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## OSUACMC scholarship auction in June

The OSU Alumni Club of Muskingum County conducted its annual auction in support of our scholarship program on June 14. The event was held at the VFW Hall on Putnam Avenue. Buckeye memorabilia and other valuable items were scooped up in both silent and live auctions.

Our special guest speaker this year was Dee Miller. A 1994 graduate of South High School in his hometown of Springfield, Ohio, Dee continued his education and his football career at Ohio State. He was named to the All Big Ten 2nd Team for his play at wide receiver in his junior and senior year. The story that Dee Miller shared with us,



however, was not one of an easy ride to success in pro football. He struggled with knee injuries that caused him to slip in the pro draft, and although he was picked in a later round by the Green Bay Packers, it soon became clear to Dee that pro football would likely not be his final career. He returned to Ohio State to complete a degree in sociology and worked with young people who, he said, “had challenges much greater

than I had ever faced.” As he pressed on to complete his degree, it was suggested to him that he might find a career in business to his liking, and that led him to become an insurance agent with State Farm Insurance and found the agency in Hilliard that bears his name. You may also know him from his work as an analyst on WBNS/The Fan, and on the Ohio News Network’s Buckeye Blitz.

Dee’s presentation was engaging and punctuated with personal stories that connected well with his audience.

The auction was a financial success, adding nearly \$4,300 to our scholarship fund.

## OSU-bound area seniors awarded 2012 freshman scholarships

The OSU Alumni Club of Muskingum County is pleased to announce the recipients of our scholarships for 2012. Again this year, the scholarship program drew many highly qualified students to the process. In February, the local scholarship committee interviewed the finalists and eleven were chosen for the cash awards that can be used during their freshman year at Ohio State.

As in previous years there is a \$600 award from the scholarship office in Columbus and ten \$500 scholarships from our local alumni club.

### 2012 Freshman Scholarship Recipients

1. Megan Nash (Bishop Rosecrans HS) ASP \$600
2. Nicholas Dorman (Philo HS) \$500
3. Troy Hunter (Philo HS) \$500
4. Christopher Kisabeth (Zanesville HS) \$500
5. Aubrey Hamilton (Zanesville HS) \$500
6. Asia Hatfield (Tri-Valley HS) \$500
7. Brittany Smith (Maysville HS) \$500
8. Taylor Blatt (Zanesville HS) \$500
9. Haley Spoor (Zanesville HS) \$500
10. Savannah Robinson (Philo HS) \$500
11. Aariann Felix (Tri-Valley HS) \$500

In addition to our freshman scholarships, the Muskingum County club has also awarded \$500 scholarships to local upperclassmen at OSU. This year’s recipients are Allison Bollinger (Senior/Middle Childhood Education; Bishop Rosecrans HS), Julie Smith (Sophomore/International Studies; Maysville HS), Amanda Lanning (Sophomore/Criminology; Philo HS), and Taylor Martin (Sophomore/History; Tri-Valley HS).

## Applebee’s breakfast fundraiser a success again this year

Saturday morning, May 5, found several OSU Alumni Club members waiting on tables at Applebee’s on Maple Avenue. They weren’t embarking on new careers, they were serving pancakes in support of the local OSU alumni club scholarship program. This is the third year that we have been able to secure a spot in this community program sponsored by Applebee’s, who generously donate all of the food. Every dollar raised went straight to our scholarship fund to the benefit of our future Buckeye scholars. A big thanks to our friends at Applebee’s.

### OSUACMC Annual Meeting

Thursday, August 2, 2012

7:00 p.m. VFW Hall

Inaugural Presentation of OSUACMC Awards

Meet our Scholarship Recipients

Win a chance to purchase OSU Football Tickets



## Buckeye alumnus makes his mark in Hollywood at Pixar Studios

In 1984, the black-and-white Nintendo Entertainment System was still a year away from its U.S. release; the first version of Tetris had just been created in Moscow. Sixteen-year-old Steve May was used to the barebones video game graphics that defined the era. But a story in *Science* that year--focused on new "amazing computer-generated imagery"--fascinated him.



Best of all for the Mansfield teen? It was happening at Ohio State's Advanced Computing Center for the Arts and Design, a trailblazer in the field of computer animation.

Three Ohio State degrees later, May is a shining star at Pixar, where he's worked on *Up*, *Cars*, *Finding Nemo*, and *Toy Story 2*. (May earned a bachelor's in 1990, master's in 1992, and PhD in 1998, all in Computer and Information Science.)

For *Brave*, which opened at No. 1, May oversaw and developed technology used in the film; ensured the movie lined up with the director's creative vision; and supervised animators.

"I loved school," says May, who also served as Ohio State faculty for 12 years. "I studied computer graphics and animation, so it directly applies to what we do at Pixar."

When Charles Csurí and Tom Linehan teamed up to create ACCAD in the late 1970s, they envisioned a multi-disciplinary center where computer science engineers and artists worked together. "ACCAD is still very unique," May says. "It is one of the few research centers I know of that puts artists and computer scientists together. It is that combination of art and science mixing together that is so powerful creatively and gave rise to the industry of computer animation."

That combination has led to alumni who are "some of the most established professionals throughout the animation production and computer graphics industry--at places like Pixar, Dreamworks Animation, Apple, Microsoft," says Maria Palazzi, ACCAD's director.

The alumni are eager to reach back to students, Palazzi adds. Case in point: Fran Kalal, the digital tailor who fitted the dresses of *Brave's* main character, Merida. Kalal (2005, bachelor's in Design; 2008, master of fine arts in Digital Animation and Visualization) comes back to Ohio State on recruiting trips, and has joined fellow Pixar Buckeyes in panels where they discuss their work with students.

Ohio State and ACCAD "helped prepare me for a career where I get to learn and discover constantly," she says. "They taught me to question why things work the way they do and look for ways to improve them. My time at ACCAD was truly formative and wonderful."



Congrats to Kalal, May, and the other Buckeyes who worked on *Brave*: Beth Albright (2009, master of fine arts in Digital Animation and Visualization); Kyoung Lee (2004, master of fine arts in Art and Technology); Jenny Macy (2000, bachelor's in Fine Arts).

### OSUACMC website is online

There's a new way to keep tabs on your favorite university's local alumni club activities. Visit <http://osuacmc.org> on the web for the latest news and events. Information on our scholarship program, the annual auction, club-sponsored trips to OSU athletic events, the annual meeting, and other news of interest to Buckeyes.

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