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The Ohio State University Students First, Students Now

Since the first day of classes in 1874, Ohio State's core and foundation has been its students. They come from all backgrounds and all localities, and seek to study all manner of disciplines. They are united by their thirst for knowledge, drive toward self-improvement, and desire to leave the world a little better than they found it.

These students are Buckeyes, and Ohio State has strived since its inception to stand with them.



Now, in the midst of these challenging economic times, the nation's largest university is rallying with renewed vigor behind its most important asset. Students are where Ohio State began, and students are the beloved cornerstone that keeps Ohio State moving ahead today and poised for eminence tomorrow.

Introduced by President E. Gordon Gee in December 2008, Students First is a university-wide initiative designed to ensure continued access to education for Ohio State students. Since many families will meet financial hardships due to the current recessive economy, the university is committed to helping students enter Ohio State and stay enrolled once they arrive.

As part of the far-reaching commitment of the Students First initiative, a fundraising drive called Students First, Students Now has been implemented.

Designed to generate significant new funding for student support—including scholarships, loans, and emergency funds—Students First, Students Now will include all outright and deferred gifts and pledges toward student aid.

As donations are made, increased financial assistance will be offered to students in need—both those students seeking emergency aid and those who require long-term help to continue their education. Concurrently, outreach efforts will help convey to K-12 students and their parents that higher education remains open to them, even during a tough economy.

The AB Graham Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H scholarship is a newly created 4-H endowment fund to support current and past 4-H members. The fund can be found on the OSU giving page and gifts of any size can be donated to this endowment fund.

Many 4-H funds support scholarships through OSU, to aid students attending the university, for a list of 4-H Scholarships currently available visit <http://www.ohio4h.org/youth/awards/index.html>. To learn more about supporting those funds or beginning a new scholarship fund to support 4-H members attending The Ohio State University, contact the Ohio 4-H Foundation office at 614-292-6943 or visit giveto.osu.edu.

Spring 2009

Upcoming 4-H Events

- ◆ June 2, 2009- 4-H Awards Banquet
- ◆ June 15, 2009- Hippology Contest
- ◆ June 16-18, 2009- 4-H Space Camp
- ◆ June 19, 2009- Registration Deadline for State Leadership Camp
- ◆ June 22, 2009- Dairy Quiz Bowl
- ◆ June 29-July 3, 2009- 4-H Sea Camp
- ◆ July 1, 2009- State Fair Scholarship Deadline
- ◆ July 10-12, 2009- 4-H Shooting Sports Education Camp
- ◆ July 13-17, 2009- 4-H Leadership Camp
- ◆ July 29-August 9, 2009- Ohio State Fair



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Ohio 4-H License Plates Now Available!

When 4-H began in 1902, the automobile was still a novelty. Now, Ohio's car owners can show their support for one of the largest youth development programs in the nation by purchasing a 4-H specialty license plate.

For every 4-H license plate ordered, \$15 of the annual fee goes to support the 4-H program statewide. Information is available at local Bureau of Motor Vehicles offices or at the bureau's Web site, http://bmv.ohio.gov/vehicle_registration/ohio_4-H.htm.

Many in the Ohio 4-H community have already gotten their new specialty plates, which have "Ohio 4-H" under the familiar four-leaf clover, and "Head, Heart, Hands, Health" along the bottom of the plate.

Sharon Strouse, 4-H educator in Holmes County, simply has "HOLMES" next to the 4-H clover on her new plate. "I was the first person in our county to show up to order the plates, the first day they were available," Strouse said.

Lucinda Miller, Ohio State University Extension specialist in charge of 4-H's Companion and Small Animal Programs, ordered a new plate that says "4HDOGS." Jenny Morlock, 4-H program assistant in Wood County, has "4H4EVR" on her new plates.



Although OSU Extension is going through a restructuring processing in light of severe budget cuts at the state and local levels, 4-H remains a priority program, said Tom Archer, OSU Extension assistant director, 4-H Youth Development.

"We are proud of our work with youth, and for the support we receive from legislators, county commissioners, and the people of Ohio," Archer said. "We know that the decreased funding we anticipate in coming years reflects the dire economy, not the value of our work. Our hope is that our restructuring plans will minimize the impact on 4-H members to the greatest extent possible and that the legislature will be able to provide level funding for OSU Extension."

The Ohio 4-H Foundation Mission: The mission of the Ohio 4-H Foundation is to raise money to enhance the 4-H Youth Development program of OSU Extension. The Foundation provides funds to initiate new or improve existing Ohio 4-H programs at the county and state levels. The Ohio 4-H Foundation was founded in 1945 as part of The Ohio State University Development Fund.



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Special Donor Recognition-The Vance Family

The Vance Family are long-time supporters and friends of Ohio 4-H. In 1989, Chaney and Jane Vance, of Pickaway County, began the Vance Family Scholarship with The Ohio State University to recognize former 4-H members that have excelled in and because of 4-H. After the passing of their parents, the children, Jerry, Larry, Barbara and Linda continued their involvement with the family endowment and scholarship.

The four children all attribute their adult successes to the experiences they had while involved in 4-H projects and programs. Linda expresses the importance of the family scholarship, “created in 1989 to forever offer to current or former 4-Her’s financial help to obtain an OSU education just as our parents and my brothers, sister and I did.”

The Vance family feels strongly that their scholarships provides a continuing bond between their family, 4-H and The Ohio State University. Linda states, “the scholarships honor the wisdom that Chaney and Jane Vance had to greatly involve themselves and their children in 4-H, and they honor the family’s loyalty and affection for OSU”. Jerry Vance received his 30-year pin this year at the Ohio 4-H Volunteer Conference and expresses his devotion to volunteering and the importance of 4-H, “it has taught so much more than could ever get back”.

The scholarship is now awarded annually to three individuals and can be renewable for up to four years, so that a student can benefit from the family scholarship for several years. The criteria for selection is especially important to the Vance family: 30 percent is based on leadership experience in 4-H, community and school and a very important 40 percent is based on a one/two page statement in which the applicant explains why a Vance Scholarship would be important to being able to achieve an OSU education and how 4-H has contributed to his or her personal development, leadership and other skills and to his or her likely success in life. The Vance family hopes to help 4-H members who have profited from 4-H as they did by learning skills and leadership. The students selected are young adults who hold 4-H values and attitudes but who have not necessarily won state project achievement awards or who perhaps don’t have a top grade point average, but have benefitted and learned a great deal from being a member of 4-H.

Barbara states, “Extension and 4-H shows people how many resources are out there and once you know the resources you can do anything!” Chaney and Jane taught their family “the importance of 4-H club and activity participation could provide us with life lessons and skills in leadership, and we will always be grateful for the tremendous base 4-H gave to our lives.”

