

THE BACKPACK GIVEBACK RETURNS!

AUGUST 2025

The collection of donated school supplies and backpacks to provide for children in underprivileged areas of Columbus is almost completed, and now it's time to help pack the backpacks.

If you want to grab a few last-minute donations, here is a partial list of items that are most needed / requested:

- 400 Spiral Ring Notebooks (**wide ruled**)
- 800 Composition Notebooks (**wide ruled**)
- 800 "Block" Erasers (rectangle pink or white)
- 9000 #2 Pencils (Not Mechanical Pencils)
- 400 24 Count Crayola Crayon Boxes
- 400 Packages of Colored Pencils
- 400 Loose Leaf Wide Ruled Paper
- 800 Glue Sticks



Then on **August 9**, we will provide volunteers to help pack the backpacks with all the supplies, and then deliver them to the children. **To volunteer for packing and delivering on August 9**, please click here: [Driven Back to School Volunteer Link](#)

Here are the quick website links for easy ordering! You can use our Amazon and Target "wish lists" to get your donated items directly shipped to The Driven Foundation:

<https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/osualumbackpack>

https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/2YKKG1ZMRXZO7?ref=cm_sw_r_cp_ud_ggr-subnav-share_KPSYKARV4QMND82XTP08_1

For questions about online orders, or to participate in packing day, contact Community Service coordinator Kim Moore at kimberkm18@gmail.com or email us at OSUAlumniFranklinCounty@yahoo.com.



FOOTBALL TICKET RAFFLE

It's time for our annual raffle of our Presidents Club season football tickets! The OSU Alumni Club of Franklin County is raffling all of our seats in our raffle. Raffle tickets are \$5 each, 6 for \$25, or 12 for \$50. **All money raised goes directly to our Scholarship Fund to help a future Buckeye.**

We're not allowed to sell raffle tickets on our website, so please send your check or money order (**payable to Franklin County OSU Alumni Club**) to Leyla Hawkins, 1149 Tillicum Drive, Worthington, OH 43085. **Make sure you include your phone number and email address with your check or money order, so we can reach you after each drawing!** You can also bring cash to our club meeting this month (August 13).

The first drawing will be in mid-August for the first 4 games; the second drawing will be in early October for the remaining games. If you have questions, please email us at OSUAlumniFranklinCounty@yahoo.com or 614-893-0559.

TAILGATE PARTY - ALUMNI BAND GAME

Football season is almost here! We will hold our annual Tailgate party on Alumni Marching Band Day, **Saturday Sept 6**, for the Grambling State game. Join us for a party and then watch over 800+ marching band alumni perform the **quadruple Script Ohio!**

This year we'll be on the 2nd floor of the Tuttle Parking garage, and we'll be grilling burgers, brats, and hot dogs. A variety of side dishes will be provided as well as a wide assortment of beverages.



For **only \$15 / person**, you can enjoy all of the food and beverages you wish. And you're helping a great cause: \$5 from every order goes directly to support our scholarship fund! This event is family-friendly -- bring your kids and friends. Game time is set for 3:30 pm, so the party will start around **12:30 pm**. Whether or not you're going to the game, come for the party! Sign up in advance on our website: BuckeyeAlumni.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, Aug 13. 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.

August 9 – Driven Foundation Backpack Giveback

August 13 – First Football Raffle Drawing

Sept 6 – Tailgate for Alumni Band Day



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Are you a member of the OSU Alumni Association? Join now! www.osu.edu/alumni

2025-26 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS

All Buckeye fans are welcome to be a part of the club! Memberships are per **calendar** year, but during this transition year all donations made in 2025 will expire on 12-31-26.

As a member, you will have the opportunity to:

- Pay forward by supporting scholarships for local students attending Ohio State with tax-deductible membership dues as applicable to you.
- Encourage and support outstanding, local high school seniors to choose The Ohio State University for their lifetime learning.
- Attend club sponsored social and community service events.
- Make new connections and contacts with fellow alumni and Buckeye fans.
- Vote on club matters
- Access to football tickets
- Access the digital copy of the Ohio State Alumni Magazine (all alumni)
- Receive the Ohio State Alumni Magazine mailed to your home (life donor)
- Receive electronic mailings from the club.

There are three categories of membership:

Alumni Donor: Includes a one-year membership to The OSU Alumni Club of Franklin County plus a one-year membership to The OSU Alumni Association. Alumni include anyone who has earned any degree from OSU or medical resident graduates of the University. This option is achieved with a gift of \$25 or more.

Associate member: This option is for friends and fans of Ohio State with an annual gift of \$25 or more.

Life donor: Includes a one-year membership to The OSU Alumni Club of Franklin County plus a one-year membership to The OSU Alumni Association. This option is for alumni of Ohio State and is achieved with an annual gift of \$150 or \$10/monthly.

All donations should be made to The OSU Alumni Club of Franklin County support fund GF318552.

Becoming a member is easy! Go to BuckeyeAlumni.com, click on "Membership" and follow the instructions.

Contact us at OSUAlumniFranklinCounty@yahoo.com or 614-893-0559 if you have questions.

WINE TASTING DINNERS OCT 29 & NOV 5

One of our club's favorite events, the semi-annual Wine Tasting Dinner at the Wine Bistro on Lane Avenue, often sells out so quickly, that we are once again offering TWO dates this fall! It will be held on two **Wednesdays, Oct 29 and Nov 5**. Both nights begin at **6:00 pm**. The chef will create a special menu paired with a variety of wines.

The same 4-course menu will be served at both events, so you can choose which night is most convenient for you! To join us, order on our website, www.BuckeyeAlumni.com. If you prefer not to order online, send a check or money order for \$50 / 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! 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.

GAME WATCH PARTY OCTOBER 18

We are joining forces once again with the Delaware County OSU Alumni to bring you a game watch party for the **Wisconsin** game on **October 18**. Kickoff time is not yet known, but the party will start at least 30 minutes prior to kickoff. Plan to get there early for a good seat!

Wings & Rings is located on Route 23 (High Street) in Lewis Center, 3 miles north of 270. We'll have games and prizes, lot of televisions to see the game, and plenty of Buckeye spirit to make it a fun evening!



There's no charge to attend, but we **do need a head-count** in advance, so we know how many seats to reserve. You can go to the Delaware club's website to register -- you don't need to create a login, you can just use the "Guest Checkout" if you prefer. The website is:

<https://www.locallevelevents.com/events/details/40042>

If you have any trouble with it, contact us for assistance at OSUAlumniFranklinCounty@yahoo.com. Join us for the fun! Go Bucks!

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

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