

Hello, I'm Archie Griffin, president and CEO of the Alumni Association. I have some exciting news to share with you.

Earlier today, Ohio State's Board of Trustees affirmed an agreement unanimously approved by our Board of Directors in January that more closely aligns the Alumni Association with the university. Although our organization has always been a key university ally, today's decision strengthens that partnership and opens the door to great opportunity for the Association and Ohio State alumni.

I want to emphasize that this organizational change will not affect the nature of your membership in the Alumni Association. Your membership benefits will not be diminished and will likely improve through closer alignment with the university. You've made a commitment to us and that commitment will be honored. The Association will remain a member-based organization and continue its proud 130-year tradition of serving Ohio State's alumni and friends.

As I learned throughout my years playing for Woody Hayes, there is nothing more important to success than having a solid and cohesive team. This agreement will provide enhanced collaboration and teamwork between Ohio State and the Alumni Association. Our purposeful partnership will benefit all segments of Ohio State's vast community.

More information on this strengthened partnership is available at our Web site. We will also have more coverage of the change in the March/April edition of Ohio State Alumni Magazine, and during those months we will ask you to vote on changes to the Association constitution that reflect this new relationship.

Thank you for your time and continued commitment to Ohio State. I hope you will join me and your Board of Directors in our excitement over this important step towards One Ohio State.