2010 President’s Report
The Promise Lives
Art and life merge in Aminah Robinson’s work, transforming the first floor atrium of Ohio University’s Baker University Center into a visually dynamic walkway. The work holds cultural significance as a visual record of the community history and generational memories that have been passed down to the artist. In turn, the piece is intended to inspire students and visitors from around the world to express the stories of their own local communities and heritage through art.
A Place Where Promise Lives

As both president and an alumnus of Ohio University (OHIO), I am pleased to present this publication highlighting some of the many accomplishments of our students, faculty, staff, and alumni. Although these endeavors are but a sampling of the achievements occurring each day at our University, they represent an ongoing tradition of excellence and demonstrate the many ways that the promise envisioned by our founders in 1804 continues to live in the 21st century.

OHIO students and faculty are making a difference through a variety of far-reaching initiatives. Whether it’s assisting Louisiana residents suffering in the wake of Hurricane Katrina and the Gulf oil spill, installing a solar-powered water pump for residents of a village in Ghana, or working on environmentally-friendly fuels that may benefit our planet, we take pride in the work of our students and faculty who carry the promise of OHIO with them on our six campuses, in their communities, and around the world.

Thank you for taking the time to review a few of our recent achievements. In an effort to share the annual report more broadly without increasing costs, we have made this report available online at www.ohio.edu/report.

Cordially,

Roderick J. McDavis
President

Record enrollment. More students than ever are finding their paths to promise at Ohio University. The University set a total enrollment record in 2010–11 with its six campuses, two centers, and online programs providing educational opportunities to more than 32,000 students.

Career preparation. Each year, Ohio University Career Services helps students prepare for job searches by providing assistance with resumes, mock interviews, and more, leading up to University-hosted Career Fairs. In fall 2010, representatives from approximately 90 corporations visited campus to recruit students for internship and full-time positions.

State-recognized Centers of Excellence. OHIO’s Scripps College of Communication became the third Ohio University program to be recognized by the State of Ohio as a Center of Excellence, making Ohio University home to the only college of communication in the state to receive such a distinction. OHIO also has been designated as a state Center of Excellence for Energy and the Environment and a Center of Excellence for Health and Wellness.

Lights, camera, action! Four Ohio University TV commercials created entirely by a team of students and staff aired on television stations across the state and beyond. The spots focus on the stories of three students pursuing varied career paths and one alumna who returned to teach at the University after working on environmental research projects around the world.
Help for Haiti. Sixteen physicians, nurses, and other volunteers affiliated with Ohio University’s College of Osteopathic Medicine traveled to Haiti in February 2010 to help victims of the previous month’s earthquake. The college sponsored the efforts—which included dozens of surgeries—and provided other types of medical care for patients affected by the disaster.

The group also kept a blog of their experiences in Haiti, found at: www.oucom.ohiou.edu/International/HaitiUpdates2010.htm

Transforming Lives. Service learning is an important aspect of Ohio University’s mission. From facilitating health care and access to water for those in need across the globe to designing computer software that makes it easier to find information at the public library a block from campus...
Global Perspectives, Local Action. Ohio University welcomes students from around the world, and our Office of Diversity, Access, and Equity offers resources for students of all backgrounds.

OHIO worldwide. Ohio University continues to build partnerships around the globe. In 2010, President Roderick J. McDavis and representatives from the Center for International Studies crossed the Atlantic to strengthen our ties with Ghana, which included founding an OHIO alumni chapter.

Historic honor. OHIO alumna and former Board of Trustees member Yvette McGee Brown was appointed by former Gov. Ted Strickland as the first African-American woman to serve on the Ohio Supreme Court.

Avionics research, environmental benefits. OHIO’s Avionics Research Center is part of the Next Generation Air Transportation System, or NextGen, a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) program created to decrease flight delays, improve safety, and reduce environmental impacts. Ohio University is one of just three schools involved in this research, along with Princeton University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Invention to boost local economy, worldwide sustainability. Ohio University professor Gerardine Botte has invented the “GreenBox,” a product designed to clean commercial and agricultural wastewater and produce environmentally-friendly hydrogen energy—a technology that’s been described as “pee power.” Botte also has founded E3 Technologies LLC at the University’s Innovation Center to produce the technology. In addition to making a significant contribution to global sustainability efforts, the initiative could create jobs in a range of fields, boosting the local economy. In December 2010, Botte was named an individual finalist in the environment category of the World Technology Awards in NYC and named to the World Technology Network.

Fulbright gardener. OHIO Nutrition and Dietetics Professor David Holben was awarded a Fulbright grant to create a community garden project as part of a healthy, local food system. His project bested proposals submitted by dozens of other Fulbright winners.
Scholarship and Teaching. Our students and professors excel in a multitude of scholarly fields across nine undergraduate colleges, a graduate college, and a college of osteopathic medicine.

Dynamic playwright, distinguished professor. Charles Smith earned OHIO’s 2010 Distinguished Professor Award. In addition to serving as head of the Professional Playwriting Program at Ohio University, he is a member of the Playwrights Ensemble at the Tony Award-winning Victory Gardens Theater in Chicago and alumni playwright of the Tony Award-winning New Dramatists in New York. OHIO’s Distinguished Professor Program gives honorees the privilege of naming a student to receive a full-year tuition scholarship.

National Science Foundation honors OHIO students. Four OHIO students were among those selected from 12,000 applicants for highly competitive awards from the U.S. National Science Foundation’s (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship Program. The award provides a three-year annual stipend and educational allowances of $40,000.

Scholar-athletes earn NCAA accolades. According to figures released by the NCAA in 2010, Ohio University student-athletes had a Graduation Success Rate (GSR) of 83 percent, four points higher than the national Division I institutional average. OHIO field hockey, men’s and women’s golf, swimming, and volleyball underscored the achievement with 100 percent rates.

Poetic achievement. Associate Professor of English Jill Allyn Rosser received a 2010 Guggenheim Fellowship in the creative writing and poetry category. Out of 3,500 to 4,000 applicants each year, only about 180 (approximately five percent) receive these competitive fellowships awarded to distinguished scholars and writers of disciplines across the sciences and humanities. Rosser plans to use her Guggenheim Fellowship to complete her fourth book of poetry.
Research and Discovery. OHIO’s research efforts encompass everything from health care to developing environmentally-friendly fuels. Such initiatives advance knowledge across a variety of fields while often serving as opportunities for faculty and students to work together with the goal of bettering the human condition.

State’s top public institution for research licensing income. OHIO’s revenue from research technologies has more than tripled in the past six years, rising to $8.2 million in fiscal year 2010. The University ranked first among the state’s public institutions for licensing income for the second-straight year, and is one of the top schools in the nation for research return on investment, according to studies by the Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM).

Prehistoric find gets national attention. An Ohio University-led study uncovered fossils of an ancient, cat-like crocodile that roamed Tanzania 100 million years ago. The international research team was funded by the NSF and the National Geographic Society, with the discovery garnering national media attention through such venues as National Geographic, Discover, The New York Times, MSNBC.com, and FOX News.

Scientists discover world’s smallest superconductor. An OHIO-led research study funded by the U.S. Department of Energy provided the first evidence that nanoscale molecular superconducting wires can be fabricated, which could be used for nanoscale electronic devices and energy applications.

Federal grants support ADHD research. With the support of two federal grants totaling more than $3 million, Ohio University Professor of Psychology Steven Evans is examining how to help children with serious behavioral disorders succeed in school.

Student research powers 500 projects. OHIO students are exploring new treatments for cancer and diabetes, uncovering new information about dinosaurs, and making clay animation films. Five hundred student projects were featured in the University’s annual Student Research and Creative Activity Expo.

Technology meets sustainability. OHIO’s Office of Information Technology undertook a server virtualization initiative that is an upgrade in more ways than one: It saves the University $21,000 annually and reduces energy usage by 420,000 kilowatt hours.
Arts, Creativity, and Bobcat Pride. OHIO students, faculty, and alumni are accomplished in both arts and athletics. Our alumni demonstrate their skills and creativity on both the computer screen and the silver screen. With the backing of dedicated academic faculty and athletic coaches our students take winning shots from behind camera lenses as well as on basketball courts.

Such diverse achievements are a source of pride celebrated by our entire University community.
Inspiring gifts transform OHIO’s future. OHIO benefits from the generous support of its alumni and friends, and the past year was no exception. The University received two transformational gifts totaling more than $41 million from alumna Violet L. Patton. The total includes a $28 million gift to the University’s Gladys W. and David H. Patton College of Education and Human Services in honor of her parents, which represents the largest gift to any college of education in the state, and one of the largest single gifts to any college of education in the nation. Patton also donated $13 million to establish an arts education center that will benefit generations of Ohio University students.

OHIO alumni Robert D. and Margaret (Peggy) Walter and the Walter Family Foundation have committed $10 million toward construction of a multipurpose center at Ohio University. The gift represents the latest example of the Walters’ continuing generosity toward their alma mater and will help the University enhance the student experience by supporting academic and co-curricular activities. Previously, a $5.5 million gift from the Walters supported the construction of Margaret M. Walter Hall, a 44,000-square-foot building containing technologically-advanced lecture hall classrooms, meeting areas for University senates and trustees, and a large rotunda that serves as a key location for University events. In addition, the Walter Family Foundation has committed $2 million for the purchase and renovation of an existing campus structure that will house the new Walter International Education Center.

University Leadership. OHIO’s leadership team augments an outstanding group of faculty, staff, and administrators. Together with the Board of Trustees, they work to maintain OHIO’s more than 200-year tradition of excellence while advancing the University’s promise into the future.

Financial Statements

Ohio University’s annual audited financial statements can be found at www.ohio.edu/finance/controller/reports.cfm.

Ohio University Profile

Established: 1804
University Colors: Green and White
Nicknames: Bobcats, OHIO
Mascot: Rufus the Bobcat
Alumni: 179,000
Web: www.ohio.edu
Tel: 740.593.1000
Main Campus
Athens, Ohio
Regional Campuses
Chillicothe
Eastern (St. Clairsville)
Lancaster
Southern (Ironton)
Zanesville
Centers
Pickerington
Proctorville
Colleges
College of Arts and Sciences
College of Business
College of Fine Arts
College of Health Sciences and Professions
Honors Tutorial College
Patton College of Education and Human Services
Russ College of Engineering and Technology
Scripps College of Communication
University College
Graduate College
College of Osteopathic Medicine
State Center of Excellence
Energy and the Environment
Health and Wellness
Scripps College of Communication

Enrollment (2009–10)
Undergrad – Athens: 17,245
Graduate – Athens: 3,595
Medical – Athens: 463
Undergrad – Regional: 9,712
Total enrollment, all campuses: 32,359
75% of freshmen receive financial aid

Scholarly achievements of incoming freshmen continue to climb:

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2010 & 24.0 & 3.38 (4.0 scale) \\
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Top public university in the state for licensing revenue generated from research discoveries ($8.2 million in FY 2010)

Recent Partnerships

- Ohio University has received $30 million in royalty income from a license to the Pfizer corporation for Somavert, a drug that treats the growth hormone disorder acromegaly. The drug was developed from a research discovery by Professor John Kopchick in OHIO’s College of Osteopathic Medicine and Edison Biotechnology Institute.
- OHIO played a leading role in founding the Interlink Alliance, a partnership among nine educational institutions pledged to work cooperatively in areas of faculty development, student leadership, and fostering interest in attending college among African-American students as early as middle school.
- Ohio University is partnering with high schools in Southeast Ohio to offer teachers more hands-on training in conducting research for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education.
- A partnership between OHIO’s Virtual Immersive Technologies and Arts for Learning (VITAL) Lab and the Smithsonian Institution resulted in the creation of an online, virtual museum for Latino culture and art.
- OHIO’s new Academic & Research Center brings together activities of the Fritz J. and Dolores H. Russ College of Engineering and Technology and the College of Osteopathic Medicine—in a facility designed to promote cross-disciplinary collaboration.

Ohio University’s Innovation Center

- First university-based business incubator in the state.
- Incubated approximately 100 companies that have created more than 1,000 jobs.
- Helped develop nine spin-off companies from University-invented technology.
- Businesses incubated generated $9.4 million in labor income in Athens County in 2010.

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Ohio University is continuing to extend its educational mission beyond national borders. Emblematic of this goal is the main rotunda of our Baker University Center. The floor is highlighted by four large maps, each featuring a different perspective of the Earth. This unique aspect of our signature student facility serves as a daily reminder of the connection our current students in Athens, Ohio, share with the University’s more than 179,000 alumni around the world.

Just as importantly, this feature symbolizes our longstanding goal of making a college education possible not only for people across the Appalachian region, but also for students who come from all points of the globe. With students from nearly 100 nations attending Ohio University, we’re making good on that promise even as the unique perspectives of our international students help to enrich the diversity of our campus community.