A history of public service

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PUBLIC SERVICE

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Addressing the problem of climate change
Ohio University has taken an environmental leadership role in the region and nationally and we are consistently recognized for our efforts. We have the largest in-vessel university compost system in the country, diverting all of our food waste from landfills. We offer students the opportunity to focus on sustainable behaviors at the OHIO Ecohouse. We have been named a Tree Campus USA by the Arbor Day Foundation two years in a row. We are well on our way to becoming a zero carbon footprint campus and a zero waste to landfill campus.

E3 PLATINUM
The only university in the state of Ohio to receive the Ohio EPA’s highest environmental stewardship award

On the Cover
Eric Burke, an Army veteran, awaits the start of the 2017 Spring Commencement Exercises. Ohio University is dedicated to helping service members, veterans, and their families achieve success and has been recognized as a Military Friendly School for seven consecutive years.

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Higher degree • Higher purpose

10,943
HOURS
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by Ohio University
students in 2016-2017

Addressing the opioid epidemic ravaging our area

The opioid crisis has created a public emergency throughout the nation, but most notably in southeastern Ohio. Ohio University believes we have a moral obligation to assist the communities we serve, and right now many of our communities are hurting because of this epidemic. In April 2018, President Nellis created the OHIO Opioid Task Force to join OHIO’s public and private partners to collectively elevate the impact of the region’s opioid-related initiatives. This is a University-wide priority; cross-campus and cross-disciplinary collaborations are vital.

Ohio University alumna Jan Rader, B.S.N., is on the front lines of the opioid epidemic, as featured in the Oscar-nominated Netflix documentary “Heroin(e)”. She was also recognized as one of TIME Magazine’s 100 most influential people in the world for 2018.
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