

STATE OF OHIO

# Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus*

I, Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby appoint Dawson Cosgrove, from Kirtland, Lake County, Ohio, as a Member of the Miami University Board of Trustees for a term beginning March 19, 2021 and ending at the close of business February 28, 2023, replacing William M. E. Kulis, whose term expired.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed, at Columbus, this 19th day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty One.

*Mike DeWine*

Mike DeWine  
Governor



# Dawson Cosgrove

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Kirtland, OH

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Class of 2023

Student at Oxford campus

Sophomore

I affirm that all the materials I have submitted are truthful and honest. Further, I affirm that I fit all requirements outlined in this document. If I am not eligible given these requirements, I allow the Selection Committee to remove my application from the list of applicants. – Dawson Cosgrove

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## Dawson Cosgrove

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### Work History:

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#### Rinella Learning Center

Oxford, OH

*Student Instructor*

August 2020- Current

- Coordinate lesson plan with the professor in order to expound on information taught during the lecture
- Run online group study sessions to help struggling students with conceptual problems from class time
- Hold office hours for any student needing more 1 on 1 help with fundamental ideas of economics
- Work through class created to help me become a better mentor and teacher for the students in class

#### University Schools

Hunting Valley, OH

*Groundskeeper (Seasonal)*

May 2019-20-August 2019-20

- Maintained campus grounds by cutting grass daily, to ensure pristine conditions
- Repaired campus fences to ensure general up-keep of the property
- Prepared soccer fields daily prior to each teams practice
- Assisted staff with clearing trees on the cross-country course to prepare for the upcoming season

### Volunteer Work:

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#### Saint Philip Neri

Cleveland, OH

*Volunteer*

January 2015-Current

- Organize, prepare, and serve meals in Cleveland's St. Claire neighborhood the first Sunday of the month
- Clean and set up facility to meet safety standards before and after guests arrive
- Communicated and created relationships with guest in a friendly manner while serving food

#### Kirtland Youth Football Camp

Kirtland, OH

*Volunteer*

August 2015-2018

- Taught individuals football plays and then practiced the plays during scrimmages
- Encouraged the fundamentals of competition while coaching players how to show good sportsmanship

#### Special Sports

Concord, OH

*Volunteer*

May 2017, 2018

- Taught differently abled individuals the techniques and rules to football
- Referred scrimmages, deescalating any disagreements on the field between any of the children

### Education:

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#### Miami University

Oxford, OH

*University Studies*

Current

- First Year Dean's List (3.92 cumulative GPA)
- Rushing Business Fraternities
- Wilks' Leadership Organization
- Member of Multicultural Business Organization, *Recruitment and Retention Committee*
- Student Instructor for Microeconomics
- Member of Business Economics Club

#### Kirtland High School

Kirtland, OH High

*School Honors Diploma (4.15 GPA)*

June 2019

- National Honor Society      • JV/Varsity Basketball
- Peer Leader      • JV/Varsity Football
- Key Club      • Varsity Football Captain Senior Year

**Why are you interested in holding this position, and how would you represent those with different perspectives than you?**

I am interested in the position of student trustee in the Associated Student Government because I understand the importance of higher education and how knowledge transforms people's lives. It provides an opportunity for students to come into college as one person and leave as a totally new and polished version of themselves. At Miami University we clearly embrace knowledge and that in part is what makes Miami so special. The university as a whole embraces the challenge of transforming students, not only in an academic sense, but on a personal level.

As a student trustee I would hope to serve a similar role, just on a micro level. One of the most important factors in creating better students and people is understanding and empathizing with people who have different perspectives. Listening and understanding is something that is so important yet is lacking a lot in today's world. As a student trustee for Miami University, I would work to make sure I listen to others and then transcribe those messages to the board where they can elect what policy can be enacted that will be beneficial to the students, staff, and university as a whole.

**What is the most important issue concerning students at Miami University and what suggestions do you have to address the issue?**

The most important issue is the failure of Miami's students to expose themselves to differing opinions. When we expose ourselves to opinions that differ from our own, not only do we gain a deeper understanding of other people's feelings and beliefs, but we strengthen our own opinions. I believe opening ourselves to others should be the easiest and most sought after response to this issue we are facing at Miami University.

On a personal level, I recently have become a member of the Multicultural Business Organization where everyone's opinions and voices are heard in a respectful manner. In my short time there I would like to think that those discussion have provided me with friends that are willing to challenge each other. I believe that my experience with MBA can serve as a microcosm for Miami University as a whole. As a student trustee I need to find a way to have people's voices heard by people who agree and disagree so that students become fully versed. Empathy is lacking in today's world, Miami University and more specifically Associated Student Government can serve as a first step towards incorporating empathy into everyone student's lives.

My genuine suggestion to solving this issue is a simple one; we need to leave our comfort zones and engage in uncomfortable conversations that make us question our own opinions. This is how we create the strongest opinions and make progress in society, however that may be.

**What do you think is the most important issue facing higher education in the state of Ohio?  
If possible, offer suggestions on how to solve this issue.**

The biggest issue higher education in the state of Ohio is currently facing is access and affordability. It is so hard to place a true dollar value on just how valuable a higher education is to students. Higher education serves as a gateway to a more educated and more intellectually diverse future for students. However, this opportunity is not granted to everyone. For one reason or another, young people are unable to attend institutions of higher education. As the student debt crisis continues to climb, young people are being bound to unsustainable debts that they will be paying off for decades. Personally, I do not have the answer to solving this universal problem. However, I do think that there are steps that can be made to mitigate the severity of the debt crisis and hopefully allow more lower income students to attend Ohio's wonderful institutions.

On the issue of accessibility, there are plenty of ways to provide more students access to higher education. I think that the best way to allow more access is for institutions to be more proactive than they already are in approaching kids. The biggest roadblock in students not attending institutions of higher education is the fact that it has become so expensive and people believe they have better alternatives. I think making higher education both more accessible and cheaper is the first way to help solve the biggest issue currently facing higher education in the state of Ohio.

## GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

**Appointment Date:** 3/19/2021

**Name of Appointee:** Dawson Cosgrove  
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**Name of Commission:** Miami University Board of Trustees  
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**Term Begins:** 3/1/2021  
**Term Ends:** 2/28/2023  
**Party Affiliation:** Democrat  
**Senate Confirmation:** Appointed by the Governor, confirmed by the Senate  
**Financial Disclosure:** Confidential disclosure required  
**Vice:** William M. E. Kulis

