I’m proud to bring you our sixth issue of Ingenuity, but moreso about the following pages and the stories on them. We have so many accomplishments and activities to share, from the grand opening of the Academic & Research Center (ARC) to our biennial dean’s retreat where department chairs, center directors, and Board of Visitors members collaborated to plan the Russ College’s future.

Standing ready to cut their ribbon, Charles, B.S.M.E. ’66, HON ’05, and Marilyn Stuckey (R) listen as Dean Dennis Irwin addresses the hundreds of guests who attended the Academic & Research Center grand opening in May.

The highlight of the past year has no doubt been seeing how quickly our students took to the ARC. Literally overnight, the bright, open “living room” atrium was filled with students meeting, greeting, studying, and snacking at all hours.

Now it’s customary to see our students propping their feet on the tables with their computers on their laps. They gather in project team rooms for impromptu study groups or to work on senior design projects. I have no doubt that what they’ll show us in years to come will amaze us.

As 2010 nears its end, we look forward to the future while also reflecting on the Russ College’s 75-year history, which we’ll celebrate with a range of events around Homecoming this October. You’re invited (see below)!

It was in 1857, fifty-three years after Ohio University was established, that the first engineering course—simply called “Civil Engineering”—was listed in the University catalog. Other milestones followed:

• 1890: The first reference to engineering as a discipline occurred with the introduction of a series of courses in electrical engineering
• Late 1800s/early 1900s: Two- and four-year programs in electrical and civil engineering were offered
• 1935: The Board of Trustees established the College of Applied Science—with courses in civil engineering, electrical engineering, agricultural engineering, industrial arts, and home economics
• 1936: Albert A. Atkinson, a professor of physics and electrical engineering, was appointed as our first college dean
• 1940: Aviation training was offered
• Late 1950s: The Board of Visitors was organized
• 1962: In April, C. Paul, B.S.E.E. ’26, HON ’74, and Beth Stocker began their tradition of giving to Ohio University, with a gift of $500; that November, Fritz, B.S.E.E. ’42, HON ’75, and Dolores Russ also made their first gift: $25
• 1963: The College of Applied Science was renamed the College of Engineering and Technology
• 1978: Paul Stocker bequeathed $8 million to the college
• 1980: The Stocker Endowment was established; 30 years later, it still supports student scholarships and fellowships, faculty research and enrichment funds, and Stocker Visiting Chair Professors
• 1983: Ground was broken for the largest Ohio University project at the time: the $11.7 million Stocker Engineering Center, which would renovate Crook Hall into a five-story complex joining all engineering and technology departments
• 1985: Stocker Center opened, during the 50th anniversary year of the college
• 1988: Ten years after the Stocker bequest and three after Stocker Center opened, all degree-granting departments reported growth in enrollment and programs
• 1994: The 59-year-old College of Engineering and Technology was renamed The Fritz J. and Dolores H. Russ College of Engineering and Technology
• 1999: Fritz and Dolores Russ established the Russ Prize, now today’s top bioengineering prize in the world, with a multimillion-dollar gift to Ohio University
• 2001: The first Russ Prize was awarded to Earl E. Bakken and Wilson Greatbatch, inventors of the heart pacemaker
• 2004: Charles, B.S.M.E. ’66, HON ’05, and Marilyn Stuckey made a gift of $5 million for a new learning and research facility
• 2007: Ground was broken for the $34 million Osteopathic Heritage Foundations - Charles and Marilyn Stuckey Academic & Research Center, a collaborative effort between the Russ College and College of Osteopathic Medicine
• 2008: Fritz and Dolores Russ bequeathed $95 million to the Russ College, the largest gift to any public engineering college and to any public university in the state of Ohio
• 2010: The Academic & Research center opened, during the 75th anniversary year of the college
• 2011: The sixth Russ Prize will be awarded

Ours is a rich history, one about which we should all be very proud. It’s one woven with people who have made engineering and technology advances that have improved our lives. It’s one woven with an incredible tradition of charitable giving with a range of $25 to $95 million.