Going the Distance: Alumni Bike for Scholarships, Cancer Research

Biking for Scholarships

"Dot the ‘I’ with Green" will be the theme for two alumni of the Class of 1963 as they bike from Michigan Stadium to Ohio Stadium this October in an effort to raise funds for student scholarships.

Doctors Allen Damschroder, MD, ’63, and Alan Patterson, MD, ’63, are planning an encore performance of a similar ride they made 25 years ago. The two friends are back at it again despite a knee replacement for Damschroder and bilateral rotator cuff repair for Patterson for their 50th reunion.

Biking for Cancer Research

When this year’s Pelotonia riders gather on Aug. 10 to traverse the Ohio countryside, raising money for cancer research at Ohio State, two Ohio State University alumni will simultaneously do their part while biking miles along the sunny shores of Santa Monica.

Walter Stevens, who received an MD in 1983, and Bill Canter, who received a Master’s in Education Administration in 1975, have registered as virtual riders to raise funds for the Pelotonia bike ride, Aug. 10-11, creating a Peloton, or team, called “Californians Against Cancer.” Rather than let those in Ohio do all pedaling, they’ve staged their own public ride in California to raise additional funds.

Read more.

Go Back to the Future of Medical Education

You’ll have the opportunity to become a student again at the 60th Annual Homecoming & Alumni Reunion Weekend on October 18 - 20. Join us for an informative and interactive session we’re calling "Back to the Future of Medical Education." From admission to graduation, you’ll get a firsthand view of today’s medical school experience. Learn about Ohio State’s competitive admission standards, cutting-edge curriculum, and state-of-the-art simulation technology. You’ll even meet your match and earn your diploma!

Read more.

Higgins Appointed Chair of Surgery

Robert S.D. Higgins, MD, MSHA, has been named chair of the Department of Surgery in The Ohio State University College of Medicine. Dr. Higgins joined Ohio State in July 2010 as director of the Comprehensive Transplant Center and chief of the Division of Cardiac Surgery. He holds the John H. and Mildred C. Lumley Chair in Medicine. Read more.
Alumni Society Merit Scholarship Awarded to Outstanding Student-Athlete, Stewart Smith?
Stewart Smith, a first-year medical student originally from New Albany, Ohio, received the 2013 Medical Alumni Society Merit Scholarship, an endowment supported by the Ohio State University College of Medicine alumni. Smith attended Ohio State for his undergraduate education and majored in Biology. READmore.

Students' Healing Gifts Comfort Muslim Patients
As Janae Johnson-Tyler watched her father rocking her newborn daughter, her wide smile was joined by a few tears of gratitude.
A volunteer had stopped by the Columbus woman’s hospital room at Ohio State University’s Wexner Medical Center to bring gifts of healing consistent with the new mother’s Muslim faith.
“It’s a blessing. It’s kind of tear-jerking,” said Johnson-Tyler, 34, placing her hand on the packages holding dates and an urn of holy water. “I didn’t expect anything like this at all. ... It’s just so deep and touching.” READmore.

Sabrina Smith Receives Outstanding Graduate/Professional Student Award
Sabrina Smith received the 2013 Outstanding Graduate/Professional Student Award on April 12th at the Ohio Union Performance Hall. A second-year medical student, Sabrina is being recognized by the Ohio Union and Office of Student Life for her commitment to leadership and positive impact on The Ohio State community.
Originally from the Detroit area, Sabrina received her bachelor’s degree from Vanderbilt University, where she majored in Chemistry and minored in French. Her decision to attend The Ohio State University College of Medicine was thoughtful and strategic. READmore.

Eugene Arnold, MD '63, Helps Explore How Sunlight May Affect ADHD Patients
Researchers are interested in exploring how sunlight, sleep and screens (like those on computers and TVs) may affect those with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), says Dr. L. Eugene Arnold, a child psychiatrist and ADHD expert at the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center’s Nisonger Center. Read more.

Thomas Ferkol, MD '85, Installed as President-Elect of the American Thoracic Society
Thomas Ferkol, MD, was installed as president-elect of the American Thoracic Society during the ATS International Conference in May 2013. He will serve through May 2014 and will serve as ATS president from 2014 to 2015. Read more.

'Stephanie Ott, MD, named OU Preceptor of the Year
Dr. Stephanie Ott, OSU fellowship graduate, a rheumatologist with Fairfield Medical Center and an instructor at the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine, was recently chosen by her students as one of the college’s Preceptors of the Year. Read more.

'57 John Richard Hurt, MD (1931-2013)
John Richard Hurt, MD “Doc,” 81, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 20, 2013, in The Villages, Florida. "Doc" was born on May 30, 1931, in Columbus, Ohio. He was raised in West Jefferson, where his parents served the community providing medical care since 1928. Read more.

'62 Ernest Louis Mazzaferrti, Sr., MD, MACP
Ernest Louis Mazzaferrti, Sr., M.D., MACP, of Henderson, Nevada was born September 27, 1936 in Cleveland, Ohio, the only child to Nanetta "Nette" and Joe Mazzaferrti. Ernie passed away peacefully at home on May 14, 2013 after a short illness, surrounded by his family. Read more.

'76 John Timothy Bricker, MD (1952-2013)
BRICKER Dr. John Timothy was born December 20th 1952 and raised in Ohio. He received a bachelor's degree with honors from Ohio State University in 1976. He was awarded a medical degree with honors from Ohio State University in 1976. Read more.

Admitted Student Recap
Columbus
New medical students received a warm welcome into the Buckeye family at regional receptions this spring. Special thanks to our hosts for making these great events possible.

Cincinnati Hosts: Dr. and Mrs. Richard Williams '69, Dr. and Mrs. Glenn Loomis '92, Dr. and Mrs. Steven Willett 87'
Cleveland Hosts: Dr. and Mrs. Steve Deutch '84, Drs. Peter Sullivan '85 and Judy Andreano Columbus Host: Dr. and Mrs. Charlie and Becky Bush

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