



**The Ohio State University Alumni Association
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OSU GLBT Alumni Society and PFLAG Award Scholarship

The Ohio State University GLBT Alumni Society and Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays announced that Patience Whitworth is the 2002-2003 recipient of the Eric Kohring – PFLAG Scholarship. The Scholarship, which was made possible by the generous gifts of the Eric Kohring estate, PFLAG and GLBT alumni, is given annually to an Ohio State student who has excelled in scholarship, leadership and service. There is a special emphasis on service to the GLBT community.

Patience is a sophomore from California who is majoring in International Business and Finance. Patience has been active in a number of organizations including serving as Co-Chair of Fusion and chair of their 30th anniversary celebration. She has also volunteered with Columbus AIDS Task Force and as a member of the University's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Student Services Speaker's Bureau. In her freshman year, she was chosen as a member of the prestigious Mount Leadership Society in which students dedicate their time to service and leadership.

"Patience was a perfect candidate for this award...her activities show that she has served Ohio State as an out and proud member of our community" said Chad McCoury, member of the Scholarship Selections Committee and former Coordinator of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Student Services.

The Scholarship is the first in a series of scholarships that the University and the GLBT Alumni Society hopes to offer. "We had the largest number of applicants in the history of the scholarship" said Jack Miner, Scholarship Chair for the GLBT Alumni Society. Miner added "we hope that contributions to our scholarship fund will allow us to offer more scholarships in future years." For more information please contact miner.10@osu.edu.

The OSU GLBT Alumni Society's mission is to promote the best interests of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender alumni of The Ohio State University, as well as assisting with the educational needs of current students at The Ohio State University. In addition to the scholarship program, the Society regularly sponsors social events for alumni and a mentoring program for current students.

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