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MSU Varsity Alumni 'S' Club

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2010 VARSITY ALUMNI 'S' CLUB GOLF OUTING

Join the Varsity Alumni 'S' Club for our annual Golf Outing on Wednesday, June 2, 2010 at the Forest Akers West Golf Course. There will be a 9:00 a.m. registration and continental breakfast at the course, and a 10:00 am shotgun start for each foursome followed by cocktails, an awards banquet, and our annual meeting starting at 4:00 p.m. in the University Club Ballroom.

The golf Outing is the Club's annual fundraising event, and the entry fee is \$95 per golfer (\$40 for the dinner only). Proceeds and additional donations are used to fund our annual commitments. Sign up today using the form on the Club's webpage (http://www.msvarsityclub.org/Varsity_GolfOuting_2010_Registration.pdf), or contact (517) 355-8523 to make your reservation.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsorships offer you and your business an additional opportunity to support the activities of the Varsity Alumni 'S' Club—including support for the Clara Bell Smith Center and the maintenance of our Clubroom in Spartan Stadium.

Sign up for:

Memory Lane \$100

Memorial sign posted along cart path to the first hole

Go Green \$250

Listed on sponsor board, company sign posted at a tee box or green, and announced at dinner

Go White \$500

All of "Go Green" plus tent cards on tables at dinner

Captain \$1,000

All of "Go White" plus individual banner at registration and dinner

Coach \$2,500 - Lunch or Dinner Sponsor

All of "Captain" plus banner at registration, lunch & dinner, special recognition at dinner banquet, and opportunity to play golf with one of the celebrity golfers to be determined



For questions about each sponsorship level or to make a donation please contact the Varsity 'S' Club Office at (517) 355-8523 or staff@msvarsityclub.org. We will customize a program to fit your interests and donation level.

2010 Varsity Alumni 'S' Club Award Winners to be Announced

The 2010 Varsity Alumni 'S' Club award winners will be announced at the Golf Outing on June 2. This year's recipients of the Breslin, Jackson, Bullough and Retired Coaches awards will be introduced at the concluding banquet, as well as three new Honorary Members. The names of all the award winners, and pictures from the golf outing and banquet, will be presented in the next issue of this newsletter.

Kelly Moffitt Named 2010 Spano Fellowship Recipient



The MSU Varsity Alumni 'S' Club is pleased to name Kelly K. Moffitt the 2010 recipient of the Joey M. Spano Varsity Alumni 'S' Club Graduate Endowed Fellowship. Moffitt will be awarded \$1,000 toward her graduate studies at Michigan State, where she will pursue a Master of Science degree in Kinesiology/Sports Administration. She will also serve as a graduate assistant in Student-Athlete Support Services. A three-year letterwinner in Women's gymnastics, Kelly graduates this May with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Supply Chain Management.

The Joey M. Spano Endowment was established in fall, 2008 by the Club to provide academic scholarships to Spartan letterwinners who wish to pursue an advanced degree at MSU. The endowment seeks to support talented former student-athletes who are MSU Varsity Alumni 'S' Club members in good standing, have completed their undergraduate studies with a GPA of 3.1 or higher and have demonstrated outstanding character and exceptional leadership through university and community involvement.

As a student-athlete, Kelly exemplifies the characteristics the Varsity Alumni 'S' Club seeks in its honorees. Kelly's academic and athletic accomplishments during her four years on campus are remarkable. She is a four-time NACGC/W Academic All-America selection and earned Academic All-Big Ten honors three times. Kelly won the Office of the Provost Award in 2007, was an Auto-Owners Champion in the Classroom and was a two-time recipient of the Spartan Academic Excellence Gala Top Scholar Athlete Award for the Women's Gymnastics Team. Kelly made the Dean's List every semester at Michigan State. Most recently, Kelly was honored with the Gwendolyn Norrell Community Service & Leadership Award.

Kelly has not only been an outstanding student and gymnast, her leadership and community service involvement is truly exemplary. With a highly demanding academic schedule as well as her rigorous athletic commitments, Kelly still found the time to serve as president of the 2009-10 Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. She was also MSU's 2009-10 Big Ten SAAC Representative, Fall 2009 Chair of the Big Ten SAAC Meetings, MSU's representative at the 2009 NCAA Student-Athlete Development Conference, 2009-10 MSU Athletic Council Member and 2009 Student-Athlete Prom Committee Chair.

Kelly has been involved in a host of community outreach programs including Spartan Buddies, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, Children's Miracle Network Telethon & Golf Fundraiser, Pen Pal Program, Area 8 Special Olympics, Teams for Toys, Joe's Kids, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Fundraisers, March is Reading Month, Healthy Living Outreach, Muscular Dystrophy "Muscle Team" Gala and Student-Athlete Mentor.

"I am honored to be this year's recipient of the Joey M. Spano MSU Varsity Alumni 'S' Club Endowment Fellowship", said Kelly. "I am ecstatic to carry on my scholastic endeavors at Michigan State University. I am also pleased to be officially joining the Varsity Alumni 'S' Club".

Kelly will begin her graduate studies in Sports Administration this summer and work as the assistant tutorial coordinator for Student-Athlete Support Services at the Clara Bell Smith Academic Center. "My plans are to finish the Sports Administration program in a year's time and continue on with a second masters degree in Human Resources," said Kelly. "My hopes are that these two degrees, coupled with all of my extra-curricular and community service experience, will lead me into a position within Student-Athlete Development at a leading collegiate institution. All of this will supplement my goal to help further promote the growth and development of student-athletes, our community, and society as a whole."

Kelly Moffitt will be honored at the Varsity 'S' Club Golf Outing dinner on Wednesday, June 2, 2010 at Forest Akers as well as during our Reunion Weekend September 30- October 2, 2010.

The MSU Varsity Alumni 'S' Club, the official letterwinners club of Michigan State University, wishes to continue this tradition of honoring our student-athletes in supporting their higher education dreams, but we need your help. This fellowship is not yet fully funded to endowment status. The goal is to raise \$150,000 to support the higher education of varsity letter winners at MSU. If you wish to contribute to Joey M. Spano MSU Varsity Alumni 'S' Club Endowment, please contact the Varsity 'S' Club Office or submit a check payable to Michigan State University - Spano Endowment AB6017 and mail to the Varsity Alumni S Club office at 276 Spartan Way, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824. Telephone – (517) 355-8523, or visit our website http://msuvarsityclub.org/Spano_Endowment.html

Michigan State University Varsity Alumni 'S' Club Membership Benefit / Merchant Discount Program

The Varsity 'S' Club has initiated a program with several campus-area merchants to give club members a discount on purchases when you present your membership card. So if you live in the East Lansing area, or when you visit campus, please patronize these fine merchants who support MSU athletics. Listed below are the merchants participating in the program. *Discount amounts vary by merchant, so please check with your cashier or waitperson prior to ordering.*

Applebee's - 2284 Woodlake Dr, Okemos
Arby's - 1982 W Grand River Ave, Okemos
Bell's Greek Pizza - 1135 E Grand River Ave, East Lansing
Bethany's Place - 2221 University Park Dr, Okemos
Bravo! Cucina Italiana - Eastwood Town Center, Lansing
College Book Store - Hagadorn Shopping Center
Cosi - 301 E Grand River Ave, East Lansing
Dusty's Cellar - 1839 W Grand River Ave, Okemos
Emil's Italian Restaurant - 2012 E. Michigan Ave, Lansing
Forest Akers West Pro Shop - MSU Golf Courses
Grand Traverse Pie Company - 1403 E. Grand River, East Lansing
Grand Traverse Pie Company - 3536 Meridian Crossing Drive, Okemos
Gilbert and Blake's Steak and Seafood - 3554 Okemos Road, Okemos
Harpers - 131 Albert Ave, East Lansing
Holden & Reid Clothiers - Frandor Shopping Center
Kellogg Hotel - State Room Restaurant - MSU Campus
Kellogg Hotel - Gift Shop - MSU Campus
Michael's (Framing department) - Frandor Shopping Center
Panera Bread - Frandor Shopping Center
Panera Bread - 4738 Central Park Dr, Okemos
Playmakers - 2299 W. Grand River Avenue, Okemos
Spartan Book Store - International Center- MSU Campus
Student Book Store - 421 E Grand River Ave, East Lansing
Trippers - Frandor Shopping Center
Velocipede Peddler - 2758 Grand River, East Lansing

Additional merchants will be added as the program develops. If you need additional information about the program contact the Varsity 'S' Club office at 517-355-8523, or the committee members listed below:

Ron Berby, Club Member, 517-290-8043
Marilyn Bria, Receptionist, 517-355-8523
Eldon VanSpybrook, Past President, 248-895-0015

'WHERE ARE THEY NOW?'

1960s

David Herman, Football 1959-63- David is currently living in Valhalla, NY.

Michael Lesch, Football 1960-63 - Michael is retired and currently living in Westport, CT.

1970s

Stephen Hubbell, Lacrosse 1972-74 - Stephen has been a P.E. teacher in the Detroit Public Schools for 30 years. He is a former Lacrosse Coach for 15 years, as well as a 15 year Lacrosse referee.

Bill Simpson, Football 1971-73, Baseball 1973-74 - Bill tells us that he now lives in Southern California with his family and grand kids.

Gary Parmentier, Football 1967-70 - Gary lives in Casco Township (MI) and is a retired teacher and former football and track coach. He currently has a captain service doing yacht deliveries and gives boating lessons. Gary and wife Donna have been married for 40

years. They have 2 daughters and 4 grand children.

1980s

Andy Ladwig, Gymnastics 1982-87 - Andy now is at Culligan Water Conditioning of Jackson.

Ken Trader, Cheerleading 1980-82 - Ken is the Vice-President of Strategic Accounts with Amerisource Bergen Specialty Group in Frisco, TX.

1990s

Brian Bach, Golf 1987-1991 - Brian is a golf professional and general manager of the Edgewood Country Club in West Bloomfield, MI. He is married to Kerry, an MSU nursing graduate, and they have 2 children, Gunnar 8 and Kruse 3.

Jennifer(Langdon) Hall Tennis, 1991-95 - Jennifer works as a Counselor in Davison, MI.

Roy Hall, Wrestling 1989-92 - Roy is a teacher and wrestling coach in Davi-

son, MI.

Kristin Lester, W. Soccer 1993-96 - Kristin is living in Chicago and is the Director of Financial Reporting for Careerbuilder.com.

Alana (Inkala) Pignataro, Tennis. 1996-98 - Alana taught 1st and 3rd graders for seven years and now stays home with her two growing kids, Allison(4) and Jimmy(1).

Brian Rice, Lacrosse 1988-91 - Brian has been employed at Fisher-Price for 15 years and is married with 2 daughters, Abigail(61/2) and Madeline(3).

2000s

Katlyn Roggensack, Gymnastics, 2006-09 - Katlyn is currently a Master's student at the University of Montana in Communications.

Jeffrey Mulder, Cross Country 1999-2003, Indoor Track 2000, 2002-03, Outdoor Track 2000 & 2002 - Jeffrey is a manager for New Balance of Farmington Hills, MI.

MSU Student-Athletes Graduate with the Class of 2010

To the following graduating seniors: Welcome, You Are Now Officially **Spartan Alumni!!!**

Baseball - Benjamin Vrobel

Men's Basketball - Isaish Dahlman, Thomas Herzog

Women's Basketball - Amanda Piechowski

Football - Trevor Anderson, Brandon Denson, Ashton Henderson, Micheal Jordan, Brandon Long, Andrew Pendy, Joshua Rouse, Ross Weaver, Patrick Rigan, Thomas Wright

Field Hockey - Florentine Rijpma, Molly Ryser, Elissa Unger

Women's Golf - Ashley Dewling, Jennifer Domagalski

Gymnastics - Danielle Fanning, Kelly Moffitt, Megan Bergland, Rochelle Robinson

Rowing - Megan Kursik, Michelle Mussett, Victoria Woodard

Women's Soccer - Megan Brown, Lauren Hill, Kathleen Rehor, Lauren Sinicola

Men's Swimming - David Garry, Matthew Massman, Garrett Ruhland, Joseph, Schmitt, Gabriel Strickler, Ivan Zalessov

Women's Swimming - Kayla Kalmbach, Kara Wackerie, Laura Deford, Nicole Golen, Emma Schaefer

Men's Tennis - William Richardson, Joseph Vallee

Men's Track & Field/Cross Country - Ian Boyle, Maximillian Goldak, Shane Knoll, David Callille, Kyron Foster, Nicholas Katsefaras, Jacob Hamilton, Gerald Hessell, Brent McCarrick

Women's Track & Field/Cross Country - Ashley Casavant, Diane Hamilton, Jennifer Hamilton, Thereseann Huprikar, Rebecca McCormack, Zoe Pelbart, Mary Shaw

Volleyball - Mischelle Nelson

Wrestling - Kyle Bounds, Franklin Gomez, Alan Odonnell, Nicholas Palmieri



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PASSINGS

We extend our sympathy to family and friends of the Varsity Alumni 'S' Club members who have recently passed away.

Amo Bessone Ice Hockey Coach '51-'79
Don Japinga Football '67
Joe Kearney Athletic Director '76-'80
Robin Roberts Baseball, Basketball '47
Brad Van Pelt Baseball, Basketball, Football '73

SAVE THE DATES

VARSITY ALUMNI 'S' CLUB REUNION WEEKEND

It all takes place during the weekend of
MSU vs WISCONSIN FOOTBALL
SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 2, 2010

Check the Club website for details



Due to the high costs of printing and postage, we ask that you help us by keeping your contact information current. **Also, please inform us of any e-mail address changes.** We don't want you to miss out on any of our events.