

MONDA STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER

Updates from Spring 2026

Monda Student Resource Center Community Garden

The Monda Student Resource Center (MSRC) celebrated its first program expansion in April 2026 with the launch of the MSRC Community Garden. The project was inspired by student feedback expressing a desire for greater access to fresh produce through the Student Food Pantry. Developed in partnership with Green Buckeyes and supported by Ohio State's Facilities Design and Construction and Alumnae Scholarship Housing, the garden will provide students with fresh tomatoes, zucchini, cucumbers, peppers, green onions and basil beginning this fall.



Day of Giving

In April, friends of the MSRC rallied behind Ohio State's Day of Giving. More than 80 donors contributed over \$12,500 to support the MSRC's programs, with a special focus on the Reid Family Career Closet, as students prepared for career fairs and milestone moments, including internships, graduation and first jobs. In addition, several staff, students and supporters served as MSRC Ambassadors – helping us raise awareness and funds throughout the month. Thank you for joining us in building confident, career-ready Buckeyes!

Reid Family Career Closet Pop-Up Event

On January 29, more than 65 students braved winter weather conditions to attend the first Career Closet pop-up event of the year. While the Reid Family Career Closet has a permanent home within MSRC, pop-up events will continue throughout the year to expand access to free professional attire for students.

Doc's Download Featuring the Reid Family

In a recent episode of *Doc's Download: Podcast Edition*, host Dr. Melissa Shivers, Senior Vice President for Student Life, is joined by Allyson and Jimmy Reid—the generous Buckeyes behind the Reid Family Career Closet—and student Krista Bair, who shares firsthand how access to professional attire can be a game changer. Together, they explore why the right outfit is about more than appearance—it's about access, confidence and helping students step boldly into their future.



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Spring Semester by the Numbers

Total number of MSRC visits

3,720



Top requested item categories

Grains, snacks, soups, personal hygiene products and sauces/spreads



Pounds of food distributed to students

34,829



Most reserved items

Toilet paper



Fresh eggs

Canned tuna



Spotlight on Buckeye Food Alliance

Buckeye Food Alliance (BFA) collaborated with several student organizations this semester to create programs focused on supporting students' essential needs. Highlights included a winter kit-packing event with Texnikoi Engineering Honorary and a fashion show in partnership with the Society of Women Engineers. BFA Advisor Madi Barnes received the Outstanding Student Organization Advisor Award, while BFA President Krista Bair was honored with the Willie J. Young Sr. Community Impact Award for their dedication to addressing food insecurity and supporting students. Together, BFA, Semester of Service, Stadium Scholars and Alpha Gamma Delta contributed more than 1,800 volunteer hours to support MSRC operations and programs.

In-Kind Makes a Difference

The MSRC opened with a fully stocked career closet and food pantry thanks in part to generous in-kind donations from Keith Monda and Veronica Brady, staff from Advancement and Student Life, and members of the Ohio State and Central Ohio communities. Since then, dozens of student organizations, university departments and Ohio State alumni clubs and societies have carried forward this 'Buckeyes Helping Buckeyes' mission. A special thank you to the Alumni Club of Franklin County, Alumni Club of Charlotte, Arts and Sciences Alumni Society, The Ohio State University Alumni Association, Ohio State University Retirees Association, Ohio Technology Consortium, Parents Advancement Council, University Women's Club and numerous internal teams for helping ensure we can meet the essential needs of every Buckeye, today and in the future.

Graduation Regalia Rental Program

This spring, the MSRC partnered with Undergraduate Student Government and the Undergraduate Black Caucus to launch a free graduation regalia rental program for undergraduate students. The initiative was designed to reduce financial barriers and increase participation in Ohio State's commencement ceremonies. More than 100 students utilized the program during its first semester, and the service will continue to be available for future university commencement ceremonies.



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