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Together

the Campaign for
OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY

POLAR BEAR CLUB

LEARN. SERVE. DREAM. BELIEVE.

The Polar Bear Club supports the athletic endeavors that make teams successful, like when the women's basketball team won the OAC tournament on their way to the NCAA Elite 8 tournament in 2018.

Supporting ONU athletics

Support the growth and development of Polar Bear student-athletes

Ohio Northern University's student-athletes and coaches set a high bar for achievement and integrity both inside and outside the classroom. Here we build relationships and character along with athletic ability. Coaches treat student-athletes like members of their own families. They mentor, challenge and inspire. Teammates have each other's backs, and they forge friendships that last a lifetime. In stadiums and pools, or on fields, tracks and courts, our student-athletes display the championship traits that let them live up to their potential.

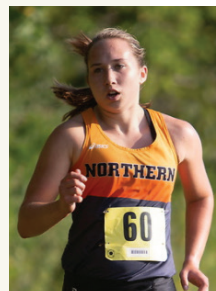
When you join the Polar Bear Club, you keep our tradition of excellence alive. You help ensure that Polar Bear student-athletes have the equipment, experiences and opportunities they need to compete and learn at a high level. We are one Polar Bear team, separated only by years, and every generous gift makes us stronger.

DID YOU KNOW THAT NEARLY A QUARTER
(26 PERCENT) OF ONU STUDENTS
PARTICIPATE IN AT LEAST ONE SPORT?



JOSH GRANT
BS '21 BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
MEN'S SOCCER

"I appreciate the donations and alumni connections that the Polar Bear Club provides for our team. It makes it easier to fight through adversity knowing they've got our backs."



"Thanks to donations and alumni support, I've had the opportunity to participate in highly competitive meets at locations like Emory University in Atlanta and North Central College in Naperville, Ind., that have enabled me to reach my goals."

-Megan Wright, BS '21, Biology
cross country and track and field



YOUR SUPPORT MOVES US FORWARD

When you join the Polar Bear Club, you help coaches build their programs and provide second-to-none opportunities, which aid in recruiting and retaining exceptional student-athletes at Ohio Northern University.

WAYS TO GIVE ▶▶

HERE'S HOW THE POLAR BEAR CLUB IMPACTS STUDENT-ATHLETES:

- **New uniforms.** Thanks to the Polar Bear Club, we've recently purchased new Nike uniforms for men's football, women's soccer and men's soccer.
- **Safety and injury prevention.** Nothing is more important than the health and safety of our athletes. The Polar Bear Club helped us purchase Vicis helmets for the football team that feature top-of-the-line technology for improved protection and performance. In addition, the club funded a cutting edge injury prevention program for women's basketball.
- **Team travel.** ONU teams compete nationally and internationally in places like Europe, Las Vegas and Nashville, with the support of the Polar Bear Club. Through these experiences, student-athletes encounter new competitive challenges and expand their cultural insights.
- **Equipment and facilities.** Polar Bear Club funding keeps our equipment and facilities operational and up to date. Recent upgrades include game goals and covered benches for women's soccer; gear and audio visual equipment for wrestling; backstroke ledges, side grip handles and power racks for swimming/diving; office and stadium lounge improvements for football; goal nets for men's soccer; team gear for volleyball; and much more.
- **Special activities.** From lifting programs to team meals, service projects and team bonding, the Polar Bear Club funds special initiatives that promote teamwork and build leadership skills.

GIVE ANNUALLY TO THE
POLAR BEAR CLUB



POINTS OF PRIDE FROM THE PAST DECADE

- 80 Percent of the teams posted a winning season
- 50 OAC regular-season titles
- 50 OAC tournament or champion meet titles
- 15 National championships
- 95 Different student-athletes received All-American or Academic All-American honors
- 950 Academic All-OAC honors, the most in our 10-team league

"The game of golf has positively impacted my entire family through life lessons, business relationships and lasting friendships. So, I made up my mind to support the ONU men's and women's golf programs to give young people the opportunity to pair golf with an exceptional educational experience."
– Phil Dunkin, BA '77

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