

STATER ELEPHANT

Spring 2020

Letter from the Alumni Liaison

Hey Stater Alum! I'm Austin Cool, a biophysics doctoral candidate from Fishers, Indiana, and I'll be serving as the Alumni Liaison for the rest of the 2020 calendar year.

We had an AMAZING turnout of alumni at our annual banquet. We had 24 former Staters attend to give support to our current members and learn more about the projects we are currently doing. Below, I've included some pictures of the banquet and a link with all the pictures taken from the event.

With the pandemic, Staters could be affected by our limited ability to host physical projects, sell seat cushions, have potential members visit our weekly meetings, or more. If you have any ideas or suggestions on how we could try to adapt our operations during these challenging times, I encourage you to reach out or respond to this message!

"Many threats and risks always exist on campus and are the product of daily operations. The University does the routine planning and practice for daily incidents. Staters' challenge is bringing together a project team that works with Staters leadership in planning and implementing a project that facilitates Staters' progress through the pandemic. A positive note is Universities have and continue to exist across centuries all over the globe. No reason to believe that riding on the back of The Ohio State University across the eons will be the Ohio Staters, Inc. Let's make it so."

- Jimmy Stevens, Stater Faculty Emeritus

As always, we want to connect with you on social media so that you can feel more in touch with our week-to-week operations. Please follow us on Facebook, LinkedIn, or Twitter if you haven't already. Our social media chairs do a great job posting updates on projects and highlighting our hard-working students!

In The Stater Spirit,
Austin Cool



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<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8519353/>



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Student Life LEADERSHIP AWARDS

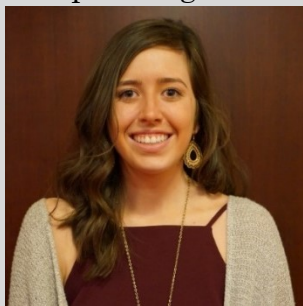
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Leadership Through the Decades
60TH ANNUAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Membership Awards

The University recognized all of the individuals and organizations that have distinguished themselves through leadership, active citizenship, outstanding programs, collaborative partnerships, innovative practices, and a love for Ohio State. A few Staters were recognized and have contributed to positive change throughout the campus community and beyond.

Riley Evans was recognized as an Outstanding Senior, an award recognizing less than 1% of graduating seniors who excel in leadership, service, and scholarship throughout their tenure at Ohio State.



Claire Burton and **Fiona Chambers** were awarded Outstanding New Member for commitment and leadership in their first year as a member to the organization.

Jadelyn Cheng was awarded the Dr. Ellamae Simmons Award. This award recognizes students who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and service – with particular regard to issues at the intersection of race and gender.



Staters was recognized as a student organization that completed Ohio State's Student Organization Service Challenge. To celebrate and honor the university's sesquicentennial anniversary, Student Activities challenged student organizations to complete 150 hours of service in the 2019-2020 school year. Student organizations who participated in this challenge completed a combined total of 8,939 hours of service. Service projects incorporated a variety of issues including food insecurity, animal welfare, youth support services, disability services, and more.

Last fall, the OSU alumni association held an alumni version of Staters' Light Up the Lake, with the help of some past and current members of Staters. Due to their hard work, the project earned a CASE 2020 Circle of Excellence Award. This award acknowledges superior accomplishments that have lasting impact, demonstrate the highest level of professionalism while delivering exceptional results in the fields of advancement services, alumni relations, communications, fundraising and marketing at colleges, universities, independent schools, and affiliated nonprofits.

This summer, we were notified that Staters was the recipient of the OSU alumni association 2020 Gordon Gee Spirit of Ohio State Award! Named after a man who ably served two terms as president of our great university, this award is presented to those who demonstrate devotion to Ohio State and who promote school spirit with integrity and honor. We will be featured in an upcoming edition of the Ohio State Alumni Association magazine and permanently in the Alumni Awards garden outside of Longaberger Alumni House.

Membership Updates

New Probationary Members

(front row, left to right)

Sarah Bon - 2nd year from Northfield, OH studying biology

Brianna Carr - 2nd year from Olmstead Falls, OH studying operations management

Nate Thanadabouth - 2nd year from Canal Winchester, OH studying business administration

Ava Miller - 1st year from Hilliard, OH studying mathematics

(back row, left to right)

Kathleen Keating - 1st year from Westerville, OH studying health sciences

Jake Shepherd - 1st year from Dublin, OH studying PPE and criminology

Andrew Firnbach - 2nd year from Barrington, IL studying international business

James Desch - 1st year from Wilmington, DE studying computer and electrical engineering

Wajih Choudhury - 1st year from Dayton, OH studying neuroscience

Sakeef Ahsan - 1st year from Centerville, OH studying neuroscience



New Active Members

Brittany Piening – 2nd year from Mason, OH studying health sciences



2020 Executive Committee (left to right below)

Dave DeAngelo - Faculty Adviser, Sr. Associate Director - Facilities, from Youngstown, OH

Fiona Chambers - Recording Secretary, 3rd year from Cleveland, OH studying health sciences

Bailey Conrad - President, 3rd year from Jefferson City, MO studying biochemistry

Mitch Radakovich - Vice President, 3rd year from Cincinnati, OH studying data analytics

Adam Schwegman - Treasurer, 3rd year from Cincinnati, OH studying finance

Claire Burton, Secretary - 3rd year from Wapakoneta, OH studying marketing

Catherine P. Montalto - Faculty Treasurer, Director, First Year Experience / Associate Professor, Consumer Science, from Kenton, OH



Projects

Reflections on Mirror Lake

Reflections on Mirror Lake is a project to highlight the historical and ecological significance of Mirror Lake and Browning Amphitheater at The Ohio State University. Mirror Lake has been host to several important student life events throughout the 150 years of Ohio State history, including graduations, festivals, class honorary ceremonies, and more. Additionally, the Lake has played a part in the personal lives of the Ohio State community and public alike: anything from casual studying and recreation to proposals and weddings! Staters researched the history of Mirror Lake, the activities that made it special, and gathered community testimony about its legacy to design informational signage throughout Historic Mirror Lake Lake District. The individual signs focus on friendship, inspiration, traditions, ecology, restoration, origins, and finally, Light Up the Lake. We hope that these signs will inform guests about the momentous history of our beloved campus landmark.



We had two projects cancelled in the spring due to the pandemic, including: “Innovation Week”, which geared to highlight innovations that were produced from OSU students, faculty and alumni, and “Sibs and Kids” where OSU students could bring their siblings or family members and create their own buckeye necklaces.

Senior Sendoff



Stefanie Blake served as an R&D co-chair, Recruitment co-chair and Orientations co-chair while working on the projects “OH-lympic games” and “Student Leaders Summit”. She graduated summa cum laude and will begin a job with Capital One in August working in their Product Development Rotation Program in McLean, VA.

Jadelyn Cheng served as the Recruitment chair (twice!) while working on the project “Global Carmeny”. Last year she was awarded the Student Life Unsung Hero Award for her unrivaled dedication to Staters in a non-exec position, won the Dr. Ellamae Simmons Award this year, and was a member of the SPHINX Senior Class Honorary. After graduation she will remain a Buckeye in the College of Pharmacy by pursuing her Pharm.D.

Alex Clark served as the Recruitment chair and Innovation committee co-chair while working on the projects “Reflections on Mirror Lake” and “OSU Reviews”. He was a member of the 2019 Homecoming Court and the SPHINX Senior Class Honorary. He currently has an internship at Byers, Minton, & Associates, a government relations and lobbying firm in Ohio, will be applying to medical school, and also working as a clinical medical assistant during his gap year.

Madalynn Conkle served as Secretary (twice!), Credentials co-chair, Traditions co-chair, Sesquicentennial Liaison, and a member of the Banquet committee, Innovations committee and Museum Update committee while working on the projects “Books Behind Bars”, “Script Ohio”, “Reflections on Mirror Lake”, and “Little Free Libraries”. After graduation, she will be in a career and lifestyle that supports the arts and community engagement.

Madolyn Desch served as Treasurer, Vice President, Orientations co-chair and Elections committee chair while working on the projects “Light Up North Area 2017”, “Light Up the Lake” (2018 and 2019), “Sibs and Kids 2017”, “What is... Idiom?”, “Beloved Buckeyes”, and “How Firm Thy Safety 3.0”. She earned the “Fisher Pace Setter” Award for excellence in the Business College and will be moving to NYC in August to work for Saks Fifth Avenue where she will be in the Merchant Development Program learning the skills to become an Assistant Buyer.

Riley Evans served as President, Credentials co-chair, SCCDAP co-chair, Traditions co-chair, Orientations co-chair, and a Liaison to the Beanie Drake Board of Directors while working on the projects “Buckeye Blooms & M-Tape Clean-Up” and “Global Carmeny”. He was a member of the 2019 Homecoming Court, Mortar Board Senior Honorary, and a 2020 Outstanding Senior. He will be continuing his education at OSU in the College of Pharmacy pursuing his Pharm.D. and hopes to practice in the outpatient or community setting following graduation.

Colleen Matthews served as an R&D co-chair, Credentials co-chair, and Sesquicentennial Liaison while working on the projects “Founders’ Day” (2018 and 2019), “Omens of the Oval”, and “How Firm Thy Safety 4.0”. She is currently seeking a job in the marketing industry, ideally in an advertising agency or in a creative copy writing role.



Banquet

We had 24 alumni attend our banquet this year! It was great to see all the faces of past Staters come and enjoy a Saturday afternoon with the current members. We put all of the achievements and projects of the past year on display and heard the history of Ohio State (and Staters involvement throughout time) from a university archivist.

Next year’s banquet is tentatively scheduled for February 6th, with a backup date being February 13th. If you’d like to attend next year please let us know! We will try sending out “Save the Date” and invitations to banquet early this year to get even more alumni at the event. Given the pandemic situation, it may become a virtual ceremony, so keep a lookout for further details!

Find more pictures from banquet: [HERE](#)



Stater Alumni at Banquet