Presidential Report

PRESIDENT M. DUANE NELLIS
Board of Trustees Meeting | June 23, 2017
Presidential Transition Highlights

Since being named President in February, I have:

- Received many kind messages from colleagues around the country
- Met students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of Ohio University at a Welcome Reception on March 17th
- Attended the March Board of Trustees meeting, the May Alumni Board meeting and the June Foundation Board meeting
- Visited and toured the Athens, Dublin and Cleveland campuses
- Celebrated with the Class of 2017 at OHIO’s Spring Commencement
- Made numerous calls to deans, VPs, Board chairs, donors; met with all direct reports
- Communicated with Dr. Descutner and President’s Office staff nearly every day
- Sent a welcome letter to the incoming freshman class
#NellisFirstDay
Looking Forward

Taking a university of distinction to even higher levels

SUMMER/FALL 2017

- Engaging with various faculty, staff, students, Trustees, alumni, thought leaders, business leaders, elected officials, other partners and supporters

- Refine priorities and vision for the institution
University Leadership Changes

Dr. Pam Benoit
Provost and Executive Vice President
New Position: Senior Vice President and Provost at the University of Alabama - Birmingham

Bryan Benchoff
VP for University Advancement
President/CEO of The Ohio University Foundation
New Position: President/CEO of the Louisiana State University Foundation & Vice President of Institutional Advancement

Jennifer Neubauer
Executive Director of the OHIO Alumni Association & Assistant VP of Alumni Relations
New Position: President of the University of Illinois Alumni Association
University Leadership Changes

Dr. David Descutner  
Interim Executive VP & Provost

Dr. Tom Davis  
Interim VP for Advancement &  
Interim President/CEO of  
The Ohio University Foundation
University Leadership Changes

Dr. Matthew R. Shaftel
Dean, College of Fine Arts
Effective July 15th

Dr. Cary Frith
Interim Dean,
Honors Tutorial College
Effective June 5th

Dr. Jeremy Webster
Dean, Zanesville Campus
Effective June 5th
Celebrating our Student Excellence
Approximately 3,000 undergraduates, 700 graduate students participated.
124 student doctors became osteopathic physicians.
Bobcat Beacons of Excellence

Ohio University Speaking Bobcats win five national championship titles

The Speaking Bobcats excelled at the Public Communication Speech & Debate League National Tournament, bringing home more than 20 awards, including five national titles. The team was recognized by the Ohio Senate on April 26th.
Ohio University’s International Week festivities annually bring together the Athens and University communities.

The purpose of the week is to increase international awareness and celebrate diversity.

The International Street Fair is a well-attended, family friendly ending to the week that showcases food and cultural activities from around the world.
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Six Ohio University students receive the nationally competitive Fulbright Award

Sasha Estrella-Jones
Claire Seid
Austin Stevens
Taylor Potts
Sara Sand
Paige Walters
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OHIO baseball wins the
2017 MAC Championship
Alex Driehaus was one of six photojournalism finalists and the only student selected from the state of Ohio to compete in the 57th Annual National Writing, Photojournalism, Radio, Television and Multimedia Championships held in San Francisco May 29th to June 2nd.
OHIO sophomore Jordyn Zimmerman told her story to The Hechinger Report of how she chose Ohio University after visiting multiple schools because she believed we were best suited to meet the needs of an autistic student like herself.

The Hechinger Report is a nonprofit, independent news organization focused on inequality and innovation in education.

“In many ways, I got lucky. I found a program that could meet my needs and a university that advocates for my success. From my professors to the administration, almost everyone has been welcoming and supportive of my needs – taking the time to meet with me when I have any questions or concerns.”
Ohio University student Joy Kostansek was one of only 35 students nationwide to be selected by OXFAM to participate in its CHANGE initiative, which seeks to solve poverty, hunger and social injustice.
Celebrating our Faculty and Staff Excellence
Bobcat Beacons of Excellence

The Ohio University Center for Entrepreneurship, a collaboration between the College of Business and Voinovich School of Leadership, won the 2017 Deshpande Symposium Award for Excellence in Student Engagement in Entrepreneurship.

Management Department chair Luke Pittaway accepted the award, and said, “Our university is student centered, so this is an exceptionally important award.”

Luke Pittaway, College of Business
Ohio University’s response to the students impacted from President Trump’s travel ban received national praise and attention in The Chronicle of Higher Education on May 18th.
Scripps School of Journalism instructor Kari Gunter-Seymour has won the National Federation of State Poetry Societies’ BlackBerry Peach Spoken and Heard award.

Ms. Gunter-Seymour’s poetry focuses on Appalachia.
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The Scripps College of Communication recently hosted the first Ohio University Summer Coding Camp. The free program was offered to 21 middle-school aged girls to build their interest and skills in the field of coding.
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OHIO Professor Named One of the “Best Doctors in America”

Dr. Amanda D. Maynard, Clinical Assistant Professor at Ohio University and Internist at Ohio Health, has been named one of the “Best Doctors in America” by the American Health Council. Dr. Maynard was awarded the “Leaders in Medicine” award.
Bobcat Beacons of Excellence

The District on West Green in Boyd Hall Receives National Recognition

Foodservice Equipment & Supplies (FE&S) Magazine named The District on West Green in Boyd Hall its 2017 Facility Design Project of the Year. FE&S recognized the design team on May 20th at its 2017 Dealer of the Year and Industry Awards Gala – an event that honors the foodservice community’s brightest stars.
Ohio University’s Student Accessibility Services is investigating Universal Design for Learning, a technique that seeks to improve learning environments to better accommodate individuals with learning differences.
Celebrating our Alumni Excellence
Bobcat Beacons of Excellence

**OHIO Alumnus’ show was nominated for more Tony awards than any other show**

Alumnus Dave Malloy (BFA ‘98) has earned praise from the New York Times and several others for his musical “Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812.” The production is inspired by the novel War and Peace. The Tony Awards was held June 11th.
Ohio alumnus David Michael Crane receives an honorary doctorate

Served more than 30 years in the U.S. federal government, including acting as the founding Chief Prosecutor of the Special Court for Sierra Leone, an international war crimes tribunal.

Former Ohio journalism student Wesley Lowery named to Forbes Magazine’s 30 Under 30 – Media

Ohio 2017 Undergraduate Commencement Speaker and Pulitzer Prize winning journalist at The Washington Post
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USA TODAY

Gerald R. Ford
Presidential Foundation

OHIO alum and USA TODAY White House correspondent Gregory Korte won the 30th Annual Gerald R. Ford Journalism Prize for Distinguished Reporting on the Presidency
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Pete Souza, former OHIO assistant professor of visual communications and chief official White House photographer for Barack Obama, returned to OHIO for his first public appearance since Obama left office.
Thank you for the hospitality
Presidential Highlight

Dedicated Education Unit: A Clinical and Academic Partnership

Presenters:
William Willan
Executive Dean, Regional Higher Education

Pamela Sealover
Associate Director of Nursing, Ohio University-Zanesville

Lynn Tincher, RN
Clinical Manager, Genesis Health Care

Sarah Pierce, RN
Clinical Mentor, Genesis Health Care & OU-Z instructor

Callie Hansgen
Nursing Student
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