Over $9,500 was raised in 24 hours to benefit projects directly impacting students at the University of Rio Grande on Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2018. In association with the global movement, #GivingTuesday, the University of Rio Grande participated for the first time ever in #RioGivingDay.

A total of 72 donors contributed to the 11 projects.

#GivingTuesday is a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration.

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Our 2018 Alumni Chapter ‘Meet & Greet’ Events have concluded. This year, we were able to travel the entire state of Ohio, and even to Kentucky to host events for our alumni. We now have established active chapters in Cincinnati, OH (Southwest); Columbus, OH (Central); Cleveland, OH (Northeast); Sandusky, OH (Northwest); Marietta, OH (Southeast); and Ashland, KY. We also have plans for Chillicothe, OH (South Central) for 2019. Whatever region you are in, there is a chapter for you. Call us to find out which Chapter Event you may be interested in for 2019. We hope to have a schedule available by February 2019.

**Northwest OH Chapter Event**

Thank you Sandusky alums for a great time at Quaker Steak & Lube on Oct. 9. Pictured is Terry & Marion Perkins ’65 and ’67, Leslie Millis ’99, Beth Tischler ’00, Mary Bond ’67, Ralph Seward ‘67 and Andrew Betchsman ’09.

**Southeast OH Chapter Event**

Mary Schramm Huck ’15 & husband, Dustin Huck

John & Pam Bostic, Dr. Catherine Clark, Tom Tewksbary ’70, Jay & Karen Pawloski ’87 and ’86, Amy French ’84, Roger French ’85

Kyle Edwards ’11, Josh Fogle ’03 and ’09 and Zach Newell

**Founders’ Day 2018**

The University of Rio Grande and Rio Grande Community College has achieved several accomplishments since first opening in 1876. To commemorate the dedication put into building and opening the institution, and the people who have helped it thrive along the way, Rio hosted its annual Founders’ Day celebration. This year, Founders’ Day took place two days short of the 142nd anniversary of the first day of class at Rio Grande College (Wednesday, September 13, 1876). Director of Alumni Relations Delyssa Edwards said Founders’ Day recognizes Rio’s history and celebrates how successful the institution has been in the community.

For the event, Rio Alumnus Dr. Robert L. Lawson ’73 returned to his alma mater to share words of wisdom with our current students. Since graduating from Rio, Lawson has become a renowned speaker and author of twelve books in the field of self-development. He has also been an educator in high schools and universities for over 40 years, recently retiring from Chillicothe High School. Lawson said he believes the current students at Rio will continue the Rio Legacy by becoming great leaders in their academic and career fields.

As part of the festivities, Rio recognized three Alumni Award Winners for 2018. They are Chad Lambert ’94, Distinguished Alumnus Award; Jessica Wickline Lawhon ’12, Atwood Achievement Award; and Ellen Brasel ’93, University of Rio Grande Alumni Award. In addition two former professors, Linda Bauer and Dr. T. Michael Rhodes were inducted to the Educators’ Hall of Fame. Vicki Crabtree also received the University of Rio Grande Faculty Award. Crabtree will be the last recipient of this award, as the Rio Grande Alumni Association will be introducing a new award for young alumni in 2019. Edwards said these individuals embody Rio Pride through continued service to the institution and their communities.
**Greek Life**

**Upcoming Greek Events**

- April 6 – CHIO 60th Anniversary
- April 24 – AMB 54th Reunion
- April 26 – ARCHON 62nd May Day
- June 22 – ASIG DCM Garage Rules Open Golf Tournament

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**ADE/TKE 50th**

Members of Alpha Delta Epsilon/Tau Kappa Epsilon recently celebrated 50 years as a fraternity during a celebration held Oct. 20 in Gallipolis, OH. Interim President Dr. Catherine Clark was on hand to talk to those in attendance about the future of the University of Rio Grande and Rio Grande Community College.

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**ARCHON** - Archon President, and Rio student Chandler Dodson, is pictured with a recent donation made on behalf of the Archon Alumni Association. During this Spring, the Archons hosted a Antique Car Show on campus and it was a great success. Proceeds now benefit Rio Grande’s Golf Team, that Dodson is a member. The event will be held annually each April.

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**AMB** – Each year, Alpha Mu Beta hosts the Annual Foxtrot 5k to raise money for the Lorie Neal Scholarship in memory of their sister and community champion. Pictured is the sorority sisters during the conclusion of this year’s event.
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BATTLE OF THE DECADES WINNERS

My Decade is Better than Yours!

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Another special recognition went to Timothy Q. Murphy, a Class of 2005 Hall of Fame member who never officially received his award. Members of the Selection Committee traveled to Canal Winchester prior to the 2018 banquet to meet with Murphy and his family and to officially induct him into the Hall of Fame.

During this year’s Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet, not only were the 2018 inductees honored and recognized, but the University of Rio Grande had a very special guest. The Founder of the Athletic Hall of Fame – Howard Blanchard ’55 – was in attendance with his family and received the Founders’ Award from the Athletic Hall of Fame Selection Committee. Blanchard, who now lives in Maryland with his brother and sister-in-law, spent the entire weekend on campus.

Pictured is Howard Blanchard (center) with all of the Hall of Fame members in attendance at this year’s banquet.

This year’s Class of 2018 Rio Athletic Hall of Fame members are pictured. Tyler Schunk, John Lawhorn, and Jessica Ross Herron all were honored during the 2018 banquet held Homecoming weekend.
During his junior year of high school, Maki Karasawa had a hunch that communicative English abilities would be important in the future, even in his country of Japan. So when it came time for college, Maki found what he was looking for at Rio Grande.

After graduating from a high school in Japan, one that was not a school centered on preparing students to enter prestigious universities, Maki became one of the first students to ever enter an American university. As an International Student at the Rio Grande Campus in Japan, Maki immersed himself in the native language. Learning English was the most important element for preparation for his career, since in Japan, English fluency was one of the key elements to have for a successful career.

Upon graduation from Rio in 1994 with his Communication degree in hand, Maki found some difficulties in finding a job due to the deteriorated economy in Japan at the time. The “bubble economy burst” and “everything turned bad”, according to Maki. Under the circumstance, most Japanese companies limited the number of new employment. However, Maki found employment in the trading division of a medical instrument company. During his time with this company, Maki traveled to over 20 countries in seven years.

Today, the proud Rio graduate works for the Nissan Motor Company – the second largest automobile manufacturer in Japan. He is married, and the couple has one son.

Maki enjoys listening to music, and also plays the guitar. His musical interests include Classical, British, American Hard Rock & Heavy Metal. He says music is one of the reasons he started studying English. Today, Maki’s son is practicing the piano, and he looks forward to the day he and his son can play music together.

**1. What did Rio offer you besides an education?**

Rio strengthened my spirit to overcome difficulties. I was obviously struggling the double-whammy of learning lesson contents, complex one such as business ethics and English comprehension itself, especially in the first two years.

**2. What are some of your favorite Rio memories?**

I was one of the members of the newspaper Circle and could issue some editions, titled RIO RAP, with my articles mostly about music. I wrote about Eric Johnson – US famous guitar virtuoso. I also have a good memory about a speech class, which was the toughest one in my school days because I had to write and memorize a long script in English.

**3. Was there any teacher, advisor, coach, etc. that made an impact on your life? How?**

I admire people who have mastered things that I really cannot make myself master of them. A simple example is “virtuosos.” In addition, I have been inspired by people who have outstanding imagination, profound thoughts and breath-taking insights such as Peter Jennings, who is a legendary ABC News anchor; Charles M. Schulz; and Michael Crichton.

**4. What did you learn about yourself during college?**

I think I learned about knowing something new proactively is an important and wonderful attempt to go forward, which is enriching my life.

**5. Tell us about life after Rio.**

After my graduation in 1996, it was the most difficult time of my life. It was a nightmare period, so-called “employment ice age” in the wake of the infamous “bubble economy burst.” But, I could find an interesting job at the trading division of a medical instrument company, which was suitable as my first career because there were many chances to take business trip overseas. In total, I went to more than 20 countries in seven years before I quit. After that, the most memorable event is my life in Vietnam. I have lived and worked in Ho Chi Minh City for six months and in Hanoi for four years. Since 2008, I have been working for the Nissan Motor Company.

**6. How did Rio prepare you for your career?**

Since I am Japanese, learning English was the most important elements of the preparation for my career. The English ability allowed me to access to limitless opportunities. In Japan, English fluency is one of the key elements for your career.

**7. Why are you proud to be a Rio Alumnus?**

I am proud to be a graduate of the university that gave me opportunities to discover the pleasure of learning.
Storm the School Contest

So far, we have ‘STORMED’ several schools in Meigs, Vinton, Jackson, and Gallia Counties. Our contest will be focused on school districts in these areas for the remainder of the school year. After that, we plan to ‘STORM’ the rest of the world – so if you are a teacher and a graduate of the University of Rio Grande – we want to know where you are teaching now so we can send you a packet to ‘STORM’ your school! We will also have a contest for you and your students.

Gallia County – L.J. Shepherd, Class of 2014

Gallia County – Tina Johnson, Class of 1995 & 2002

Gallia County – Stephanie Campbell, Class of 2015

Gallia County – Hillary Attar, Class of 2018 and Miranda Jenkins, Class of 2015

Vinton County – Nancy Harris, Class of 2011

Vinton County – Teresa Merckle, Class of 1997

Jackson City – Misty Williams, Class of 2004

Jackson City – Amy McGhee, Class of 2003

Jackson City – Jennifer Wolford, Class of 2001

Jackson City – Natalie Elliott, Class of 2016

Jackson City – Kim Riegel, Class of 1995