

Dr. M. Duane Nellis
 21st President of Ohio University
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President M. Duane Nellis

& THE PATTON COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Since Duane Nellis was announced as the 21st President of Ohio University on February 21, he has been extremely engaged with the faculty, staff, and students in The Patton College. Here are examples of his visits and dedication to our College in 2017.

MARCH 14
 Board of Trustees Visit The Patton College
 Prior to assuming official duties, soon-to-be President Duane Nellis and First Lady Ruthie Nellis joined the Board of Trustees for a tour of the newly renovated McCracken Hall. At the end of the tour, guests were treated to desserts prepared by the College's Restaurant, Hotel and Tourism program.



The visit enabled the Trustees to see firsthand the impact of development and philanthropy at OHIO. The generous gift of Violet L. Patton made possible the renovation of The Patton College, and a tour was provided to see the instructional and research facilities that support the academic programs within the College.

JULY 14
 EdTalks
 The Patton College hosted its first series of EdTalks, which will be an on-going outreach activity within the College. The event featured presentations by three Patton College faculty members, followed by a complimentary lunch. EdTalks are the College's version of the popular TED Talks where speakers deliver short presentations of "ideas worth sharing." President Nellis attended the event and said the topics discussed are all important national issues. "The structure of the EdTalks creates a forum where the speakers can share this information more effectively and broadly, and I hope this becomes a regular activity at Ohio University," Dr. Nellis said.



President Nellis posed with EdTalks presenters, Drs. Theda Gibbs-Grey, Mike Kopish, and Tamarine Foreman.

JULY 29
 Upward Bound Awards Ceremony & Graduation
 Upward Bound celebrates its 50th Anniversary during its annual Awards Ceremony and Graduation. Earlier in the year, President Nellis saved the summer program (see June 12), and Upward Bound graduates showed their thanks to both the President and the First Lady during the ceremony. President Nellis said, "I recognize how important Upward Bound is to its participants and their families, and that is why I decided to support and fund our Upward Bound program this summer."



Upward Bound graduates expressed gratitude to President Nellis and the First Lady at the conclusion of the 50th Anniversary ceremony.



President Nellis enjoyed the new technology in the Experimental Lab as demonstrated by Dr. Jesse Strycker (middle), and he learned about the Doxsee Collection from Retail Merchandising and Fashion Product Development students Sierra Holt and Emylee Smith (pictured right).



SEPTEMBER 13
 President Nellis Meets with Faculty and Staff
 In an effort to learn more about the teaching, research, and outreach of units across Ohio University, President Nellis scheduled visits with each College. During his visit to The Patton College, President Nellis met with the Academic Leadership Team, Faculty, and Administrative/Classified Staff. He also learned more about McCracken's Experimental Lab and Doxsee Collection.



NOVEMBER 7
 Teaching, Learning and Reporting about Science in Times of Public Mistrust
 The Patton College's Dr. Sami Kahn organized a science panel that brought together a *New York Times* reporter, a Wellston High School teacher and his students who were subjects of the reporter's series on climate change, and OHIO experts to discuss one of the many issues dividing our country. President Nellis introduced the panel. The event resulted in an article in the *New York Times* and is an excellent example of National Prominence for our College and University.

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President Nellis jumped in with both feet, making serious decisions affecting OHIO and The Patton College. Photo by Ben Siegel

JUNE 12
 First Full Day at OHIO & Saves Summer Upward Bound Program
 President Nellis experienced his first full day at OHIO and joined with presidents at 183 other colleges and universities in signing a national declaration to support climate action in accordance with the Paris Agreement. During his first week, President Nellis made a generous decision to fund the Upward Bound Summer Enrichment Program upon hearing the grant was not renewed. Dean Middleton said, "Dr. Nellis is 'one of us,' and he understands that these types of programs make our University distinctive."



President Nellis hosted Chancellor Carey and guests at The Patton College so they could learn more about our mission and vision and The Clinical Model from Marcy Keifer Kennedy, director of the Center for Clinical Practice in Education.

AUGUST 17
 ODHE Chancellor Visit
 Ohio Department of Higher Education Chancellor John Carey visited The Patton College with President Nellis and a number of ODHE and OHIO support staff. Representatives from Teacher Education explained to the group the importance of The Patton College's Clinical Model of Preparation, how our Professional Development Schools Partnerships worked, and the benefits to all involved. The visitors also viewed a video on the College's renovation and took a tour of the building.

The Patton College presented President Nellis with the very first Legacy Leaf on Legacy Day to commemorate the day of his Presidential Inauguration as the 21st president of OHIO.



OCTOBER 18
 "Legacy Day" During Presidential Inauguration Week
 Each day during the Presidential Inauguration Week had its own theme. On the actual day of the Presidential Investiture, the theme was Legacy Day. President Nellis made time to visit The Patton College to receive the first engraved Legacy Leaf, which is part of the College's fundraising campaign for the structural upkeep of the building. President Nellis, upon receiving his engraved platinum leaf, selected the location of his leaf and placed it on the wall... the first of many leaves to come. Later that day, Dean Middleton and PCOE faculty/staff showed their support at the President's Investiture.



Dean Middleton congratulated President Nellis after the official Investiture Ceremony. Photo by Ben Siegel