



The PROMISE

“Religion morality and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged.”

—Northwest Ordinance of 1787

Fulfilling the promise of Ohio University is a responsibility shared by everyone from students and faculty to alumni and administrators. It is a legacy we inherited from our founders who understood that education was the key to opportunity for the people of our state. It is a part of our essence, our Bobcat spirit that transcends through our more than 200 years as a premier educational institution.

Helping students realize their greatest potential is something we recommit ourselves to each and every day. Because of our faculty, who are nationally recognized in their respective fields, students have an unparalleled opportunity to engage and receive mentorship opportunities with respected experts.



Sharing a laugh, **President McDavis** and **Virginia Patton Moss** enjoy the Russ College spring awards celebration.

In the Russ College, our faculty and staff’s commitment to helping our students make a difference is evident in the hands-on learning, research, and creative activity opportunities. The Russ College is preparing the next generation of engineers and technologists—the leaders who will design the technologies our world needs and meet the challenges we face. They will create more efficient engines, build better bridges, design faster computers, navigate future aircraft, and develop technologies that will save lives in medical emergencies.

Helping students to achieve their promise is not possible without the generous commitment of our alumni and friends. Two wonderful and dear friends of Ohio University, Fritz and Dolores Russ have placed their remarkable legacy in our hands. By bequeathing \$95 million, the Russes have entrusted us with the responsibility to carry forward their commitment to innovation, engineering, and the betterment of humankind through our stewardship of this incredible gift.

Last academic year, we also learned that our dear friend Beth Stocker provided \$5 million. Half was designated for the Russ College, with the rest designated to the University Libraries, student scholarships, and the Program to Aid Career Exploration.

In addition to the Russes’ and Mrs. Stocker’s gifts, the Russ College was blessed to receive more than \$3 million in gift commitments to innovative initiatives such as the Academic & Research Center, which will transform how Russ College students learn and our faculty discover new technologies.

This continued generosity and commitment from alumni and friends will help Ohio University and the Russ College realize its commitment to our students, our faculty, and our communities.

Our students have the promise to change our world, and we are counting on them to make a difference. 🌱