

Dear Parents Association Member,

Now that the weather is warm and sunny, the campus is bursting with energy and excitement and there are tons of outdoor activities and events for students to enjoy! Spring is also the time for honorary inductions, award celebrations, and much more. From academic and leisure to athletic and cultural, your student will have a wide array of options for springtime fun.

- Big Arts Week will be the week of April 20 – 24 and will feature the first annual celebration of the arts at Ohio State. The week includes a student film competition, Buckeye Showcase which features student art – both visual and performing – at the Wexner Center, and the Festival of the Finest which is a day-long celebration of Ohio State student art, music, dance, and more. Learn more about the week at <http://artsinitiative.osu.edu/bigartsweek/>.
- Football is not limited to fall quarter! The Spring Game, the football team’s spring intra-squad scrimmage, will be held on Saturday, April 25 in Ohio Stadium. Additionally, the lacrosse team will take on Notre Dame in Ohio Stadium directly before the football game. The lacrosse game begins at 11 a.m. and tickets are \$5 at the gate for both sporting events.
- April 25 kicks off the African-American Heritage Festival. The theme of this year’s festivities is *Uzuri: Beauty: Mirror Reflection, Internal Perception*. The week will include a gospel fest, poetry slam, town hall forum, talent show, step show, and much more. For more information, visit <http://heritagefestival.osu.edu/>.
- Ohio State’s 13th annual Sibs Weekend will take place May 1 – 3. Siblings and younger friends are welcomed to campus to participate in lots of great activities and things to do. For more information and to register, please visit <http://parent.osu.edu/sibs.asp>.
- Greek Week falls during the first full week of May. Some events include a Greek God and Goddess competition, the Variety Show, tug-of-war and track-and-field tournament, and Rock the Block – a single-day community service project. Many of these events are for Greek organizations to participate in, but some, such as Rock the Block, are open to all students. For more information, visit http://ohiounion.osu.edu/greek_life/.
- The first week of May is also May Week. May Week is a celebration of spring and it is full of fun activities for the whole campus. Events include the “Best Day of Your Life,” Rock the Block, Buckeyes Got Talent, Spring Sports Tailgate, and much more. For details, visit <http://studentlife.osu.edu/mayweek/default.asp>.

- Spring quarter ends on a high note with Commencement Week. Commencement Week is a new tradition that celebrates the accomplishments of graduating seniors. Events include the Things You Never Got to See Tour, a tailgate meal, and the Commencement Eve Candlelight Ceremony. To learn more, visit <http://studentlife.osu.edu/mayweek/default.asp>.
- The 2009 Spring Commencement will take place on Sunday, June 14 at 1 p.m. in Ohio Stadium. For details visit <http://commencement.osu.edu> or <http://parent.osu.edu/newsletter/>.

Spring is special at Ohio State and we hope that your student takes advantage of all of the great events and opportunities. Please contact me if you have questions or if I can be of assistance in any way.

Sincerely,

Ryan Lovell