



The Midwest Mountaineer

The Greater Cincinnati-Dayton Chapter
of the WVU Alumni Association

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Annual Summer Picnic and Cornhole Championship at Sharon Woods, Sunday August 2nd By Jason Smith



Unfortunately our annual dinner had to be canceled due to the pandemic and WVU faculty travel bans. However, our **annual picnic** is still on and will be held in the **Great Meadow Shelter** at **Sharon Woods Park** in Sharonville, OH on **Sunday, August 2nd**. **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 18th 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. Unlike previous years vehicle permits are included with our pavilion rental. The festivities begin at 1pm. Come and join us for this annual family event.

A Mountaineer Memory By Ruth Williams class of 2016

My first WVU football game was the 2007 Backyard Brawl. Yes, THAT one. You know what I mean, we don't need to talk about it. But for some reason that game didn't deter me, and I knew that someday I needed to be a member of the Pride of West Virginia.

Some of the most memorable games of my time with the Pride happened my freshman year. Our first game in 2011 was the Friends of Coal Bowl against Marshall, although the 'Underwater Bowl' might have been a better name for it. If I remember correctly it was a 3pm kickoff, with a 4 hour rain delay, meaning the Pride started practice at 10 am and didn't get home until around 10:30pm or so. When the game was finally called in the 4th quarter we were all relieved and fairly waterlogged.

The other memorable home game for me that year was against #2 LSU. I remember this game being such a big deal that ESPN College Gameday came to campus, with WVU ranked #16 at the time. The energy on campus was electric the whole week leading up to the game, and that continued in Milan Puskar Stadium. To this day that is the loudest I have ever heard the crowd at Mountaineer Field. In fact, the crowd was so loud during our pregame performance that I couldn't hear my own trombone. The roar of the crowd when we made our Simple Gifts circles is something I will never forget. The Mountaineers may have lost the game in the end, but the atmosphere made it a very fun game regardless.

My freshman year with the Pride ended with a little game called the Orange Bowl. After the 70-33 win against Clemson, the whole band took to Miami beach to celebrate. We stayed up all night and watched the sun rise from the beach, a wonderful ending to my freshman year with the Pride of West Virginia.



Ruth and the Pride of West Virginia at Mountaineer Field

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 and other 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 resource for meeting and recruiting local Mountaineer talent.

INSTAGRAM: WValumInCincy

CHAPTER WEBSITE: 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. Once approved, you'll receive Chapter emails at your e-mail address. To unsubscribe, send an email to 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! Refer your friends, family and anyone with an affinity for or with WVU.



377 Group Members: Our goal is to reach 400 members by the end of 2020.



171 Followers – Our goal is to reach 200 followers by the end of 2020.



266 Group Members. Targeting 300 members by the end of 2020.



103 followers. Targeting 150 followers by the end of 2020

2020 Football Schedule

Sat., Sept. 5 vs. Florida State Seminoles (Atlanta, GA)

Sat., Sept. 12 vs. Eastern Kentucky Colonels

Sat., Sept. 19 vs U. Maryland Terrapins

Sat., Sept. 26 vs Kansas State Wildcats (HC)

Sat., Oct. 3rd @ Texas Tech Red Raiders

Sat., Oct. 10th vs. TCU Horned Frogs

Sat, Oct. 17th @ Texas Longhorns

Sat., Oct. 24th vs. Kansas Jayhawks

Sat., Nov. 7th vs. Oklahoma Sooners

Sat., Nov. 14th @ Oklahoma State Cowboys

Sat., Nov. 21st vs. Baylor Bears

Sat., Nov. 27th @ Iowa State Cyclones

Sat, Dec. 5th Big12 Champ, Arlington TX

Greater Cincinnati/Dayton WVU Alumni Chapter Scholarship

For the past 19 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 over \$22,000 to help support local students. Our endowment provides approximately \$1000 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 funded primarily from annual chapter membership dues). Our goal is to continue to build our endowment so that additional scholarships can be offered. The current value of our endowment is over \$40,000. The near term goal to grow our endowment to \$50,000 so that we can offer an additional scholarship.

You can help make the goal of additional scholarships a reality by making tax deductible contributions directly to the WVU Foundation. 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 \$3450 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: Andrew Komanecky, Fred Lucas, Susan Ridgeway, Diane and David Sherrard, Jason Smith, Neal Watzman, and Howard and Ann Withrow.

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

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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

Spring 2020 Order Form

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

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

SUMMER PICNIC Sunday August 2nd, Sharon Woods Park

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

Number attending: _____

CHAPTER DUES for 2020

I wish to become a member or renew my membership with the Greater Cincinnati/Dayton Chapter of the WVU Alumni Association. Dues are \$20.00 per individual or \$25.00 per family.

Amount enclosed \$ _____

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* if you have questions. Make checks payable to the **GREATER CINCINNATI/DAYTON CHAPTER, WVU ALUMNI ASSOC.**