PRESIDENT’S REPORT

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Ohio University Alumni Association
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Vision Statement
Ohio University will be the nation's best transformative learning community where students realize their promise, faculty advance knowledge, staff achieve excellence, and alumni become global leaders.

Core Values

- **Excellence is our hallmark**
  - Outstanding people, ideas, and programs drive our educational mission.

- **Integrity, civility and diversity define our community**
  - These values guide our leadership in a global society.

- **Stewardship enhances our legacy**
  - As Ohio’s first institution of public higher education, we are mindful of our accountability to the public trust.
OHIO Communities
University Fundraising

Alumnus Jeff Chaddock and his partner Mark Morrow announced plans to give 97% of their estate charitably.

Proceeds from an endowment they will create through the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio will support the Jeff Chaddock Scholarship for Appalachia at Ohio University, the Kennedy Museum of Art, the Ohio University Press, The Dairy Barn Arts Center, the Southeast Ohio History Center, and animal welfare in Athens.

The estate also includes commitments to The Ohio University Foundation to support OHIO’s Division of Student Affairs, scholarships in the Scripps College of Communication, and the Performing Arts Series.
University Fundraising

College of Arts & Sciences alumnus Robert Ackley and his wife Ileane contributed $5 million dollars to benefit students, faculty, and programs in the departments of Chemistry and Physics. The estate gift represents the largest single contribution ever made to either of the two departments.

The Estate of alumnus Dr. Ralph Ackerman contributed more than $1.1 million dollars to the Patton College of Education and the College of Fine Arts to fund scholarships supporting students studying education and music education.
Alumnus Phil Muck and his wife Pat visited Athens to celebrate the ribbon cutting for the Phil and Pat Muck Business Annex, so named in honor of the couple’s steadfast commitments of time, talent and treasure to OHIO and the College of Business.
Points of Pride

OHIO Professor Rajko Grlić Wins Big at The Montreal World Film Festival

Professor Grlić won the Grand Prize of the Americas for his film *The Constitution*, which he directed and co-wrote.
OHIO Professor Lawrence Witmer was on a team that recently discovered and classified a 230 million year old species of reptile. The new species, named Triopticus primus, pre-dated the dinosaurs.
Points of Pride

Ohio University named one of the top 20 “most beautiful public college campuses in America”

Thrillist, a digital media company that covers food, entertainment and travel, described Ohio University as “a masterpiece of red brick, dotted with white columned-buildings and lush foliage.”
During Homecoming weekend, Ohio University and the City of Athens celebrated the grand re-opening of the iconic Class Gateway. The event marked an important step in the improvement of accessibility to College Green. The Gateway is now ADA-compliant.
Points of Pride

2016 OHIO Faculty Newsmakers Gala
Tuesday, October 18, 2016

Sponsored by Ohio University Communications and Marketing and the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost, this annual event is designed to honor Ohio University faculty who elevate the University and raise its national and global profile through media coverage of their work and expertise. Eighty-six faculty newsmakers were featured in more than 2,600 media reports and approximately 1,340 news outlets during 2015.
Points of Pride

OHIO represents at International Space Conference

Professor of Environmental & Plant Biology Dr. Sarah Wyatt, and her OHIO graduate students Colin Kruse, Proma Basu, and Alexander Meyers, presented their research at the GeneLab symposium at the 2016 American Society for Gravitational and Space Research. Dr. Wyatt’s experiments went to space in 2015.
Dr. Juliana De Paula Souza honored OHIO Associate Professor of Environmental & Plant Biology Dr. Harvey Ballard by naming a violet she discovered after him, (Anchietea ballardii). Dr. De Paula Souza worked with Dr. Ballard as a post-doctoral student whose research was supported, in part, by a Baker Fund grant.

Anchietea ballardii
To highlight Ohio University’s humble beginnings and the amazing transformation we have experienced since 1804, the Office of the President honored the 200th anniversary of the Cutler Hall cornerstone being laid on October 21st. A groundbreaking also occurred where a time capsule will be buried.
Dr. John Staser, Assistant Professor of Chemical Engineering will lead a team researching ways to process the main waste products of biorefineries into profitable resins that can be used in construction. Dr. Staser received the grant from the Department of Energy.
Construction of a campus observatory is underway at the Ridges site where the Tuberculosis Ward once stood. The observatory is stationed close to usable seminar space so that classes can be held at the location.

OHIO’s Physics and Astronomy department also plans to use the observatory for their public outreach programs to teach the community about the universe.
HCOM Physician Dr. Todd Fredericks and Associate Professor of Media Arts & Studies Brian Plow have made a documentary to help student physicians better understand veteran health challenges. Dr. Fredericks’ research on miscommunication between civilian doctors and veteran patients inspired the documentary.
Ohio State Bar Association awards grants for two OHIO-based projects.

Pre-Law Advisor Larry Hayman was awarded a grant to support the Ohio University Center for Law, Justice & Culture’s Summer Law & Trial Institute, a program that teaches high school students about law.

Associate Professor of Sociology Ursula Castellano received a grant to complete a video project about veteran treatment courts, which aim to reduce recidivism and improve outcomes for veterans embroiled in the justice system.
Alumnus Dave Malloy (BMusComp, ‘98) earned praise from the New York Times for his play “Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812.” The play, a musical inspired by the novel War and Peace, was named amongst the “Best Theater of 2016.”
Points of Pride

OHIO Bobcats played Troy Trojans on December 23rd in the Dollar General Bowl in Mobile, Alabama.
Points of Pride

Former Cutler Scholar named one of Forbes Magazine’s 30 Under 30 – Law & Policy

Matthew Denhart, B.A. ‘10
Executive Director, Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation
Points of Pride

On December 10th, nearly 900 Bobcats received their degrees at Ohio University’s Fall Commencement ceremony.
Points of Pride

OHIO Hockey Head Coach named Head Coach of U.S. Men’s National University Team

Sean Hogan headed up the team competing in the 2017 Winter World University Games.

The tournament took place January 28 – February 8, 2016 in Kazakhstan.
Points of Pride

Ralph and Luci Schey Sales Centre hosts career fair that results in 138 new Bobcat hires

Of the 460 students who attended the career fair on September 19th, 138 found jobs and internships. 41 companies attended.
Points of Pride

75 faculty and student inventors were honored on February 8, 2017 at the Inventors’ Dinner

The event recognized those at Ohio University who received a patent, filed for a patent, or registered an invention through the Ohio University Technology Transfer Office.

The 2016 Konneker Medal for Commercialization and Entrepreneurship, was awarded to OHIO alumnus Jake Sigal, for his innovative work in digital audio.
On February 2, 2017, we celebrated the grand reopening of the newly renovated McCracken Hall, home of the Patton College of Education.
On February 17th, we said goodbye to President and First Lady McDavis
And on February 22, 2017, we announced the 21st President of Ohio University, Dr. Duane Nellis.
Dr. Nellis, a professor of Geography, and Mrs. Ruthie Nellis, a librarian, will begin their tenure at Ohio University on July 1, 2017. Dr. Nellis previously served as the President of the University of Idaho (2009-2013) and the President of Texas Tech University (2013-2016).

We are delighted to welcome Dr. and Mrs. Nellis to our university community.
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