

Foundation Matters

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Delta Kappa Gamma Society

Key women educators fueling the flames of knowledge for learners in our communities, our state, and our world. Providing funding for activities that support professional and personal growth of educators and promotes educational excellence.

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ADSOEF FUNDING THE FUTURE OF EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION!

From Your Foundation Directors

Hello, members! Your Board of Directors has been busy organizing for this fiscal year. We appreciate the members who agreed to serve on committees. When phone calls occurred, you were delightful in responding with enthusiasm and positiveness. Thirty-nine individuals volunteer their time to do the work of ADSOEF, which benefits educators and students. In this edition of *Foundation Matters*, you will read the names of members on two committees and their role in carrying out the mission of the Foundation.

We invite you to take a look at the updated applications posted on our website. Is there an opportunity for you? The descriptions give information on how you may gain financial awards to help pay for educational endeavors. Stories from award recipients are published in our newsletters.

Teachers are gearing up for the beginning of a new school year. Esther H. Strickland Grant recipients are among them. Read the experiences during student teaching for Alisha Jenkins, one of the 2022 awardees. She's ready for her very own classroom!

Serving on this Foundation is rewarding because of what is offered for DKG members and non-members. We exist to support educators who are studying and striving to provide the best education possible for their students. We exist to support you and your personal and educational goals. ADSOEF Directors encourage your continued participation, appreciate your input, and truly value your support! Please go to adsoef.org to contact us.

Best wishes for a successful 2022-2023 school year!

ADSOEF Board of Directors

Alpha Delta State Ohio

July
2022

Educational Foundation

*Dr. Norma Kirby
In honor of Dan Roberts
Beta Nu*

IMPORTANT ADSOEF DATES TO REMEMBER

August 22, 2022
Board of Directors' Meeting
Via Zoom

September 15, 2022
ADSOEF Newsletter

FOUNDATION DIRECTORS AVAILABLE FOR CHAPTER MEETING PRESENTATIONS

Thanks to the following chapters for scheduling a presentation to learn more about Alpha Delta State Ohio Educational Foundation!

Chi and Gamma Xi Chapters
Alpha Delta Chapter

March 25, 2023
October 17, 2023

If your chapter members would like to learn more about ADSOEF, directors are eager to visit your chapter to make a presentation describing the opportunities provided through the Foundation and a brief overview of the structure and mission of the Foundation. Contact ADSOEF Chairman Sandy Royer if your chapter is interested.

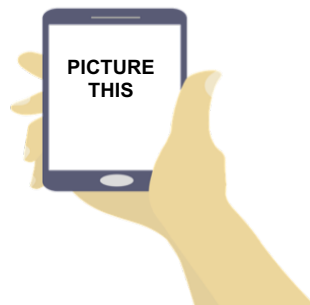
PICTURE THIS

This year when your chapter plans a fundraising project for ADSOEF (that's the Alpha Delta State Ohio Educational Foundation), remember to snap a picture so we can share your successful idea in our ADSOEF newsletter. Option 2 - If your chapter decides to donate, take a photo of members with the chapter check or donation basket.

Please label your email: **Picture This ADSOEF**

Identify members in the photo with a brief description and your chapter name.

Send the photo to: Editor Cathy Tenney
editor@dkgohio.org





***EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE NEWS
UPDATED APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE!***

The Educational Services Committee oversees three awards: the Leadership Fund, the Lifelong Learning Fund, and the Individual/Classroom/Community Project Fund. Recently, the committee and the ADSOEF Board of Directors revised the applications for all three grants to clarify the procedures and requirements involved. They can be found at www.adsoef.org, under "Applications and Forms." They are fillable forms, so you can type in the information online. Then save and email your completed application to the Educational Services Committee Chair.

The ADSOEF mission is to promote excellence in education by awarding scholarships, grants, and fellowships for professional and personal growth of members and nonmembers. Apply now for a financial award for a classroom project, a professional development workshop, or a graduate-level course! CREATE CHANGE in your leadership skills, your lifelong learning, and/or your classroom and community!

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Snoddy, Chairman

Recognizing the Educational Services Committee members for 2022-2023

Chris Snoddy, Alpha Lambda, Chairman
Karen Dunn, Alpha Psi
Jane Morner, Alpha Delta

Mary Burkhardt, Delta Kappa
Pam Todd, Alpha Iota
Melodie, McGee, Gamma Nu
Liaison for OSO and ADSOEF

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

The privilege of the Donor Relations committee is getting to hear from so many generous OSO chapters and individual members. The generosity is overwhelming and greatly appreciated. Whether it was a first-time donation, a repeat donation or one that is given every month, each thoughtful donation is appreciated and will go toward the Foundation goal of funding and promoting educational excellence in Ohio. It is especially touching to acknowledge the many donations made in honor of someone special or in memory of loved one. Your generosity has been noticed and greatly appreciated. A very special thank you to each and every donor.

Recognizing Donor Relations Committee Members for 2022-2023

Debra Frazier, Beta Rho, Chairman
Diana Kirkpatrick, Alpha Delta

Mary Ellen Hall, Beta Lambda
Karen McFarland, Beta Rho

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

Updates are on the ADSOEF website! Go to www.adsoef.org to see what has been updated. Check out the Applications! February 1 is the due date for completed applications.



As a DKG member resources are available for you. If you wish to further your education, update your license, or pursue a different degree, take a look at the possibilities. See **Scholarships (White, Grimes, Blanton, Woodward)**. If you are interested in studying overseas, take a look at **International Study Fellowship (A. Margaret Boyd Ohio)**. Or if you know someone who will be student teaching help him/her out by sharing **Grants (Strickland)**.

A LETTER FROM ALISHA JENKINS A 2022 ESTHER H. STRICKLAND GRANT RECIPIENT

ADSOEF members,

Thank you again for allowing me to receive Esther H. Strickland Student Teaching Grant. It is because of this grant that I was able to complete my student teaching experience. Without this grant, I would have had the stress of working 25 hours or more a week while also maintaining the responsibilities of student teaching. For my student teaching experience, I was placed in a 6th grade math and science classroom. This was a great placement as I also had an inclusion class which I learned a lot from.

While having an inclusion classroom, I had the opportunity to work one on one with an intervention specialist. The intervention specialist also co-taught periodically with me for a 50/50 time, creating a seamless teaching interaction for the students. At any given time, the students could not tell who the classroom teacher was. Working with these students was also beneficial as each student had a different learning need. Differentiation was crucial to the learning environment, and I spent a lot of time researching various ways to help my autistic students. This was a valuable experience that was made possible by this grant. I am very thankful for this experience, and I am a better teacher because of it.

As I graduate and move into my teaching career at a local district, this will be an experience that I can take into my classroom with me. Working with students that had an SLD, ED, or were Autistic was challenging yet valuable as a student-teacher. I spent most of my time at my placement learning from this experience and growing as a teacher and advocate. This experience would not have been possible without this grant. I am grateful for receiving this grant and the many opportunities that it has provided me. As I move forward into my future, I have accepted a teaching position in an 8th grade science classroom and am excited to see where this career choice takes me.

Thank you again!

Very respectfully,
Alisha Jenkins

GUNEL ALASGAROVA
A. MARGARET BOYD OVERSEAS FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENT
FAREWELL

Please read Gunel's farewell message to all OSO members. When you finish reading, we hope your mind ends with the "aha feeling" of what the ADSOEF contribution and a caring support accomplished. Gunel and her family truly appreciate all of us for making a difference in a meaningful and beneficial way. Can you imagine not knowing anyone when you enter a new country? We wish Gunel and her family all the best in future endeavors!



Gunel and family with Harold Slusser. Photo taken by Marilyn Slusser.

Dearest Marilyn and all OSO members,

July 31, 2022

My American life chapter started with your support and ended up with your good luck. On January 7, 2020, when I was in Baku airport with my family, deeply worried and excited, I received an email from my friend Marilyn: "Gunel, are you still arriving in Akron on the 7th and what time does your plane land? My phone number to call and talk to me isYou can text me, and is there a way I can call you?" That was a considerable relief! That was hope and trust. I immediately told my family that our friends were waiting for us and would support us. We could witness that not only in words but also in action!

For two years, I saw great interest, encouragement, and "family" like help from all of you, especially my dearest friend Marilyn. Looking back, I happily remember our online and in-person meetings, conference participation, inspiring small talks with OSO members, support emails, and inspiring phone conversations with Marilyn. I would always carry in my heart her first visit to our apartment and our family visit to Dayton, to their lovely house. Yes, I heard only support, encouragement, and motivation during our talks with you, dear friend. You showed me how to be confident and raised my self-esteem. I remember our conversations about American schools, education, traditions, family ties, and how supportive you are all to newcomers. Enormous thanks for your sincerity, kindness, and charming simplicity. All these personality features are the major lessons I will take with me to Azerbaijan.

Yes, tomorrow we are going back to Azerbaijan. Baggage is ready, backpacks are waiting, and most importantly, our hearts and minds are full of beautiful memories and LOVE: love for this country, nation, and friends. Thank you all, especially dearest friend Marilyn, for everything you did for us! I cannot imagine how many lives I need to pay your kindness forward.

Thank you for being the last to talk to us, wishing us good luck and a safe flight before leaving for Azerbaijan. Still, I do not count it as the final chapter of our friendship; instead, it is a new chapter for our future meetings. I will pray to meet you again many and many times

Thank you, see you, and LOVE YOU!

Gunel