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## MAY 22 - SPRING DINNER WITH MARK DANTONIO OSU FOOTBALL DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR



**OSU Buckeyes Defensive  
Coordinator Mark Dantonio**

Please join or renew your membership now to the Ohio State Alumni Club of Washington DC to take advantage of many exciting activities including our May 22 Spring Dinner featuring Buckeye Football Defensive Coordinator Mark Dantonio.

Dantonio is coming off his highly successful first season as defensive coordinator under Coach Jim Tressel. Prior to joining the Ohio State staff, Dantonio, a native of Zanesville, Ohio, spent six seasons at Michigan State. During the 1983 and 1984 seasons he was a graduate assistant at Ohio State

on Earle Bruce's staff. He joined Jim Tressel's staff at Youngstown State in 1986 and remained there through the 1990 campaign. As a former player at South Carolina, Coach Dantonio should have some interesting insights on our losses to the Gamecocks in the last 2 Outback Bowls and should be able to give us all some great insights into what the 2002 season may bring!

Please join us on May 22 at the Westin Embassy Row Hotel (formerly the Ritz) at 2100 Massachusetts Ave NW (one block from the Dupont Circle Metro) for this great event. The evening will begin at 6:30 pm with a cash bar cocktail hour followed by dinner and the program beginning at 7:45 pm.

The cost for 2001-2002 or 2002-2003 OSUDC members is \$50. For non-members the price is \$65. Space is limited to 200 and we expect a large turnout so get your RSVP in quickly to reserve your space. Email your questions to [jhilbert@khaconsultants.com](mailto:jhilbert@khaconsultants.com).

Send in your RSVP on the form found on page 5 in this BITS to Harlene Palkuti.

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

As I come to the end of my second term as President of the Ohio State Alumni Club of Washington DC I just wanted to thank all of the OSUDC members for your support over the past 2 years. I think your Alumni Club has accomplished much and had a good deal of fun times. I especially want to thank the members of the OSUDC Board for their dedication to the Club this past year. I certainly could not have done my job without their help. As you may know, I was the first President of the Club to ever serve for more than 1 year. One of the great things about OSUDC is that we have so many wonderful, talented people who can lead that we have never needed a President to serve a life-term.

Luckily for all of us, Harlene Palkuti (a board member for several years and a past president of an OSU Alumni Club) has agreed to take over the Presidency for the 2002-03 term. Harlene will do a great job and will certainly make us all proud.

I will be staying on the Board and will continue to be very active in the Club. If anyone else is interested in being on the 2002-03 Board, please contact me at [jhilbert@khaconsultants.com](mailto:jhilbert@khaconsultants.com). Formal elections will take place at the Spring Dinner on May 22. Hope to see you all there as we celebrate the accomplishments of the past year, enjoy each other's company, and talk OSU Football with Defensive Coordinator Mark Dantonio.

Go Bucks!!

John Hilbert

### ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

As most of you know, many of our events throughout the year help to raise money for our club scholarship fund. Our scholarship fund is used to award scholarships to local Virginia, Maryland, and Washington DC high school seniors who plan to attend Ohio State. Thanks to your support, we were again able to award over \$8000 in scholarship funds to four very deserving local high school students. We will recognize the scholarship winners at our annual spring dinner on May 22, 2002. We hope you will join us at the dinner to congratulate the students and continue your support of

your Alumni Club and scholarship program.

### OSU FOOTBALL TICKETS AND RAFFLE

Order ticket packages for our annual trek to Columbus. We haven't received confirmation from Ohio State on which game we will be allocated. Look for an email and website announcement as soon as we hear

Package prices will include the ticket and tailgate and will be announced later and sold on a first come first served basis.

We will also sell raffle tickets to buy 2 great seats to individual games through our club's Presidents Club membership. The Raffle

will be held during the Spring Dinner. Raffle tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25. Both of these offerings are for 2001-2002 or 2002-2003 OSUDC members only.

### OSUDC ALUMNI CLUB PARTICIPATES IN STUDENT RECEPTION

Several Alumni Club members played leading roles at a Dessert Reception held on March 20 at the Tyson's Corner Marriott in Vienna that was sponsored by Office of Undergraduate Admissions. This year one third of the students who applied for admission to The Ohio State University were not accepted. This event is intended to secure the

enrollment of the best local area high school students.

OSUDC Club members who made presentations at the reception included Kate Mueller, the Assistant General Counsel to the United States Trade Representative, Mark de Groh of the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research and Harlene Palkuti, OSUDC Board Member. Kate provided an alumni perspective about her college years at OSU. Mark participated on a panel, as a recent summer of 2000 graduate, with current Ohio State Seniors fielding questions from the reception's invited guests. Harlene described the local alumni support to both students and parents, such as the student sendoff picnic and networking events.

In addition, Dr. Bruce Burnsten, Distinguished University Professor of Chemistry, flew in from Columbus to make the Faculty presentation. As Chairman of the Chemistry Department his presentation included direct audience participation from the High School students. With only around 20 graduates earning Chemistry Degrees this year the Chemistry Department is at the foundation of building a leading research University. It demonstrated

the importance of enrolling serious students.

If you would like to participate in the OSUDC Alumni Clubs recruitment program to help recruit the best students from this area contact Hongor J. Oulanoff on (703) 351-6509.

## WOODROW WILSON



**Professor Burnsten demonstrating important research by the OSU Chemistry Department to prospective chemistry students**

## HOUSE TOUR

Thirty-five Ohio State

Alumni Club Members enjoyed a tour of the Woodrow Wilson House. It is Washington, D.C.'s only Presidential Museum. Located just off Embassy Row, it is a living textbook of modern American life in the 1920's. Unlike modern day Presidents, the Wilson's were able to keep many of the elaborate gifts of state from around the world,

which are on display. There was also a special exhibit of Jacqueline Kennedy's luncheon with her



predecessor, Edith Wilson. In the bedrooms were displayed clothing worn by Woodrow and Edith Wilson. We learned of Wilson's accomplished career as President of Princeton University and founder of the League of Nations. We all enjoyed the tour of this little know treasure located right in Washington, D.C.

### FOOTBALL GAME WATCH LOCATION

At press time we were in the process of finalizing the selection of a new football Gamewatch location. The OSUDC Board has been busy surveying several options (thank you to all who submitted suggestions). A formal announcement will be made at the Spring Dinner, however it appears nearly certain that Willie & Reeds in Bethesda will be the choice. Willie & Reeds is a wonderful bar/restaurant that has numerous large flat screen TVs, is close to the metro, has an abundance of nearby free parking, doesn't already have another alumni club booked, and is excited about being the official Ohio State headquarters in the DC area. If you haven't been to Willie & Reeds before, I urge you to check it out - it is a very nice facility and we will have the entire upper level for Ohio State fans only! We are currently working out the details on drink and food specials and

will announce everything on May 22nd.

### OSU - VA ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Join us for OSU Adopt-A-Highway litter clean-ups in Virginia on the dates below. Our club has adopted the stretch of Lee Chapel Rd.



**Willie & Reeds Sports Bar**

from Ox Rd. to Old Keene Mill Rd. We will meet at the McDonald's at the intersection of Lee Chapel and Old Keene Mill at 9:00 AM, on each pick-up day. Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older. Hope to see you there!

Contact: Phil Gbur, 703-799-3403;  
philip.m.gbur@census.gov

The pickup days are:

May 11  
June 22  
August 17  
November 16

### A NOTE FROM A GRATEFUL PARENT

I am Ralph Nunez, and I am the father of Joseph Nunez. We found out a few weeks ago that Joseph was awarded the DC Alumni Club scholarship to OSU. I want to thank the Club for this award that was bestowed on my son. He made his final school choice only yesterday to enroll at OSU directly into the honors engineering program, and his studies will actually begin in June.

I will tell you honestly that his #1 choice was the University of Michigan, and that choice was a clear #1. He was also accepted into the honors engineering program at U of M. We visited their campus twice, and the engineering facilities were certainly top notch. But something very interesting happened along the way. The people involved with OSU recruiting proved to Joseph that he was really valued for who he was, that the university was truly interested in seeing him succeed, and that the university had programs in place and would do everything within reason to see that he succeeded. We visited the campus many times with both of my children over the years (I was in the class of 1978, and my wife was in the classes of 1976 and 1978), and Joseph was always impressed with what he observed. By golly, he was at the horseshoe when it was still a horseshoe with

scholarship dorms inside. He really felt at home and at ease even though OSU had approximately 50,000 students on campus. I will

honestly tell you that if the University and its alumni did not do the recruiting job that they did with Joseph, he and I would have been at

each other in late November.

Once again, thank you, and I look forward to seeing you at the May dinner.  
Ralph A. Nunez

**SPRING DINNER RESERVATIONS and OSUDC MEMBERSHIP FORM**

All OSU alumni in the Washington, D.C. area are invited to join us at our Annual Spring Dinner and to join our club. Our main missions are to foster greater relationships among all OSU Alumni through social and educational events and to sustain our scholarship programs to OSU students! Our newsletter "Buckeye Bits" will keep you informed of upcoming events.

**OSUDC Dues: \$15.00 per individual or family for June 1, 2002 - May 31, 2003**

- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 2002 - 2003 Club dues
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Number Spring Dinner reservations (OSUDC member) @\$50
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Number Spring Dinner reservations (non-member) @\$65
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Football Ticket Raffle @ \$10 or 3/\$25
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Football Ticket Packages @ \$60 each
  
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total

Send completed membership form with each order  
 Make check payable to: OSU Alumni Club of Washington, D.C.  
 Mail Check & Form to: HARLENE PALKUTI, 3720 CARRIAGE HS CT, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22309

Please complete the information on this form even if you think we have it.

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