ohio.edu/csenet. Shipping and handling costs available upon request.</small>			
<small>Classified Senate, Ohio University, Athens, OH 45701 • classified.senate@ohio.edu Additional order forms can be found at www.ohio.edu/csenet/fundraiser.cfm</small>			



The Classified Senate sales order form. Feel free to go online and place an order!! All sales fund the scholarships that Classified Senate sponsors every year.

A picture from the Homecoming Sales featuring some of the Classified Senate members.



Amanda Graham — Chair

I was born and raised in Athens County, graduated from Alexander Local Schools and recently Ohio University. My husband is a pilot for a black-oil barge and travels most of the year. We have four crazy, yet wonderful, children that keep my life very busy. They range from 14 to 3 years old. I've worked at OU for nearly 7 years and have enjoyed every minute of it. In my free time, that I seldom have, I enjoy kayaking different lakes and rivers in Southeastern Ohio with my husband and children. I'm very excited to lead such a great group of peers this year as the Classified Senate Chair.

Heather Gould — Secretary

I have 3 children (Brandon is 6, Kayden is 5 and Olivia is 8 months) that keep me very busy. I'm in the process of starting up my own business that will sell baby and kid items, which I'm very excited to start. I'm born and raised here in Athens County where I graduated high school from Alexander and then attended OU and Hocking College. I'm also the Secretary of the Alexander PTO, 2nd Vice President of the Alexander Lions Club and I enjoy community service. I also really enjoy music and being outdoors.



Pat Bungard

I began with Ohio University in August 2005 in the diversity office, which has had many names over the years, and now known as OSMAR. I live in Marietta and graduated from Marietta College as a non-traditional student. I am married, have one son, three grand-puppies and a soon to be daughter-in-law and three instant grandsons. I enjoy baking and experimenting with new recipes (which I try out on our office staff), gardening, walking, reading and watching sports, especially football. My spouse and I are devoted West Virginia Mountaineer fans. I'm on my second year in Senate and am looking forward to keeping the momentum going. Come join us!



Jane Boney— Treasurer-Elect

I was born and raised just up the road in Nelsonville. Married the love of my life 33 years ago, who I met while attending Hocking College. We have one son, one grandson, two doggies and two kitties who we love dearly. I was also an military wife for almost 32 years, and very proud of his service to our country. We were fortunate enough to get see a little bit of this world while living out in Washington and Germany. I started working here at OU back in 1991 in Lifelong Learning, and have worked in several Departments/Schools, and come to know some great folks along the way. This is my second term on Classified Senate, and I really enjoy working with this group and giving back to the University. I enjoy spending time with my family and good friends, gardening, reading a good book, and I have a bucket list of concerts that I've been checking-off.





Jeff Fulk

I grew up in the Athens area. My wife and I met while undergraduates on Athens campus. This is my 23rd year as an Ohio Classified employee. I enjoy the outdoors. Hiking, biking, walking are some of my hobbies. I am the advisor for the student organization, The Urban Gaming League.

Adam Grimm

I was born and raised in Athens and have worked at OU for 2 years. My dream was to land a position at OU since I wanted to stay living in Athens. I love watching football with family and I never turn down watching a good western or thriller movie.



Jacob Jakuszeit— Chair-Elect

I'm the proud and loud voice of Ohio Hockey at historic Bird Ice Arena. I'm enjoying my 11th season yelling into the mic and started with the team during their 50th year. When I'm clocked in at the Library as an Overnight Supervisor I try to keep things calm and relaxed. I work with two other Classified Staff members overnight and a great group of student staff. Together, we make "Camp Alden" safe and welcoming for patrons as they study from midnight to 8AM on our 24 hours floors.



Serena McCollum — Treasurer

I am a busy grandmother to 3 amazing grandkids, ages 12, 2 and 1. They really keep me moving. I love spending time with them and cherish every minute. When they come to visit grandma they keep me smiling the entire time. I feel totally blessed. I have served on Senate for quite a few years and I always enjoy the opportunity to help fellow employees.



David Jezewski

I have been married 17 years and have 2 boys ages 13 and 16. I enjoy spending time with family. Whether I am listening to the marching band, coaching baseball, or watching them bowl, I enjoy being involved in my son's activities. I also enjoy the outdoors where I spend a lot of time camping and hunting. I have been part of the OU family since the opening of the Cleveland campus of HCOM in 2015. I joined classified senate for the opportunity to be an advocate for all classified employees.





Maryann Lape

I have a wonderful husband who means the world to me and I have four cats that keep things lively in our household. I have worked at Ohio University Lancaster during my bachelor's degree and have worked full-time for 25 years so retirement is coming up fast for me!! I work in the Community and Corporate Learning office and get to work with children during Kids in College and I also take care of the 60+ program students and I enjoy working with the diverse population that falls in my office. This is my 10th year on Classified Senate and I've enjoyed every minute of it!

Marilyn Maher

I am a newer member of Classified Senate and I am happy to be part of such a great group. I look forward to what the upcoming year holds! I am from Athens and am an OU alumna. I work in HCOM on the Athens campus. My hobbies include spending time with family and friends, attending theatre performances, watching movies, playing tennis, reading, traveling, and playing trivia games.



Theresa Meyer

I have lived in Athens for 25 years, moving here for my husband's job when he left the Air Force. We live in the same house we moved into in 1994, and it is the first one I have ever lived in for more than 5 years. I lived in Louisiana, Texas, Colorado and England before settling here. I have two daughters, a son-in-law, and a grandson, all of whom I love spending time with them whenever I get the chance. I have been with the Aviation Dept. for 12 years, and truly enjoy working with the students here. Classified Senate is a fairly new experience for me, I have been a member for just over a year, and enjoy helping fellow Classified employees.



Jan Moody— Secretary Elect

I have worked for OU for 4 years as an Executive Assistant in Dublin. I am proud to be a member of the Classified Senate knowing I am a part of the shared governance. Away from work, I enjoy crocheting, sewing, and gardening. My husband and I have a large garden and enjoy canning and sharing our harvest. We are the parents of 4 adult children (empty nesters!) and have one grandchild.





Cyndi Parsons

I have three awesome children; two are graduates from OU and are married. One left in the house who will be a BOBCAT next year. I'm in my 24th year at OU. I work at the awesome WellWorks! I'm new to Classified Senate but am enjoying getting to know the CS family. I'm originally from Parkersburg WV; graduated from WVU-P. My husband served in the USAF and runs his own business. We both look forward to retirement and hope that we don't drive each other crazy. My personal motto is "I've never met a chocolate I didn't like!"



Sharon Romina

I have two adult daughters that live away. Getting to spend time with them and my family in northern Ohio is a priority, so I am often traveling to see them. We love to plan travel excursions, even if it is a weekend getaway. Next adventure is a family reunion cruise! I have been involved in Classified Senate for many years and had the opportunity to be the chair last year. It was a great experience to be part of the shared governance. My years at OU has given me a wide circle of colleagues that I can rely on.



Sherie Steinberger

I have two beautiful children and the most amazing husband of 25 years. I enjoy our annual family trips to Hilton Head and Cedar Point. I was born and raised in Cleveland and have worked at OUHCOM for 3 1/2 years and absolutely love being a part of the OU family! I am honored to be a part of the Classified Senate and feel privileged to work alongside so many wonderful new friends.



Dana Wright

I have worked at OHIO for nearly eight years and am currently in Housing and Residence Life. This is my second year on Classified Senate and I am responsible for the Employee of the Month program. I love being able to surprise outstanding classified employees with this special honor. Outside of work, you can usually find me enjoying the outdoors, most likely on the local mountain bike trails! I also love traveling to National Parks with my family and relaxing at home with my furbabies.



April Koska

Executive Assistant, Scripps College of
Communication Dean's Office

**April 2018 Employee of the Month Winner**

April was asked a series of questions and some of her responses are below:

- What is your favorite vacation destination?

A: A relaxing destination with no cell service.

- What is your favorite saying or quote?

A: My children would say my favorite saying is, "Suck It Up, Buttercup." I say that a lot when my children are playing sports. My favorite Bible scripture is: "Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance" (1 Corinthians 13:7)

CONGRATULATIONS APRIL!

May 2018 Employee of the Month Winner

Claire was asked a series of questions and some of her responses are below:

- What things in life are the most important to you?

A: My husband, family and friends, and health.

- What is the next big event you can't wait for?

A: This fiscal year-end and then vacation, both of which I think need no explanation.

CONGRATULATIONS CLAIRE!

Claire Kimok

Senior Accounting Specialist, College of Arts
and Sciences Dean's Office

**Helen Kasler**

Administrative Services Associate, School of Music

**June 2018 Employee of the Month Winner**

Helen was asked a series of questions and some of her responses are below:

- Where is your favorite vacation destination?

A: Hawaii because of the weather.

- What is your favorite saying or quote?

A: "The sun will come up in the morning."

- What are your hobbies?

A: Reading and computer games.

CONGRATULATIONS HELEN!

July 2018 Employee of the Month Winner

Ruth Blickle

Administrative Associate, Air Force ROTC
and Army ROTC

Ruth was asked a series of questions and some of her responses are below:

- What are your hobbies?
A: Crocheting, knitting, shopping and more specifically antique (glass) shopping.
- What is your favorite saying or quote?
A: "This too shall pass!"
- What is the next big event you can't wait for?
A: My grandchildren going to college.

CONGRATULATIONS RUTH!



Adam Grimm

August 2018 Employee of the Month Winner

Financial Support Specialist, Finance Customer
Care

Adam was asked a series of questions and some of his responses are below:



- What are your hobbies?
A: Watching football, westerns and hanging out with family.
- What are your favorite TV shows?
A: Bar Rescue, MasterChef and Hotel Hell
- What are your favorite musicians?
A: Guns N' Roses, Luke Combs and Florida Georgia Line
- Who are your favorite celebrities?
A: Gordon Ramsey since he is awesome.

Upcoming days off

Monday, November 12, 2018 for Veteran's Day

Thursday, November 22, 2018 for Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 23, 2018 as a Floating Holiday

To learn more about Classified Senate visit www.ohio.edu/csen/

Want to nominate a Classified employee for Employee of the Month?

Go to the classified senate website at <https://www.ohio.edu/csen/About-EOTM.cfm> and fill out the nomination form at the bottom of the page.