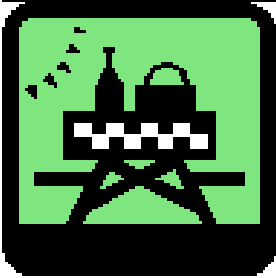




Annual Summer Picnic and Cornhole Championship at Sharon Woods Sunday, August 6th By Jason Smith



Our **annual picnic** will be held in the **Lone Oak 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 20th 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 included with our pavilion rental. The festivities begin at 1pm. Come and join us for this annual family event ***Note that the picnic will be held at a shelter down the hill from our usual location due to on-going park renovations.***

A Mountaineer Memory By Paul Kreitzer WVU Class of 2003, 2006, and 2010

When I was first asked to reflect on my time at WVU, and to share a few memories with all of you, my mind raced to so many different options. During my 11 years in Morgantown while obtaining four different degrees (I know too many), there are so many memories that I can pull from that have influenced my life and where I am today.

I chose to go to WVU after meeting with the Coordinator for Freshman Engineering Migri Prucz, I knew that my love for aerospace and the proximity to my hometown of Wheeling was the right combination for me.

During Freshman year my roommate was looking for a job and wanted to get involved with research. I just happened to be with him when he went to speak with MAE Professor Dr. Sneckenberger. I vividly remember sitting out in the hall during that 5 min conversation when he came out and asked me "what about you, don't you want to work on research too?"

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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 (New!): www.cincywvualumni.com We recently upgraded and have a brand new website. Look for future upgrades as we progress throughout the year.

EMAIL: The Chapter utilizes the WVU Alumni Association's system. If your information is up-to-date with the Alumni Association then you will receive our Chapter emails.

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.



437 Group Members: Our goal is to reach 450 members by the end of 2023.



@WVUAlumInCincy: 189 Followers – Our goal is to reach 200 followers by the end of 2023.



WVU Alumni–Midwest Mountaineers: 274 Group Members. Targeting 300 members by the end of 2023.



103 followers. Targeting 150 followers by the end of 2023

2023 Football Schedule

Sat., Sep 2 @ Penn State Nittany Lions
 Sat., Sept. 9 vs. Duquesne Dukes
 Sat., Sept. 16 vs. Pitt Panthers
 Sat., Sept. 23 vs. Texas Tech Red Raiders
 Sat., Sept. 30 @. TCU Horned Frogs
 Thurs., Oct. 12 @. Houston Cougars
 Sat., Oct. 21 vs. Oklahoma State Cowboys
 Sat., Oct. 28 @ UCF Knights
 Sat., Nov. 4 vs. BYU Cougars
 Sat., Nov. 11 @. Oklahoma Sooners
 Sat., Nov. 18 vs. UC Bearcats
 Fri., Nov 25 @ Baylor Bears
 Sat, Dec. 2 Big12 Champ, Arlington TX

Greater Cincinnati/Dayton WVU Alumni Chapter Scholarship

For the past 21 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 \$25,000 to help support local students. Our endowment provides approximately \$2000 each year in perpetuity for a deserving student in our area to attend WVU. This year we gave out three scholarships. Our goal is to continue to build our endowment so that additional scholarships can be offered. The current value of our endowment is over \$50,000. The near term goal to grow our endowment to \$75,000 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 over \$3000 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: Fredrick Lucas, Dianne and David Sherrard, Jason Smith, Beth Withrow, Howard and Ann Withrow

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

Name _____ Class of _____

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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

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This moment started me down the path that has brought me to where I am today with a love for constant learning and pushing the boundaries of what we know possible.

My early experience in research gave me the background that I needed to apply for the Microgravity Research Team, where I continued to push myself and gain valuable experience that I rely on to this day. I was lucky enough to have over 6 flights and over 2.5 hours of weightlessness on the "Vomit Comet" through undergrad and grad school. However, there is one memory during all these flights that stands out the most. That memory is one of me floating, holding a sign that says "I love you". I love this memory because I held that sign up for the most amazing girl, Natalie, a girl that I had met a couple years earlier while playing pool in the Mountainlair. I cherish this memory as one of the many stories that we forged together during our time at WVU. A few years later we got married and started our family together. Today we live in Cincinnati and have two wonderful boys. My oldest has recently raided my closet and has started wearing all of my old WVU sweatshirts to school every day. Who knows, maybe one day he will also attend WVU and create many Mountaineer Memories of his own.

WVU vs. UC, a Rivalry Renewed By Jason Smith



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With the University of Cincinnati Bearcats joining the Big12 starting this year there will be once again be many opportunities for the Chapter to watch WVU sports locally and in person when the various

Mountaineer teams come to town. For those who lived in town when both schools were in the Big East it will surely conjure great memories of football games, basketball games, pregame tailgates, and Mountaineer nation taking over downtown Cincinnati and Clifton. We plan on doing it again, so stay tuned to our various social media for updates as we enter this exciting new era for both WVU and our Chapter.

Spring 2023 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 6th, Sharon Woods Park

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

Number attending: _____

CHAPTER DUES for 2023

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.**