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## Ohio University Mission Statement

*Ohio University holds as its central purpose the intellectual and personal development of its students. Distinguished by its rich history, diverse campus, international community, and beautiful Appalachian setting, Ohio University is known as well for its outstanding faculty of accomplished teachers whose research and creative activity advance knowledge across many disciplines.*

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## Vision (DRAFT STATEMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION)

1. **Ohio University** will be one of the nation's premier institutions of higher education, building on its rich history and promise by achieving prominence in undergraduate student learning, distinction in select graduate and professional programs and excellence in research, creative activity and public service.
2. **Ohio University** will be one of the nation's premier institutions of higher education, building on its heritage as a university of distinction and place of promise for students comprehensively in undergraduate education, selectively in graduate and professional education, and universally in scholarly and artistic achievement and public service.
3. **Ohio University** will be recognized among the nation's top 50 public universities for transforming student lives through faculty and student scholarship, creative activity, research, diversity and service.
4. **Ohio University** will be the nation's premier institution of higher education for transforming student lives.
5. **Ohio University** will be the nation's premier institution of higher education where students discover and realize their promise.
6. **Ohio University** is an extraordinary learning community where students develop their full potential as valued members of society and its [sic] intellectual and economic development. (Board Summary)

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## Core Values and Guiding Principles

As Ohio University works to achieve its vision, a set of fundamental principles guide our decisions:

1. Strong undergraduate programs with a liberal arts core are a vital and necessary foundation.
2. Strong graduate and professional programs are necessary to achieve our educational, research, and creative mission.
3. All forms of research, scholarship, and creative activity are vital to the intellectual life of the university, and their integration into both graduate and undergraduate curricula is a key component of student success.
4. Learning at the university is enhanced by creating a community of students, faculty, and staff who come from diverse backgrounds. That community benefits from our commitment to international education and the inclusion of global perspectives in our curricula.
5. Advising, mentoring, personal interaction, and active engagement among faculty, staff, students, and alumni greatly enhance the educational experience.
6. Learning is derived from the totality of the college experience, including activities both inside and outside the classroom.
7. Shared governance—the inclusion of input from all constituent groups is central to our decision-making processes.
8. Our continuing success requires judgments about and selective investment in initiatives that will advance our mission.
9. Accountability is essential to effective management and requires commitments to assessment, planning, decision making, and continual improvement.

To support our educational mission in achieving the goals outlined above, we require a well-maintained infrastructure of people and facilities. Our academic support services exist to serve the academic mission; they should be effective, efficient, and continually improving. A sense of community and an appealing environment provide a special place in which to learn, live, and work. All individuals in the university community are valued; their skills and knowledge should be cultivated, their work supported, and their leadership skills developed. Interactions among all individuals in the university community should be built on standards of civility, integrity, caring, and collaboration. Our commitment to the region is expressed through stewardship of shared resources, access to programs and services, and contribution to economic development.