

# ARCHIE GRIFFIN IS BIG TEN ICON NO. 4

Alumni Association president and CEO Archie Griffin landed at No. 4 on the [Big Ten Network's](#) countdown of the top-50 [Big Ten Icons](#). Griffin will be featured in a half-hour program on the Big Ten Network this Sunday, Feb. 13 at 9 p.m. ET. Griffin is the fifth Buckeye in the top-50 and the second in the top eight. Other Ohio State Icons who were previously revealed include Jerry Lucas (No. 8), Jack Nicklaus (No. 18), Hopalong Cassidy (No. 39), and Chris Spielman (No. 47).

Here is the press release from the BTN announcing Griffin's honor:  
CHICAGO Ohio State's Archie Griffin has been named Big Ten Icon No. 4. Presented by Discover and hosted by Keith Jackson, Big Ten Icons continues at 9 PM ET on Sunday with a profile of college football's only two-time Heisman Trophy winner.

The episode includes new one-on-one interviews with Griffin, teammates Ray Griffin, Jeff Logan and John Hicks, fellow Buckeye Heisman Trophy winner Eddie George and others.

Legendary Ohio State coach Woody Hayes once said about Griffin, "He's a better young man than he is he is a football player, and he's the best football player I've ever seen."

In the episode, Michigan broadcaster Jim Brandstatter says, "Everybody knew he was going to get the ball 20-25 times a

game, and they still couldn't stop him. And, to me, that's what Archie Griffin brought to the table -- the ability to make a play where there wasn't a play."

Griffin, who was born at Ohio State University Hospital and grew up in Columbus, was awarded the Heisman Trophy in 1974 and 1975. He was a three-time All-American, remains the Buckeyes' all-time leading rusher and was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame in 1986. Griffin's No. 45 has been retired by Ohio State.

Griffin helped the Buckeyes win four Big Ten titles from 1972-75 and was the starting tailback in four straight Rose Bowl games. Ohio State posted a 40-5-1 record during his four years, and Griffin rushed for 100 yards or more in 31 straight games.

**The NCAA honored Griffin in 1975 with "Top Five" award for academic, athletic and leadership achievements.**



In an essay for [www.BigTenIcons.com](http://www.BigTenIcons.com), former Chicago Tribune sports editor Dan McGrath wrote, "In terms of sheer consistency and productivity, no one ever did it better than the 5-foot-8, 182-pound dynamo from Columbus." To read the essay on Griffin and learn more about his accomplishments, visit his Big Ten Icons locker at [www.BigTenIcons.com](http://www.BigTenIcons.com).

The No. 1 Big Ten Icon will be revealed in March 2011 in conjunction with the Big Ten Men's Basketball Tournament. Big Ten Icons is the network's most ambitious multi-platform initiative to date.

The program is counting down the top 50 student-athletes in Big Ten history, based solely on their collegiate playing careers.

All student-athletes from current Big Ten schools are eligible for the network's list.



# Buckeye Bulletin

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### President's Message:

## Southern California Buckeyes, WOW!

Summer is upon us and the countdown to what should be a very interesting Buckeye Football Season is in progress. Despite a very challenging Winter and Spring for the Football Buckeyes there is no doubt that Buckeye Nation will be out enmasse come September adorned in the Scarlet and Gray of The Ohio State University! That is what loyal alumni do and that is what .... "How Firm Thy Friendship O-HI-O!" represents for us.

**It's never been more important to uphold that statement and tradition!**

Now, it's not been all bad news for the University, has it?! You've got to be very proud of our **Men's Volleyball** Buckeyes who brought home the University's very first NCAA Championship Trophy to Columbus in early May.



### Men's Basketball Team



How about Coach **Thad Matta's** fantastic **Men's Basketball Team** who produced another terrific season (34-3) and entered NCAA's March Madness as the overall #1 seed making their way into the Sweet 16 before losing to Kentucky, 62-60. Not to be overlooked is the fact that Coach Matta

notched his 4<sup>th</sup> Big Ten Title in 6 years and the Buckeyes added to the Universities 19 Big Ten Titles, 13 of them being outright Championships!

### "Young Buckeyes"



Sarang Aranke, Board Member and outgoing leader of our Young Bucks, and I were fortunate to attend the John R. Wooden Award ceremony at the Los Angeles Athletic Club where we had the opportunity to spend some time with Jared Sullinger and his parents.....what quality people they are, and great representatives of what The Ohio State University are all about!

### Women's Basketball Team



The Lady Buckeyes also had a tremendous year, winning their 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive Big Ten Tournament Championship and Jantel Lavenders' record 3<sup>rd</sup> Most Outstanding Player of the Year Award!

## Great News Out of Columbus

On June 3<sup>rd</sup> some great news came out of Columbus when it was announced that the Ohio State football program has the No. 1 Academic Progress Rate (APR) multi-year score in the nation among the Top 25 teams in the final 2010 USA Today/ESPN Football Coaches Poll. The APR provides a real-time look at a team's academic success each semester by tracking the academic progress of each student-athlete on scholarship. You can read more at [http://www.ohiostatebuckeyes.com/ViewArticle.dhtml?DB\\_OEM\\_ID=17300&ATCLID=205157100](http://www.ohiostatebuckeyes.com/ViewArticle.dhtml?DB_OEM_ID=17300&ATCLID=205157100).

As quickly as the Winter and Spring have passed the first year of my having the privilege of leading the Club sped by equally fast. It seems it was just January 2010 and I was looking forward to what I could do to lead the club, along with the Board and Committee members, in reaching new levels of engagement and support in relation to our Club's Mission..... "to promote The Ohio State University through communications and community relations, student recruitment, fellowship, and networking". While we have a long way to go, and, truthfully, there is no 'end-point', I hope and believe there that progress is being made.

Just as our team's success on the athletic fields is due, in large part, to the *effort of many*.....remembering that **"there is no "I" in T-E-A-M"**, this is equally true in the case of our Alumni Club's success over the 36 months!

Recognition and **"THANKS"** must go out to those **Board and Committee** members who work tirelessly, throughout the year, to plan, lead, attend and simply do whatever it takes to pull off events or behind the scene tasks to ensure we deliver on our goals. Just to highlight of some of what we saw in in recent months:

- Our weekly **"Game-watch"**, being the most-visible, needs to be called out and with that, those that really do it all; from Steve White and our friends at Dave & Busters, who continue to do whatever it takes to make every week a real "home game" for us, to some very special Board & Committee members who ensure it all comes off without a hitch! **Thank You!**
- A significant and very successful tactic employed this past fall was a partnership we created with David Musty, founder and owner of Musty Putters, Inc of Long Beach. Dave designs and manufactures custom-made putters and designed a special one for our Club. A friend of Jim and Ellen Tressell, Dave created two models of a putter that featured Jim's laser-autograph, a "Go Bucks" and a Rose and final score of our victory over Oregon in January of 2010. His donation of a putter for every game to be raffled off raised over \$2,000 for our Scholarship Fund. We'll honor Dave for his partnership later this year.
- Thanks to our **Scholarship Committee** successfully interviewed prospective students and offered 7 students scholarship monies for this year; even former scholarship recipient Hillary LeBail is back in Columbus as a Grad Student. Thank you Casey Golovko and Susan Munthe for your dedicated work.
- A critical part of what we do reaching out to students is our **Student Recruiting** effort. Thank you Keri Tabar for the effort you lead getting us "on campus" in our local High Schools!

Keri and her team attended a dozen or more events this past year.

- In March 2010, our Club hosted **Archie Griffin** in a co-sponsored event with OSULAA Club in Long Beach. A turnout of 60 friends of the University, largely from our Club attended and has some special one on one time with our beloved Buckeye and National Alumni leader. Christie Brockhage deserves special recognition for leading this effort.
- Our Annual Holiday Brunch was held December 12<sup>th</sup> and we continued in our tradition of donating toys for the less fortunate children of Orange County as we partner with Serenity Village and Mike Sokolovich's "Motel Kids" program. Thank you to all who participated!

Again, that's only a few of the things that we accomplished this past year and, again, I offer my heartfelt "Thank You" to all who help and support all of what we do.

As we turn the corner into the second half of 2011 I want to be sure that, under my watch, this Club *continues* to stand for what it was founded upon and that is about a lot more than a "12 or 13 game football season" or being "all about athletics"!

The **legacy of scholarship and service** is in place, attested to by the activities, events, fund raising and especially the accomplishments of our scholarship students.....**AND, your impact**, as Club members! Your willingness to participate is part of that legacy and your contribution is greatly appreciated! I am very excited about a new level of enthusiasm that I'm seeing on our leadership Board and welcome some new additions to the Board and Committee membership that I'm confident will bring an energy and passion that will drive new membership and greater contribution to our University and our Communities.....Welcome Board Members Todd and Connie Elliott, parents of scholarship student Nick, and Alexis Pacholski and Willie Ito who will take on the leadership of our "Young Bucks" and the Scholarship Committee, replacing Casey Golovko in her role as Scholarship Chairperson.

**THANK YOU Casey for your tireless effort around giving students of the OC/IE a true "Buckeye experience"!**

I leave you with a **challenge** and a **cheer**.....the **challenge**, to continue to support our University and our Club in whatever way you think you can do that.....membership, service in the community, student recruitment, service on a committee, volunteering at club events or game watch or simply buying a 50-50 raffle ticket, AND.....the **cheer**.....

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For the first time, the Alumni Association has three memorable locations in this new facility:

- 1) the Archie M. Griffin Grand Ballroom (located on the second floor) - honors Archie Griffin, the only two time Heisman Trophy Winner who is also the CEO/ President of the OSU Alumni Association with the finest meeting environment as well as the second largest meeting place in central Ohio, and
- 2) the Alumni Association “satellite office/ community center” (located between the Information Center and the Performance Hall) which is dedicated to Orange County/ Inland Empires own Joe-Ann Schmahl as the “Joe-Ann Schmahl Memorial Suite” where students can drop in for advice and tips on how to better tackle internships and job

**The new 300,000+ sq ft state-of-the-art Ohio Union** located on North High Street at 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and completely across campus from the Longaberger Alumni House - opened for students, faculty, staff, other members of the Ohio State University community, visitors, and sight see-ers in March 2010. It replaced the previous Ohio Union that had opened in 1951.

The most impressive Great Hall was the site of the Ohio State Flash Mob Event on May 3, 2010. This event featured many students, Dr Gordon Gee, and Brutus; and it has been favorably viewed by more than 2.6 million youtube viewers, and the video can still be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HDNOB6TnHSI> < .

hunts, and which is staffed with student employees to aid and assist students, alumni and all other campus visitors. and

- 3) the Dan Heinlen (former OSU Alumni Assn CEO) multimedia wall, just outside of the “Joe-Ann Schmahl Memorial Suite”, where most campus activities can be accessed via state-of-the-art video media.

The new Ohio Union contains three floors as well as a lower level, and it has at least three dining facilities on the first floor: Union Market, Sloopy's Diner, and Woodie's Tavern.

We suggest that all alumni, friends of alumni, and all others visit this impressive facility by personal visits to the campus and by internet tours.



## The 59th Annual Alumni Leaders Conference



The 59th annual Alumni Leaders Conference was held October 8, 2010 at the Ohio Union. Ron and Audrey Devore and Susan Munthe represented our club.

This annual conference brings together representatives from all alumni clubs and societies representing more than 200 locations around the world.

The keynote address was presented by Tracy Stuck, Director of the Ohio Union and Student Activities. Break out sessions provide valuable opportunities for attendees to learn and share ideas about making clubs and societies strong. The conference ended with a wine reception where both Archie Griffin and President Gee spoke. Aaron Friedman was recognized for his service to our club with an "All Star" award.

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## CELEBRATING ALUMNI:

### A closer look at our accomplished graduates!

In February, alumnus Les Wexner made a record \$100 million gift to Ohio State, a university he credits for helping him achieve professional and life success.

Wexner's gift inspired a [tremendous outpouring of feedback](#) from alumni, students, and staff, who all told the stories of how their lives would be different, "But for Ohio State."

These stories are inspiring and encapsulate the great affinity that Ohio State's alumni and friends have for the university.

This inspiration provided fuel for an idea that will begin to come to fruition today. During the next months, the Alumni Association and its partners around the university will take a closer look at the breadth and depth of alumni accomplishment around the globe.

Through videos, essays, events, and other elements, we will more clearly illustrate how the wealth of opportunity at Ohio State has provided a launching board for alumni accomplishment. We'll highlight alumni who've achieved professional success, provided significant cultural influence, or shown an acute sense of civic responsibility.

We hope you enjoy the content and invite you to contribute. Make sure you [share your "But for Ohio State" story at osu.edu](#).

## OC Alumni Club Darren Spensiero

Choosing to attend The Ohio State University has turned out to be the best decision of my life. I couldn't have imagined it to be this great, and it is everything I expected and then some. It is such a different experience then growing up in Orange County, and I've absolutely loved it. **I've made so many great friends and had some wonderful times that I'll never forget.**

Fall quarter was a time of getting out and meeting as many people as I could. There is always so much to talk about because everyone has had such a different upbringing. It's amazing to learn about how everything is from different places across the country. It was so much fun because everyone was on the same mission: meet tons of people and try to adjust to the pace of college life. Classes turn out to be a lot of fun. There are tons of friends in your classes and your T.A. gives hands-on lessons that really help you to understand the material. The Mirror Lake Jump was indescribable. Thousands upon thousands of people jumping into a freezing cold lake, all screaming about how much they hate The School Up North. I have never seen so much school spirit, and I had been several Buckeye football games before coming here. And once the night was over, my friends and I must have watched the “official” Mirror Lake YouTube video a million times, hoping that we might have shown up in it somewhere. Football games were more than I could have imagined. I had a seat in the Block O student section. Games were so much fun and the Shoe got to be so loud week in and week out. I almost felt bad for the one Michigan fan sitting right next to our student section, alone, and losing. But then I remembered he was from Michigan, so he deserved the verbal abuse he was getting from the surrounding sections. Fall quarter turned out to be an easy transition period into college, and introduced me to infinite amount of possibilities Ohio State has for me.

Winter quarter, although just as fun, seemed to have a slower pace. The weather was an adjustment at first, but was not nearly as bad as I expected it to be. In winter quarter, you really bond with everyone on your floor and in your classes because you are always going to be inside working. You always travel and work together. In my winter quarter, I had my important design class, as I am in architecture. So, I was extremely busy in terms of class work and building models. I was afraid at first that I would miss out on a social life, as architecture is extremely time consuming. However, everyone else is inside as well and there is always someone else working on the same project. Winter, although not as eventful as the welcoming fall quarter, provided a chance to bond with friends and focus on the transition into being a college student.

Spring quarter turned out to be absolutely wonderful. I have never appreciated the sun so much, as we get it 365 days a year at home. The second it came out, I decided it was officially Spring, and I was going to go outside and have a great time. The Oval was absolutely packed all the time, people everywhere, everyone having a good time. Frisbees were flying all over the place and you are always making sure to dodge footballs. I laughed when I was first told that the Oval would become “Oval Beach.” I figured no one has any clue of a beach. If anyone can talk about a beach, it should be me. I, however, was pleasantly surprised. College students everywhere, everyone in beach attire, and no sand all over your room once you get back home. I am now the proud owner of an “Oval Beach Member” tank. Spring got me so excited for summer, as much as I loved Ohio State. School was absolutely amazing, but home sounds perfect after a year away.



### Graduate Student: Hillary LeBail

It's hard to believe that my first year of graduate school is drawing to a close. I am very excited to share that this summer I will be completing an internship at the Alaska SeaLife Center (ASLC), a non-profit organization located in Seward, Alaska. For over ten years, the ASLC has served as the state's only public aquarium and ocean wildlife rescue center. The mission of the ASLC is to generate and share scientific knowledge to promote understanding and stewardship of Alaska's marine ecosystems. Internships at the ASLC are very prestigious and I am proud to have been selected out of more than 300 applicants from around the world. My role at this organization will be to research the impacts of climate change on marine ecosystems, help the organization identify ways they can become involved in climate change research and education, and develop educational programs on climate change that can be incorporated into public aquarium exhibits. In addition, I will be working in conjunction with the National Park Service to identify values people associate with wildlife in the Alaska region. I will live in Seward for approximately three months, but most of my research will take place throughout Alaska and I will report directly to the CEO. While I will have many responsibilities to fulfill, I also look forward to some of the other opportunities that will be available to me including work in marine mammal rehabilitation such as nursing sea otter pups or taking part in rescue missions in the field. I believe this experience is going to be truly amazing and I am so thankful that my education at Ohio State has opened the door to such an incredible opportunity.



### Freshman Student: Alexandra Adams

My first year at Ohio State has come to an end, and I must say that I couldn't have asked for a better experience in my freshman year in Columbus. I had so much fun, and I thought it might be nice to share some of my experiences with you.

I have been presented with many opportunities for getting involved around campus, and I have taken advantage of as many of these opportunities as possible. Winter quarter I joined several organizations including Chi Omega sorority, Student-Alumni Council (SAC), and Undergraduate Student Government (USG). Just recently I was given a coordinator position with SAC, and I was also appointed to the USG cabinet where I will be serving as the chair of government relations.

This past spring quarter I began working with the House of Representatives as a page. Working at the Statehouse has been a great experience so far, especially for a Political Science major, and it has made me realize how lucky I am to attend college in a capital city.

This job has allowed me to make some very valuable connections with government officials that I know will pay off in the future.

I am also a part of the Politics, Society, and Law scholars group here at the university, which gave me the great opportunity of going to New Orleans, LA several weeks ago. In New Orleans we were able to tour Tulane Law School, visit the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals, as well as see the brand new National World War II museum. We also had the chance to meet with some government officials and talk with them about how Hurricane Katrina and the gulf coast oil spill has impacted society and politics in the city.

I have made some great memories this past year and I am happy to call Ohio State my home, but I am also looking forward to returning to Southern California for the summer months so that I can escape the Midwest weather! As my freshman year draws to a close, I am starting to realize just how fast my college experience will pass, and I can only hope that my next three years will be as good as my first.

**Thank you and GO BUCKS!**