PARENT AND FAMILY RELATIONS

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News and Information for Ohio State Parents and Families

Academic Break Airport Shuttles
To help reduce costs for travel during academic breaks, the Campus Area Bus Service (CABS), in coordination with Undergraduate Student Government (USG), will provide a free shuttle for students, faculty and staff between Ohio State’s Columbus campus and John Glenn International Airport for the 2023-2024 academic year.

On campus, shuttles will pick-up and drop-off passengers at the Ohio Union loop (12th Avenue side) on the hour. At John Glenn International Airport, shuttles will drop-off on the departure level and pick-up on the baggage claim/ground transportation level in the commercial transportation area and same area as parking shuttles.

Department Debrief

Willie J. Young, Sr. Off-Campus and Commuter Student Engagement

*Department Debrief* is a monthly article from the Parent and Family Relations office dedicated to helping family members and supporters better understand the services, opportunities and support offered by particular offices for students. This month, our team met with Off-Campus and Commuter Student Engagement to discuss the various resources they offer to parents and their students, including information on commuter services, an online off-campus housing search and home safety devices.

Grow Kindness

The Office of Student Life, in collaboration with the College of Food, Agriculture, and Environmental Sciences, OSU Extension and the Chief Wellness Officer will be growing kindness across campus on October 17 (rain date October 18).

With generous donations from Scotts Miracle-Gro
and Altman Plants, students, faculty and staff will have the opportunity to plant two succulents; one to keep for themselves and one to give away in kindness to someone else. The projects will help promote kindness and mental health support.

Plants will be available for assembly from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m at the following locations:

- Lawn in front of Traditions at Scott University Square (15th and High)
- Wexner Medical Center (Herrick Transit Hub)

**Off-Campus Housing Network**
Ohio State is committed to helping students looking for off-campus housing make informed decisions about where they want to live and who they want to rent from through The Ohio State University Off-Campus Housing Network. Property owners that commit to meeting certain criteria involving safety and ethical business practices will be considered in-network. The program is from Student Life's Off-Campus and Commuter Student Engagement (OCCSE) department, and only in-network properties will be included in OCCSE materials and events. Please visit The Ohio State University's Housing Network webpage for more information.
Psych Bytes with CCS
As students plan to return home for fall break, consider listening to the Counseling and Consultation Service (CCS) Psych Bytes Podcast for how to approach conversations with your student about mental health and well-being concerns.

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Buckeye Leadership Fellows
The Buckeye Leadership Fellows program (BLF) is accepting applications for our next cohort, BLF '26. Prospective Fellows are encouraged to submit their application now as the deadline this year is Tuesday, October 31. BLF is a diverse and highly selective program that creates meaningful connections and co-curricular learning through real-world exposure, networking, and continuous development and coaching. Prospective Fellows will receive:

- Feedback on their resume and application from distinguished Ohio State Alumni
- Coaching on their interview and interpersonal skills
- Networking opportunities with Ohio State Alumni

Eligible students include 2nd and 3rd year students. For more information about BLF and their Fellows, please visit the link below. Students can apply at https://blf.osu.edu/prospective-fellows/apply-now/.

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Keith B. Key Buckeye Social Entrepreneurship Program

Applications are open for the Spring 2024 Social Enterprise Accelerator through the Keith B. Key Buckeye Social Entrepreneurship Program! Students who are interested in developing a business with a social impact can submit their ideas for a startup. Those who are accepted into the cohort will receive support in establishing and growing their idea throughout the semester as they prepare to pitch for funding. Applications can be submitted using the link below through Tuesday, October 31. Last year $25,000 was awarded to four groups at the end of the accelerator to help fund their social enterprises.

Looking for inspiration? Check out the 2023 cohort businesses: [https://bsep.osu.edu/bsep-programs/sea-change/2023-cohort](https://bsep.osu.edu/bsep-programs/sea-change/2023-cohort) or check out this great article about one of our award recipients from the 2023 cohort: For Love of Primates.