Greetings alumni and friends of Select Leaders! I find it unbelievable that another semester is in the books and I’m writing to you one last time as president of the program. Don’t worry though, we have an even more qualified member stepping in for me as I am (unfortunately) moving on from this amazing place. He’ll be introducing himself later on in the newsletter!

I hope you can take a moment to read all about our exciting semester in the remaining pages of this newsletter. You will find articles on our class trips to San Francisco and Minneapolis, the senior’s send-off, an executive engagement with Dustin Johnson, the recent Habitat for Humanity trip, and new curriculum additions; including Lean academic sessions. I continue to be amazed by the progress we make every year, and I am excited to watch our program get better and better well into the future.

What may be equally as exciting is just a few days ago 17 Select Leaders, including myself, joined our honorable alumni community. After reflecting back on my time spent with my peers, I can truly say we all are going to be incredibly accomplished throughout our careers. I get the chills when I think about where the members of our graduating class are headed. From McKinsey & Company to a top MBA program in Europe, our program’s placement never ceases to amaze me.

Although Select Leaders is losing 17 talented members, we have 27 high potential underclassman ready to fill our shoes. This number far surpasses last year’s record incoming class and takes our total membership to 49! I am proud to say that we were able to achieve this 25 percent growth while sustaining the selective nature of the program. This definitely speaks to the quality of students the College of Business is bringing in as a whole, which likely explains our recent Top 15 Best Public Business School ranking!

In closing, I want to thank all of those that have helped Select Leaders get to where we are today. This includes program alumni, CoB faculty, sponsors, and many more that have graciously supported us with their time and resources. I have personally been transformed through my involvement in Select and hope future Bobcats experience the same.

Kevin Warner
President 2015-2016
Executive Engagement with Dustin Johnson

In Select Leaders, we have the opportunity to meet with high level executives in different industries. This year, Select Leaders has met with numerous professionals, that have taught us through their advice and stories. Most recently, our students had the opportunity to meet with a Corporate Leadership Fellow alumni, which is now known as Select Leaders.

Dustin Johnson was a 1999 graduate of the program and has had a multitude of experiences through his career. Starting out in sales, Dustin quickly moved up to a Sales Management position with the company. He has worked in both the technology and medical field. His other roles have ranged from Operations Management, VP of Sales, Senior Director of Business Solutions, and he has also worked in R&D. This wide range of experience gave our students a broad array of topics to cover in the executive engagement. Today, Dustin is working with Halyard Health where he leads a team in the development of strategy and capability needs for IT customer experience solutions on a global level.

When Dustin became a Sales Manager, he faced very similar challenges that we may face after graduation. A major topic in today’s workplace is working with the millennial generation and how to effectively incorporate a seamless transition for them starting a new job. Dustin discussed some of the strategies that he used to better leverage his knowledge to gain credibility, techniques he used to find success, as well as some key obstacles that he had to overcome to succeed. Other topics of conversation included making ourselves well rounded with our company and employer. He emphasized the importance of understanding other employees’ crafts and other aspects of the business. Dustin presented us with the knowledge to succeed in whatever role that may be presented to us.

Dustin advised us that we are always selling ourselves no matter the situation. Whether it be at lunch, in a classroom, or walking the streets of Athens. He conveyed the importance to always set 30 and 90 day goals to keep track of the progress we are making in a short period of time. Dustin suggested to keep a weekly journal to remind ourselves of the goals that we have set and the progress that we have made. We would thank Dustin and the other executives who have engaged with Select Leaders and encourage others to reach out and visit us.

- Alex Rado, Class of 2018

Senior Send-Off Event

On the last Tuesday meeting of year, Select Leaders celebrated by sending off its beloved seniors. The celebration took place at The Eclipse in The Plains. The night was filled with reminiscing on their past trips to D.C., Texas, and San Francisco added with laughter looking back on the good times the select seniors have had together the past two to three years.

After a few hours of eating and awarding seniors with their superlatives, each senior was thanked individually by Tim and Tammy Reynolds. One by one, the seniors came to the front of the room, where Tim and Tammy shared their favorite memories of each senior and gifted them with a picture frame and their graduation cords. The picture frames contained three pictures to remind the seniors of their time in Select and how much they have grown. The seniors left large shoes to fill for the junior select class, and will be missed greatly. Select Leaders are excited to welcome the graduating class back next fall for the annual Select Leaders Alumni Day.

- Bridget Kilbane, Class of 2017
Habitat for Humanity

This Spring, Select Leaders participated in a Habitat for Humanity Build in Amesville, Ohio on April 1st and 2nd. Select Leaders puts emphasis on practicing servant leadership so we can enrich the lives of others and build up our own organization. It is important for us, as students, to realize there is a greater purpose in the community than just what happens at Ohio University. We had two days at the build site. Friday’s Select Leaders group assisted in creating the foundation of the house and nailing down the baseboards for the first floor. On Saturday, the group in attendance helped put up all the exterior walls and most of the interior walls. After the end of our two days of volunteering, the progress we made was noticeably impactful.

Select Leaders plans to continue its collaboration with Habitat for Humanity for many years. As leaders, it is important to give back to the community in every way possible. Events like Habitat for Humanity help our members realize the impact they can have on the surrounding community in volunteering.

- Zach Hassinger, Class of 2017

Senior San Francisco Trip

This year, the senior class had the incredible opportunity to visit San Francisco, California to network with alumni, visit companies, and engage with executives. The trip exposed the seniors to a wide variety of companies and industries, including McKesson Corporation, LinkedIn, Heartflow, and Zeltiq Aesthetics. The visits included engagements with many OU alumni, including Select Leaders alumnus Hayden Humphrey at LinkedIn (’15). The companies ranged in size from a Fortune 11 pharmaceutical distributor to a private healthcare startup, which allowed the students to learn about cultural differences between companies of various sizes and industries. The seniors also had the opportunity to network with a large group of Ohio University alumni during a happy hour event at Pete’s Tavern.

Of course, the trip also allowed the seniors to explore the Bay Area, including the Golden Gate Bridge, Fisherman’s Wharf, Lombard Street, and even a trip down to Monterey and Big Sur. On behalf of all of the senior class, thank you to everyone who assisted in making this trip a reality, to Tim and Tammy for putting up with us, and to the alumni and executives who hosted us! It was truly a great opportunity, and we look forward to visiting San Francisco again in the future.

- Ryan Shultz, Class of 2016
Sophomore Minneapolis Trip

This spring, the Sophomores of Select Leaders had the privilege of visiting Minneapolis, Minnesota for our networking trip. This was a new network location for all of the College of Business so we were ecstatic to visit Bobcat Alumni. We met with many companies and had the chance to talk with great Ohio University Alumni. Rob Foehl is an alumni of OU and the owner of ACA International. We were able to connect with him in Minneapolis where he took us to his favorite restaurant, Pizza Luce. After the trip, we were honored to host Rob back at Ohio University where he came to talk to students and host an ethics case competition.

We started our trip off with first visiting Cummins Engines. We received a complete tour of the factory including the assembly lines and warehouse. After the tour, we sat down with multiple C-Level executives to hear their story and also had the chance to meet a couple recent college graduates and how they chose and started their career. After Cummins, we headed downtown to visit Buffalo Wild Wings’ Headquarters. At this visit, we had the honor of meeting the CEO of Buffalo Wild Wings, Sally Smith. She was genuine and a role model to all of us. It was remarkable to tour the office and see what a fun atmosphere some companies can offer. After our visit to Buffalo Wild Wings, we had the chance to meet with an OU Alumni, Matt Faulkner. He started his own successful company and only has three employees. We finished our first day by hosting an alumni engagement at a local Irish Pub to get to know some former Bobcats.

Select Leaders visited more companies on our second day in the Twin Cities. We started off bright and early at a consulting firm, Accenture. We had the opportunity to meet two fellow Bobcats, one was even a former Select Leader. They provided us with an inside look on the company and were passionate about wanting to stay in contact. Afterwards, we were excited to visit the Minneapolis Timberwolves. The Timberwolves are located in the Mayo Clinic building Downtown and just received a brand new practice facility we had the honor of seeing. There were three former Bobcats working for the Timberwolves and they all had such diverse, inspiring roles within the company. They were passionate about working for the NBA team and it showed us just how many opportunities there are throughout a company. We ended our company visits with 3M where we visited their brand new World of Innovation Center saw all the latest technology and products they have created.

Apart from our company visits, we got to see the great city Minneapolis. We had a 70 degree day for our last day. This was at the beginning of March when Minneapolis is quite cold. We ended our trip at the famous Mall of America. There is an aquarium in the basement that we got to walk through and with over 520 stores, we did some shopping. Our trip to Minneapolis was unforgettable and we can’t thank Select Leaders enough for the opportunity to be exposed to sure great companies and a wonderful city!

- Jill Kolenik, Class of 2018

SOPHOMORES TAKE MINNEAPOLIS

*Top Left:* Visit to 3M’s World of Innovation Center
*Top Right:* Trip to Cummins facilities
*Bottom Left:* Buffalo Wild Wing’s CEO Sally Smith pictured with our Sophomore Select Leaders
*Bottom Right:* Visit to the Timberwolves stadium.
The Future of Select Leaders

Hello, my name is Kegan Wise and I have the privilege to serve as the President of Select Leaders for the 2016-17 school year. Before I explain a few of my goals, I’d like to first explain a little bit about myself. I am originally from Kent, Ohio and will be a senior studying Finance on the Corporate Finance track. This summer, I will be interning at The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. I’m an avid golfer and enjoy traveling.

I applied to Select Leaders my freshman year and officially joined the program in the fall of my sophomore year. Since then, I have had several opportunities to develop my leadership. This includes regularly volunteering with our service partner Habitat for Humanity, studying Stephen Covey’s The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People, and Franklin Covey’s Leadership Foundations. I have been fortunate enough to speak with a number of influential alumni and business professionals in Boston, Chicago, Columbus, and, of course, Athens. It’s my belief that these experiences both inside and outside of the classroom have prepared me to support Select Leaders in the Presidential role.

As President, I am humbled to work with Tim and Tammy Reynolds who are without a doubt Select’s greatest assets. They have educated so many students already and my goal is to continue that education for all of our members. We will do this by focusing on the mission of the Select Leaders Development Program. That mission is to accelerate personal growth, professional development, and leadership identity of high-potential students using principle-based and servant leadership practices. I am so excited to help foster the growth of all of our members, including our new incoming class of 27 high-potential students. We hope to provide this class with as many opportunities as I was afforded, so that we can develop their leadership like many alumni before.

Finally, I’d like to thank everyone who entrusted me with Select Leaders. I feel prepared for this role because of Tim and Tammy’s support, the experienced leadership team who will help me lead, and the faith that our members have in me. I’d also like to thank everyone who has helped me grow throughout my time at Ohio University. I look forward to tackling my role as President, and can’t wait to see the progress of our students and Select Leaders as a whole.

- Kegan Wise, Class of 2017

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Select Leaders Alumni Day

HOMECOMING WEEKEND AT THE ECLIPSE COMPANY STORE

11309 JACKSON DRIVE, THE PLAINS, OHIO

12PM – 4PM

formal invitation to follow

SELECT LEADERS

DEVELOPING BUSINESS STUDENTS INTO BUSINESS LEADERS
Congratulations to Our New Graduates!

David Bartizal  
The Hackett Group  
Consultant  
Chicago, Illinois

"Select Leaders made me realize that any dream is possible with hard work and determination."

Carlee Baumgardner  
KPMG  
Internal Auditor  
Columbus, Ohio

"Leadership is doing what is right when no one is watching."  
- George Van Valkenburg

Amanda Browning  
Ernst & Young  
Assurance Staff  
Columbus, Ohio

"The last four years were amazing, and Select has played a huge role in that - between the people, the trips, and the experiences. Select was an unbelievable experience."

Kyle Carter  
PricewaterhouseCoopers  
Assurance Associate  
Cleveland, Ohio

"Anyone can hold the helm when the sea is calm."

- Publius Syrus

Julia Disanto  
Deloitte & Touche  
Audit Associate  
Columbus, Ohio

"Select Leaders is the ultimate CBS capstone, bringing everything together while teaching us to not only excel but lead the workforce."

Ian Imhoff  
Deloitte & Touche  
Audit Staff  
Columbus, Ohio

"Take every opportunity the program offers, there is no better organization for personal growth!"

Joost Ligthart  
University of Amsterdam  
Management Student  
Amsterdam, Netherlands

"Through Select, I grew as a student, professional, and most importantly as a person."

Kelly Mayer  
Ohio State University  
Master's of Human Resource Management  
Columbus, Ohio

"Select Leaders greatly impacted my college career and beyond - whether it be challenging myself to continue to grow no matter what the role may be or making sure I take time to thank those who have helped me get where I am today."

- 1500 Words
Congratulations to Our New Graduates!

**Angelina Moore**
University of Chicago
Law Student
Chicago, Illinois

"Select Leaders really developed me, both personally and professionally, into the person that I am today."

**Mariah Moss**
Ohio University
Masters Assistancehip
Athens, Ohio

**Eric Novak**
Ernst & Young
Risk Advisor
Cleveland, Ohio

"You get out only as much as you put in."

**Noah Rosenblatt**
The Hackett Group
EPM Consultant
Chicago, Illinois

"Private victories lead to personal success; never under appreciate the small things in life."

**Jake Ryan**
PricewaterhouseCoopers
IT Risk Assurance Associate
Charlotte, North Carolina

"Select Leaders gave me the opportunity to gain valuable advice from executives who I might not have ever gotten the chance to meet."

**Ryan Shultz**
McKinsey & Company
Business Analyst
Cleveland, Ohio

"Select was such an amazing way to connect with like-minded students that drove each other to success."

**Emily Tedford**
84.51° | Data Analyst
Cincinnati, Ohio

"Select Leaders was a valuable experience during my time at OU - providing opportunities to assess strengths and weaknesses while allowing for leadership discussion."

**Kevin Warner**
Visa
HRDP Associate
San Francisco, CA

"I am forever thankful for the opportunities Select Leaders provided us. I'm confident it'll continue to shape who we become into the future."

**Zach Winslow**
Gartner
Fort Meyers, Florida

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If you are interested in our alumni mentorship program, our book of resumes, attending Alumni Day, or speaking to the current members!