

POSTCARD PALOOZA ON MARCH 6

MAR 2025

The OSU Admissions Office is looking for people to assist with a postcard writing event on Thursday night, **March 6** at the Longaberger Alumni House. You'll be writing notes to future students who have been accepted to OSU to start this coming Fall, to encourage them to accept and attend. The event begins at **5:30 pm**, and **dinner will be served**.

If you are able to assist with this project, please go to the event registration page set up by Admissions:

Postcard Palooza 2025

(go.osu.edu/PostcardPalooza25)

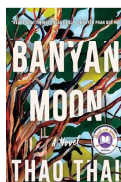
Click on the red **Register** button at the top right of the page. Questions? Contact Brittany Savko, 614-292-8031 or **Savko.7@osu.edu**.

Join the fun, enjoy some dinner, and help us encourage future Buckeyes to come here this fall!

BOOK CLUB DINNER SET FOR MARCH!

Winter is a great time to stay indoors and curl up with a good book! Our annual Book Club reading began in January, and we're co-hosting again with the Asian & Pacific Islanders OSU Alumni Society. This partnership offers us a chance to learn about another culture, and after reading, we will gather for dinner and discussion.

The book this year is "**Banyan Moon**," by local author Thao Thai. A multi-generational story of family dynamics spanning decades and continents, it is a deeply moving story of Vietnamese mothers and daughters.



As usual we will join the API alumni for a dinner and discussion of the book with the author on **March 20**. The location is being finalized soon – if you signed up for the reading, you will be notified of the time and location.

Email **OSUAlumniFranklinCounty@yahoo.com** to let us know that you want to participate, and we'll add you to the dinner invitation, as soon as we have secured a location. Till then, happy Reading!

SPRING WINE TASTING DINNER APR 2 & 16

Our club members' favorite event, the semi-annual Wine Tasting Dinner at the Wine Bistro on Lane Avenue, often sells out so quickly, that we decided to offer TWO dates this spring! It will be held on two **Wednesdays, April 2 and 16**. Both nights will begin at **6:00 pm**. The chef will create a special menu for us, to pair with a variety of wines.

The same menu will be served at both events, so you can choose which night is most convenient for you! To join us, see our website, **www.BuckeyeAlumni.com**. If you prefer not to order online, send a check or money order for \$45 / person (made payable to Franklin County OSU Alumni Club) to Leyla Hawkins, 1149 Tillicum Drive, Worthington OH 43085.

We hope by offering two dates, we'll be able to have more people join us. There is *limited seating* available for each evening, so you still need to get your reservation in early! The Bistro will provide an amazing 4-course dinner, with wines paired to complement each serving. You'll even be able to order bottles of the wines you enjoy right after dinner!

Questions? Call Leyla at 614-893-0559 or email us at **OSUAlumniFranklinCounty@yahoo.com**.

SPRING FOOTBALL SHOWCASE APRIL 12

The Spring Football "Showcase" will be held Saturday **April 12** in the Stadium, and tickets are on sale now at **OhioStateBuckeyes.com**. Our alumni club will have a pre-game Tailgate Party in conjunction with the Circle K Alumni.

This year's tailgate will be along the west bank of the Olentangy River. You can sign up for the tailgate now on our club website. For **only \$10** per person, it includes **all the food and beverages you want** at the tailgate, so bring the whole family!

If you prefer to send a check instead of paying online, mailing information is also on our **BuckeyeAlumni.com** website. Questions? Call Leyla at 614-893-0559 or email us at **OSUAlumniFranklinCounty@yahoo.com**.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, Mar. 12. Meetings are usually the second Wednesday of every month at **6:00 pm**. Our meeting location is the Longaberger Alumni House, 2200 Olentangy River Rd., on the corner of Lane Ave & Olentangy.

March 6 – Postcard Palooza

March 15 - Scholarship Interviews

March 20 – Book Club Dinner with Author

April 2 and 16 – Wine Tasting Dinner



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2025 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Based on changes with the OSU Alumni Association, our membership year is aligned with the **calendar year**. Membership dues can be paid any time **early** in the calendar year and are good thru Dec. 31 that year. Or donate in the last two months of this year to cover the following year.

Remember to take advantage of our two-for-one special! If you choose to donate your \$75 Association contribution directly to our **Franklin County Alumni Scholarship Endowment Fund**, your membership dues for our Franklin County club are **waived for the following year!** To contribute to the scholarship fund, contact the Endowment office directly at **614-292-2141** or www.giveto.osu.edu/igive/onlinegiving and use the fund number **#600137**.

One great benefit of keeping your membership up to date is that you are eligible for sporting event tickets that we provide throughout the year. **Note: Dues are required before any football/basketball tickets can be requested!**

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\$20 for single membership, or \$25 for a family. You can send your check and the form above to **Franklin County OSU Alumni Club, PO Box 2411, Columbus, OH 43216**. You are also welcome to download a more complete membership form through our club website (www.BuckeyeAlumni.com) to express interest in volunteering, committees, etc.

Anyone can join our club! You do not need to have graduated from OSU or live in Franklin County. Associate memberships for those who did not attend OSU are available for \$25/single and \$30/family. Contact us at OSUAlumniFranklinCounty@yahoo.com or **614-893-0559** if you have questions.

SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATE REVIEW

Our most important task that we do each year is happening this month: we will be reviewing scholarship applications to select our 2025 recipient! Our Scholarship Chairman, Frank Stoy will coordinate volunteers to review the students' applications and rank the candidates.

From a field of over 150 last year, we chose a handful of the best to interview, then selected a winner. You will be so impressed with the quality of the candidates among these local high school seniors.

Due to changes in the scholarship application process, we anticipate a higher than usual number of applicants this year, so we need several additional volunteers to read and score the applications.

The recipient will be introduced at our annual Membership Party in June.

MONDA STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER

Some surprising facts from the 2024 Ohio State Student Life survey:

- 32 % of Ohio State students experience food security
- 8,458 number of visits to the Buckeye Food Alliance food pantry during the 2023-24 academic year
- 24 % of Ohio State students who could not come up with \$400 in an emergency
- 316 number of students who received Student emergency grants in 2023-24 academic year

The need is truly real.

In Spring 2025, the Monda Student Resource Center will debut in a remodeled Younkin Hall at 1640 Neil Avenue. The center will be a "one stop shop" for students to get food through the Buckeye Food Alliance, hygiene products, clothing (personal and professional), emergency grants, and safety devices.

Our club will help support this new center by sponsoring a food drive next month (April). We hope to make donating items easy by setting up an Amazon Wish List with purchased items directly shipped to the Monda Center. Stay tuned to find out how you can help with this great need.

Donations to our Scholarship Fund # 600137 are always welcome and appreciated!

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