

# THE OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S GUIDE TO TEN (SMALL) WAYS TO GIVE BACK TO ODU

Some of the best gifts alumni can offer our alma mater are not financial and often take very little time or effort. In the holiday spirit of giving, here's ten (small) ways you can support ODU in the upcoming months. Try a few and see how our collective efforts can strengthen the university in 2010.

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- 1 Stay educated about ODU and share what you know with others.**

There are a lot of great things happening on campus. We report a handful to you each month through our [e-News](#). Read and forward this great resource to other Monarchs. [Fan us on Facebook](#) and interact with our posts, sharing your alumni pride and making sure your contacts know about our news and events.
- 2 Contact a former professor and say thank you for his / her impact on your education or career.**

Old Dominion University faculty members have won [24 Outstanding Faculty Awards as awarded by the State Council of Higher Education of Virginia](#). This is more than all of the Commonwealth's colleges and universities except for William and Mary. They have one more (and a 150 year head-start!) Maybe all a current faculty member needs is your encouragement to apply for another!
- 3 Make a financial gift, no matter how small, through the Dominion Fund.**

Every gift, regardless of size, helps ODU meet student and university needs now and in the future. [Visit the Dominion Fund online](#) to learn more about giving programs that support the unique education ODU offers.
- 4 Hire ODU graduates or offer internships to students.**

The Career Management Center offers programs to help alumni throughout their careers. [Visit CMC online](#) to learn more about opportunities for job seekers and employers.
- 5 Attend an ODU Alumni Association or Chapter event in your area.**

ODU Alumni events are great opportunities for networking and socializing to help you strengthen bonds with other alumni. You can stay informed about events that are relevant to you by [registering with the Alumni Association](#). Make sure to indicate your interest in one of our chapters in the "Miscellaneous" portion of your online profile.
- 6 Mentor current students and / or volunteer to work at a graduation ceremony.**

The Alumni Association has programs that match current students with alumni who share similar educational backgrounds and professional goals. You can speak at a Dinner & Discussion event, welcome new students at a Preview or orientation event or congratulate new members at an upcoming graduation ceremony. [Email odualumni@odu.edu](mailto:odualumni@odu.edu) to make sure you are contacted when we're looking for alumni volunteers to work with current students.
- 7 Wear Monarch clothing and display your ODU pride at home and work!**

[Visit the state-of-the-art University Village Bookstore](#) and choose from the Monarch gear available.
- 8 Help recruit future Monarchs and encourage a prospective student to visit campus.**

Many prospective students who visit are amazed at the opportunities available on campus. New dorms, a modern student recreation center, updated academic buildings and an engaged student body all make a huge impact in their decision. [And while you're at it, check out campus for yourself!](#) You will be surprised at the changes you find.
- 9 Support ODU Athletics.**

ODU has made a name for itself in football and basketball as of late, but many of our athletic teams – field hockey, soccer and baseball, just to name a few – have proven their prowess. Visit [odusports.com](http://odusports.com) to find all the schedules and make plans to attend and cheer loudly at games! You can also support Monarch athletics financially by making a donation to [The Big Blue Club](#).
- 10 Register with the Alumni Association online and make sure your former classmates do the same.**

When you [register with the Alumni Association on the Lion's Den](#), you will be able to update your contact information and communication preferences so that you can stay connected with the university. You will also be asked to provide us with information about your days as a student through today to help us create programming and communications that are relevant to you.

