Archie Griffin Bio

Archie Griffin is now The Ohio State University’s senior advisor for Advancement after serving for 11 years as the president/chief executive officer of the Alumni Association (OSUAA). During his time as OSUAA president/CEO, Griffin worked to make it possible for all alumni to stay connected to Ohio State and strengthen the status of the university.

Griffin is the only two-time winner of the Heisman Trophy. A three-time All-American, he is included in the NCAA’s 100 Most Influential Student-Athletes and is a member of the National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame board of directors. In 2014 Griffin was honored as All-Century Player by the Tournament of Roses Association, in celebration of the 100th anniversary Rose Bowl game. Griffin played in four consecutive Rose Bowl games under legendary coach Woody Hayes.

Griffin earned his degree from Ohio State in 1976. He was a first-round draft choice of the Cincinnati Bengals, where he served as co-captain and played for seven years. He returned to Ohio State in 1984 and rose to become associate director of athletics for sports. He’s led the Ohio State University Alumni Association since 2004.

Griffin created the Archie Griffin Scholarship Fund, which benefits Ohio State’s Olympic sports programs. The Archie and Bonita Griffin Foundation Fund helps develop sports, educational, and travel programs for youth in central Ohio. Griffin has three children: Anthony, Andre, and Adam. Archie and his spouse, Bonita, reside in Westerville, Ohio.

Locally, Griffin has been inducted into the Ohio High School Athletic Association Circle of Champions, which recognizes former high school student athletes who have demonstrated outstanding character and accomplishments on and off the field.

Legendary Ohio State football coach Wayne Woodrow Hayes famously said of Archie Griffin, “He's a better young man than he is a football player, and he's the best football player I’ve ever seen.”

A sought-after speaker and humanitarian, Griffin serves on many boards and foundations. He has been a Director of Abercrombie & Fitch Co. since 2000. Mr. Griffin serves as a Director of Motorists Mutual Insurance Company, Trustee for Diamond Hill Funds and Member of the governing committee for The Columbus Foundation.