



## 2018 Honoree Pat Whittington



Dr. Pat Whittington was born and raised in Sabina, Ohio. He graduated from East Clinton High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics from The Ohio State University. Pat also obtained teacher certifications in biology, chemistry, and physics from Baldwin Wallace University and went on to teach those subjects at three different high schools. Outside of the classroom, he was a high school girls basketball coach at several schools and a coach for a traveling women's basketball team in Central Ohio.

Pat went on to earn two master's degrees - one in Education Administration and the other in Career and Technical Education, and a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration, from the University of Idaho. These degrees led Pat to serve in various roles throughout the country including the Assistant State Director for Small Business Development for the State of Washington and later on the Associate Dean's staff at Penn State University.

Currently, Pat is the Assistant Dean for Student Development in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences at The Ohio State University. Through his current role as Assistant Dean, Pat has served as an administrator for the OABA Educational Trust for students, not only for The Ohio State University, but also those who have received scholarships at Ohio State ATI, Central State University, Clark State Community College and Wilmington College. Pat takes a personal interest in each of the students in

his care, ensuring they have access to the resources they need. His keen understanding of student needs has been invaluable in providing guidance for our Educational Trust to positively impact as many students studying agriculture in Ohio as possible.

During his tenure at Ohio State, Pat has been honored with the Distinguished Service Award from the National Agricultural Alumni and Development Association, with the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Idaho, and just recently the Outstanding Programing Award from the Ohio State University Office of Resident Life for the work he does with students living in the residence halls who have financial challenges.

Outside of the Dean's Office, Pat serves as an advisor for Delta Theta Sigma Fraternity, Romophos Sophomore Honorary and Ohio Stater's Inc. Aside from his full-time career, Pat shares his time with Ohio State Athletics as the Statistics Crew for men's and women's basketball, runs the scoreboard for men's and women's lacrosse and women's softball, and is the internal PA announcer for OSU football. He has been married to Dr. Susie Whittington for 35 years and they are the parents of three lovely daughters.

Pat's dedication to education, and the development of youth and young adults is beyond compare. The Ohio AgriBusiness Association is pleased to recognize Dr. Pat Whittington as the 2018 OABA Education Trust Honoree.

## For more than 50 years, the *Golf for Scholarships outings*

have been one of the primary fundraising activities for the Ohio AgriBusiness Association Educational Trust scholarship program, through which more than \$45,000 in scholarships is provided annually to students enrolled in an agriculture-related field attending The Ohio State University and OSU Agricultural Technical Institute, Central State University, Clark State Community College and Wilmington College.