



# The Midwest Mountaineer

The Greater Cincinnati-Dayton Chapter  
of the WVU Alumni Association

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## Save the Date: Our Annual Dinner is set for Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>! By Jason Smith

### Annual Summer Picnic and Cornhole Championship at Sharon Woods

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Our **annual picnic** will be held in the **Great Meadow Shelter** at **Sharon Woods Park** in Sharonville, OH on **Sunday, August 6th**. **Admission is free to dues paying members, current WVU students, and their parents.** Non-members pay a small admission fee. An entire picnic meal and beverages will be provided to all Mountaineers, big and small.

The Chapter will also be holding our 15<sup>th</sup> annual cornhole tournament for both WVU-themed prizes and more importantly bragging rights until next year's champion is crowned. As has become tradition, members and guests are invited to bring their musical instruments (guitars, etc.) as we will tap into our WV musical heritage. Vehicle permits are required to enter the park and can be purchased at the park entrance upon entry. The festivities begin at 1pm. Come and join us for this annual family event.



Join West Virginia Alumni & Friends for a special weekend dinner event at Valley Vineyards Winery/Brewery located in Morrow, Ohio. The event will feature Dr. Gene Cilento, Dean of the WVU Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources. Dr. Cilento, a graduate of the University of Cincinnati, has served in various capacities at WVU since 1979 including Chair of Department of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering (1989-1999), and more recently Dean of the Statler College

of Engineering and mineral Resources since 2000.

The evening will be a fun and relaxing way to socialize with fellow Mountaineers, enjoy the summer weather, have a delicious dinner and taste some local wines and brews while Dr. Cilento updates us on the exciting things happening in Morgantown and at West Virginia University. *(Article continued on Page 4)*

## A Mountaineer Memory By Neil and Belinda Armstrong

September 1, 2007 was the day that I knew my son Dylan would one day decide to be a Mountaineer. He was 10 and had just witnessed his first Mountaineer game in Morgantown - from the 50-yard line - three rows behind the bench. WVU knocked off W. Michigan 62-24 and he got to see Pat White, Steve Slaton and Noel Devine. Walking out of the stadium, he got his first picture with the Mountaineer. He was hooked - from that day on, it was all about the "Flying WV" and the Old Gold and Blue.

After graduation from WVU in 1995, my wife and I packed up and left WVU for Cincinnati. Through the years, as our family grew to six, we would often make stops in Morgantown while visiting family back in central WV. Often needing a break, we would stop and let the kids run around the Mountainlair plaza and show them around WVU before heading back to Cincinnati. *(Continued on page 4)*



Dylan and the 63rd WVU Mountaineer Michael Garcia

## Midwest Mountaineer Social Media Update

Hello Mountaineers! As many of you know, the chapter strives to keep up with the ever-changing social media landscape to ensure our members have every opportunity to participate in chapter activities. Get involved in one or all of our social media and email groups to keep up with the latest Midwest Mountaineer happenings.

**FACEBOOK GROUP:** **Midwest Mountaineers** is one of the primary ways we communicate chapter events such as game watches, Annual Spring Dinner, Summer picnic, etc. It is an easy way to RSVP to events you plan on attending so that we can get a head count and make sure to have you accounted for!

**TWITTER:** **@WVUAlumInCincy** has been another tool to communicate game watch festivities. We follow various WVU alumni chapters, WVU athletes, WVU academic programs, and general state of West Virginia accounts to ensure we have a good flavor of interaction with our alma mater.

**LINKEDIN:** **WVU Alumni – Midwest Mountaineers** A great networking tool for professionals in the area. This has been a great source for meeting new Mountaineers in the area and recruit potential members to grow the chapter.

**CHAPTER WEBSITE:** [www.midwestmountaineer.com](http://www.midwestmountaineer.com) We recently upgraded the website and will look for future upgrades as we progress throughout the year.

**EMAIL:** The Chapter also uses a Yahoo email group as a method of communication. This moderated list enables Chapter officers to easily update Chapter members. You can add yourself to the email list by simply sending an email to [midwest\\_mountaineer-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:midwest_mountaineer-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). Once approved, you'll receive Chapter emails at your e-mail address. To unsubscribe, send an email to [midwest\\_mountaineer-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:midwest_mountaineer-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com). Change your email address by unsubscribing the old address and subscribing with the new one. Just remember to send the email using the address for unsubscribing and subscribing.

Here are our latest social media numbers. We are always looking to expand our reach, so please follow us, join our group, or link in with us ASAP!



278 Group Members: Our goal is to reach 300 members by the end of 2017.



@WVUAlumInCincy: 147 Followers – Our goal is to reach 180 followers by the end of 2017.



WVU Alumni–Midwest Mountaineers: 266 Group Members. Targeting 300 members by the end of 2017.



*Monongalia County Ballpark, new home of the NCAA Tournament bound Mountaineer baseball team*

### 2017 Football Schedule

Sun., Sept. 3 vs. VT Hokies (Landover, MD)  
 Sat., Sept. 9 vs. ECU Pirates  
 Sat., Sept. 16 vs. Delaware State Hornets  
 Sat., Sept. 23 @ Kansas Jayhawks  
 Sat., Oct. 7 @ TCU Horned Frogs  
 Sat., Oct. 14 vs. Texas Tech Red Raiders  
 Sat, Oct. 21 @ Baylor Bears  
 Sat., Oct. 28 vs. Oklahoma State Cowboys  
 Sat., Nov. 4 vs. Iowa State Cyclones  
 Sat., Nov. 11 @ Kansas State Wildcats  
 Sat., Nov. 18 vs. Texas Longhorns  
 Sat, Nov. 25 @ Oklahoma Sooners  
 Sat, Dec. 2 Big12 Champ, Arlington TX

## Greater Cincinnati/Dayton WVU Alumni Chapter Scholarship

For the past 16 years the Cincinnati/Dayton WVU Alumni Chapter has provided at least one \$1000 per year scholarship to a local student who attends WVU. The scholarship is one of the ways our chapter gives back to our alma mater and to the local community. To date our chapter has given out \$18,000 to help support local students. Our endowed scholarship provides approximately \$1000 scholarship each year in perpetuity for a deserving student in our area to attend WVU. This year we gave out two scholarships (one from the endowment and one from our annual contribution). Our goal is to continue to build our endowment so that additional scholarships can be offered in the future.

By making tax deductible contributions directly to the WVU Foundation you can help make the goal of additional scholarships a reality. By including the information below any donation sent to the WVU Foundation will be added to our endowment.

Donations can be made via the WVU Foundation website (<http://www.wvuf.org/>) or by mail using the order form below. Always refer to Greater Cincinnati-Dayton Chapter WVU Alumni Association Scholarship Fund #3Z308 on the check memo line or in the online comments section.

***Contributions totaling \$2600 were made to the Cincinnati/Dayton WVU Alumni scholarship fund by chapter members and local corporations last year. We, and future Mountaineers would like to thank the following members for their generous support: John and Carolyn Ach, Bobbie and Jim Farley, Wilda Shaffer, Jason Smith, and Howard and Ann Withrow.***

*Support the Cincinnati/Dayton Chapter's Scholarship Fund #3Z308 with a Tax Deductible Gift*

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Street/PO \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate amount contributed \$50 \$100 \$500 \$1000 \$other \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make your check payable to *West Virginia University Foundation, Inc.*, and mail directly to One Waterfront Place, PO Box 1650, Morgantown, WV 26507-9939**

**Specify "*Greater Cincinnati/Dayton Chapter WVU Alumni Association Scholarship 3Z308*" on the check memo line**

## Friday, July 28th Dinner with Dr. Gene Cilento (Continued from page 1)

Bring your friends and tell all those who may be interested. We have plenty of capacity at this venue, and are hoping for a big turnout for this event!

The total cost per adult is \$34.96 (tax included). This includes two drink tickets (each good for a glass of wine or beer), choice of Steak or Salmon which we get the opportunity to grill ourselves, and a buffet full of side options and desserts. Also, for current and future Mountaineers under the age of 21, the following options are available for dinner:

Full meal - 18.95 + tax

Buffet only - 8.50 + tax



Please RSVP by Monday July 17<sup>th</sup> so we can ensure the venue holds space for us. **Attendees will pay for their meals at the winery.**

### DIRECTIONS:

**From Cincinnati** – Take I-71 North to Exit 28 (St. Rt. 48); turn left (south) on Rt. 48 to U.S. Rt. 22 & 3. Turn left (east) for about 3 miles to the winery.

**From Dayton** – Take I-75 South to Exit 29. Turn left (east) onto St. Rt. 63 for about 8 miles (through Lebanon) to St. Rt. 48. Turn right (south) on Rt. 48 to U.S. Rt. 22 & 3. Turn left (east) for about 3 miles to the winery. <https://www.valleyvineyards.com/>

## A Mountaineer Memory (Continued from Page 1)

Even though we were living in Ohio, West Virginia was still home. Living 300 miles from WVU and born in Ohio, Dylan surprisingly felt like WV was his "Home." Eventually he would have the chance to make that choice.

Flash forward to 2015, acceptance letter in hand, orientation completed, dorm selected and classes picked, Dylan was WVU bound. No other school was considered. As August rolled around, the car was packed and my wife Belinda and myself headed out to drop off Dylan in "a different" Sunnyside than we had left 20 years before. After moving him into the Honor's dorm and saying our goodbyes, my wife and I headed off to High Street for some "Remember When's." Gone now is Nehlen, Bucklew, "The Pit," Superette, Nick's Cantina, the Dungeon, Mario's Backdoor, Chaser's, Speedy's, BW3, Warner Theater, and Yahn's Hot Dogs. New to us is Huggins, Gee, Sheetz, Tailpipes, Taziki's, the REC Center, and Evansdale Crossing. My girlfriend throughout my time in Morgantown, who is now my wife of 23 years, talked about friends, classes, night outs, professors and how much we enjoyed our days at WVU. Reminiscing all evening long almost made us forget about the upcoming 300 mile journey west and that upon arrival home, our house would be a person short for the next 9 months.

Dylan was about to embark on the same adventure that we started in 1989 - He was about start his "Remember When's," make new friends, and have incredible experiences at this new and improved WVU. It was his time to carry on the "LET'S GO" in Morgantown. Two years from now I will watch by son accept his diploma that will end his time at WVU and start a new incredible adventure with a Computer Science degree. Ten years from now I envision watching the sparkle in the eyes of my grandchildren when they see the Mountaineer for the first time. Twenty years from now I envision the day when that acceptance letter arrives from WVU for my grandchildren to carry on this legacy that my wife and I started 28 years ago. Neil Armstrong BSBA '93 MBA '95 Belinda Armstrong BSW '93.



## Spring 2017 Order Form

Please return this form to RSVP for the Annual Dinner, to pay Chapter dues, or to comment to the officers.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Dinner with Dean of the Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources  
Dr. Eugene Cilento; 7:00 Meet and Greet, 7:30 Dinner**

**Friday July 28th, 2017 Valley Vineyards, 2276 East US 22 & 3, Morrow, Ohio  
45152**

**Number attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Attendees will pay for their meals at the winery**

Please respond by **Monday July 17th**

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### **SUMMER PICNIC Sunday August 6th, Sharon Woods Park**

Free to dues paying members, current WVU students, and their parents

**Number attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

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### **CHAPTER DUES for 2017**

I wish to become a member or renew my membership with the Greater Cincinnati/Dayton Chapter of the WVU Alumni Association. Dues are \$15.00 per individual or \$20.00 per family. Amount enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_

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### **BECOME INVOLVED!**

Are you interested in helping with events sponsored by the Cincinnati/Dayton WVU Alumni Chapter? We are always looking for chairpersons and coordinators to help with our fun social activities. It's a great way to meet fellow Mountaineers!

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if you would like someone to contact you about how you can help

Please return to **Cincinnati/Dayton WVU Alumni Chapter, 4091 Reemelin Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45211.** Call (513) 290-7351 or E-mail [jsmithWVU@gmail.com](mailto:jsmithWVU@gmail.com) if you have questions. Make checks payable to the **GREATER CINCINNATI/DAYTON CHAPTER, WVU ALUMNI ASSOC.**