

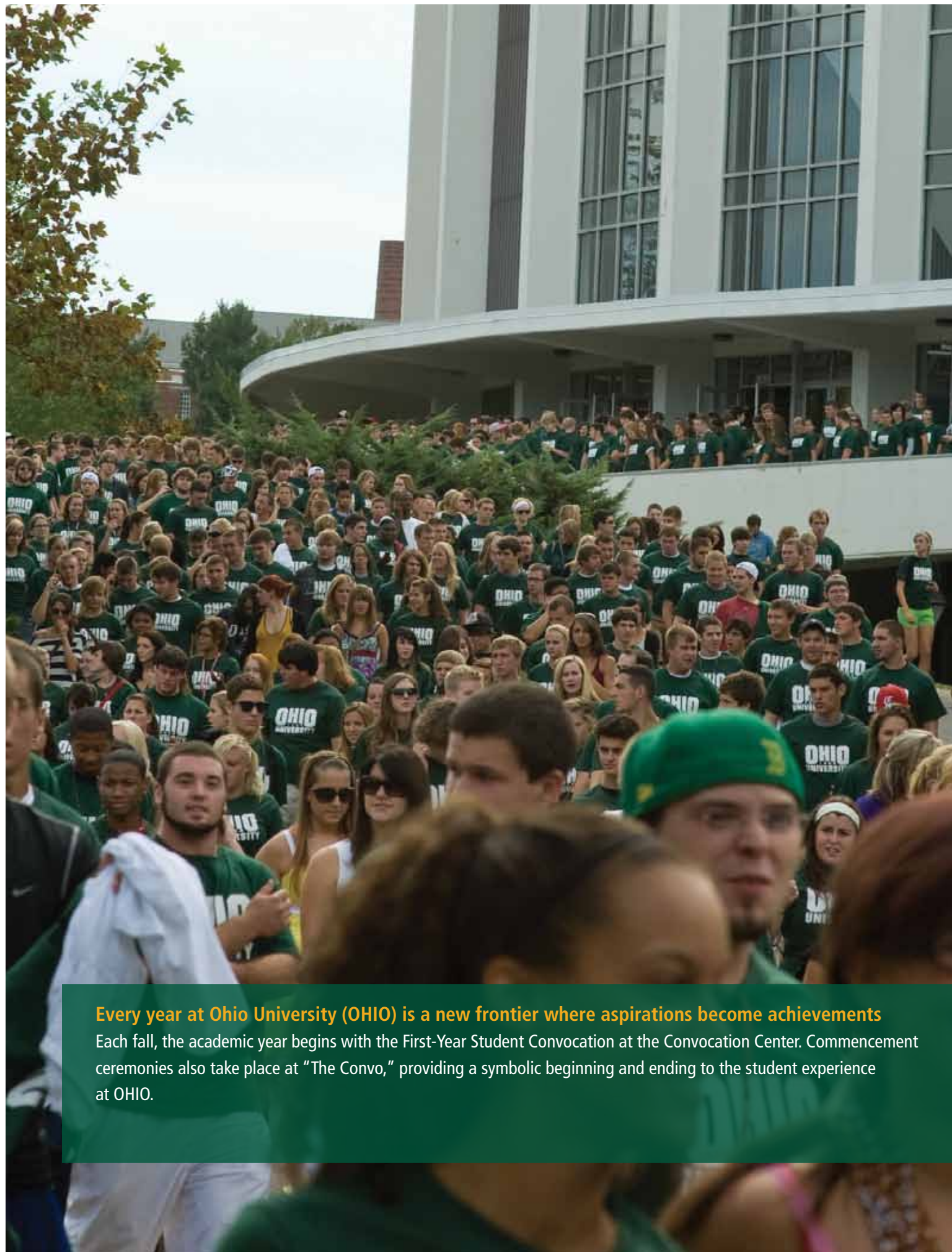


2011  
PRESIDENT'S REPORT

# NEW FRONTIERS



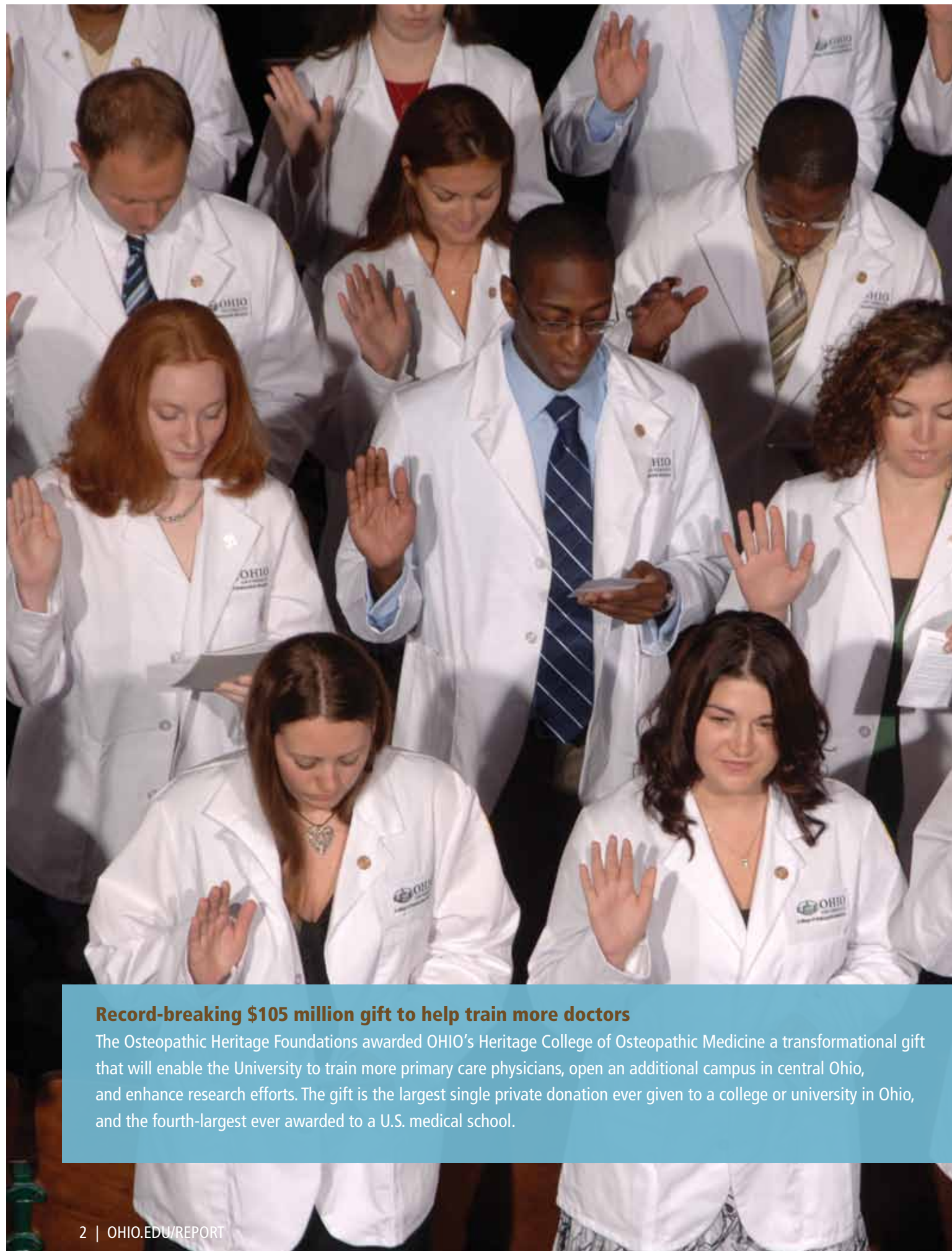
OHIO  
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**Every year at Ohio University (OHIO) is a new frontier where aspirations become achievements**

Each fall, the academic year begins with the First-Year Student Convocation at the Convocation Center. Commencement ceremonies also take place at "The Convo," providing a symbolic beginning and ending to the student experience at OHIO.

**TOGETHER,  
BRAVING A NEW  
FRONTIER**



### Record-breaking \$105 million gift to help train more doctors

The Osteopathic Heritage Foundations awarded OHIO's Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine a transformational gift that will enable the University to train more primary care physicians, open an additional campus in central Ohio, and enhance research efforts. The gift is the largest single private donation ever given to a college or university in Ohio, and the fourth-largest ever awarded to a U.S. medical school.



## 2011 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

# CONQUERING NEW FRONTIERS IS AN OHIO TRADITION

From health care research that may help people around the globe to supporting innovations and initiatives that spur economic development in our region, OHIO continues to expand the frontiers of the possible.

Since our founding in 1804, we have been working to fulfill our mission of advancing knowledge on the frontiers of discovery while serving as a beacon of learning and opportunity. Some notable achievements from the past year include:

- Ohio University's Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine was awarded a record-breaking \$105 million gift (see opposite page) that will help us make a difference in lives across the region.
- OHIO students have continued building a tradition of earning the nation's most competitive academic honors. Our Fulbright Award tally ranks Ohio University among such excellent institutions as Duke and the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).
- A group of our students, faculty, and staff assisted tsunami relief efforts in Japan.
- OHIO was named one of the nation's most military-friendly academic institutions in recognition of our efforts to serve students who are veterans.
- Alumni, students, faculty, staff, and friends watched on national television as the OHIO Bobcats won their first football bowl game in our 208-year history.

You will find these and many other accomplishments highlighted in this report. We take great pride in the work of all members of our University family. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to share a few of their success stories with you.

Cordially,

Roderick J. McDavis  
President



### **Alumnus lifts up nursing and kids' education programs**

OHIO alumnus Charles Beck and his wife Judy have pledged a \$1 million gift to support the University's nursing program and its Kids on Campus afterschool and summer programs for area schoolchildren. Enrollment in OHIO's School of Nursing has increased significantly as it strives to help address a shortage of nurses in the region. Kids on Campus is an outreach initiative that provides tutoring, meals, and enrichment activities to academically at-risk youngsters in the southeastern Ohio region of Appalachia.



OHIO joined the ranks of *G.I. Jobs* magazine's Military-Friendly Schools. The designation annually recognizes 20 percent of post-secondary institutions for commitment to military and veteran students.

## **TOGETHER MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

### **OHIO students assist with tsunami relief in Japan**

Ten OHIO students studying in Japan assisted with relief efforts in areas affected by the 2011 earthquake and tsunami. Nine of the students are enrolled at Chubu University in Nagoya, and one is studying at Musashi University in Tokyo. The students were accompanied by Associate Professor of Japanese Language and Culture and Director of OHIO-Japan Study Abroad Programs Christopher Thompson and Associate Dean in the College of Arts and Sciences Thomas Scanlan.

### **Community college partnership builds pathways for degree completion**

OHIO launched its first-ever partnership with an out-of-state community college with Mountwest Community and Technical College in West Virginia. The collaboration will enhance accessibility and affordability of bachelor's degrees for a greater number of students. OHIO has been building partnerships with community colleges in Ohio since 2008.

### **National Institute and University partner for answers to childhood language impairments**

An OHIO-led research team received a \$2.4 million grant from the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders to study the underlying causes of sentence comprehension problems in children with a condition called specific language impairment (SLI). More than seven percent of U.S. children experience SLI, which is characterized by significant delays in language development. The condition puts children at serious risk for reading disabilities and low academic achievement as they get older, according to Jim Montgomery, a professor of communication sciences and disorders who is one of three lead investigators on the project. The funding will allow the team to pursue five studies on 300 children over the next five years.

**“Ohio University is an anchor of southeast Ohio’s economic development and these funds will help the Voinovich School create opportunities for talented entrepreneurs and small business owners.”**

—U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH), upon announcing that the U.S. Economic Development Administration had awarded nearly \$900,000 to OHIO’s Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs to advance small business growth in 19 southeastern Ohio counties.

**Enhancing international education**

The grand opening of the Walter International Education Center marked a key moment in OHIO’s commitment to promoting and supporting international education efforts worldwide. Made possible with the generosity of Robert D. and Margaret M. Walter, through the Walter Family Foundation, the center is the home of the Office of Education Abroad and International Student and Faculty Services. The Walter Center also is the first building on OHIO’s Athens Campus renovated to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification standards.



**Amount of CO<sub>2</sub> avoided:** A 162-ton reduction in the University’s carbon footprint

Students competing in OHIO’s Residence Challenge competition save between \$70,000 and \$100,000 in annual residence hall electricity costs, in addition to averting more than 160 tons of carbon dioxide.



Jeremy Phan, a master’s student in OHIO’s Environmental Studies Program, is focusing on using ecotourism to help save endangered species. Phan traveled to Vietnam to research the benefits of ecotourism for a monkey species considered the most critically endangered primate in the world.

# GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES LOCAL ACTION

**New Center for Entrepreneurship boosts learning opportunities, regional economy**

Providing students with learning opportunities outside the classroom, OHIO’s new Center for Entrepreneurship will play an important role in supporting technology commercialization at the University and developing regional businesses, ranging from start-up companies to more established firms.

**OHIO awarded funding to foster development of technology companies**

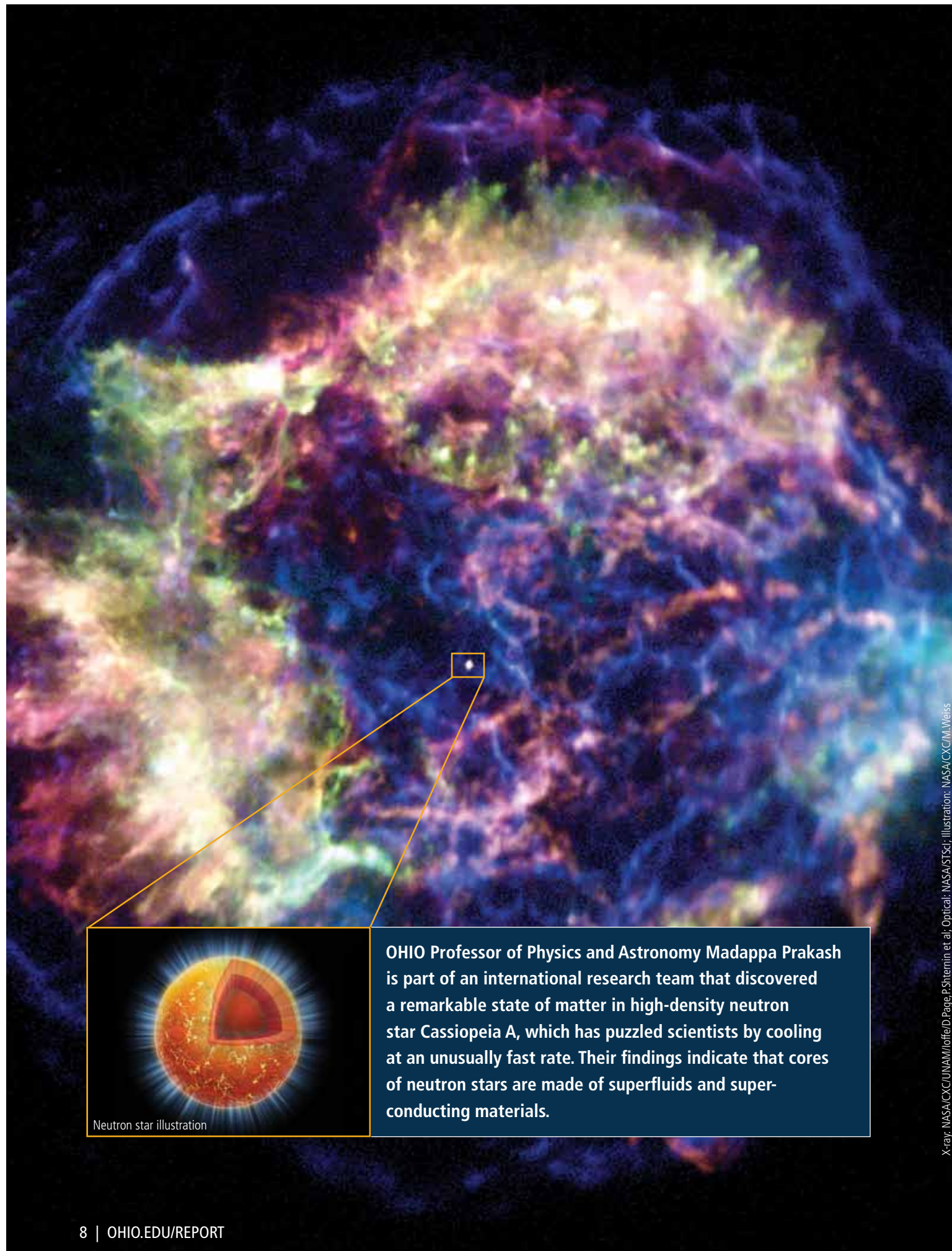
TechGROWTH Ohio, an OHIO initiative which provides business advisory services, competitive grant support, and seed-stage investment capital to technology companies and entrepreneurs in southeast Ohio, was awarded a new round of funding totaling \$3 million in a competitive statewide process. This total will be matched with private dollars allowing TechGROWTH to expand its services. Since its founding in 2007, TechGROWTH Ohio has assisted more than 320 technology companies with \$8.4 million in grants and services. These investments have in turn helped area companies generate more than \$60 million in economic activity.

**White House applauds project to combat water pollution**

The White House website lifts up the work of OHIO students and community groups combating water pollution. The website cites the groups’ work to clean up streams polluted by acid mine drainage as an example of what can be accomplished when people from different groups unite to better their community.

**OHIO triumphs in intercollegiate recycling contest**

OHIO’s Athens Campus finished first among the 10 Mid-American Conference schools participating in the 2011 intercollegiate RecycleMania competition. The 11th annual recycling contest, cofounded by OHIO staffer Ed Newman, has grown to include 630 colleges and universities from the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, and Qatar.



Neutron star illustration

**OHIO Professor of Physics and Astronomy Madappa Prakash is part of an international research team that discovered a remarkable state of matter in high-density neutron star Cassiopeia A, which has puzzled scientists by cooling at an unusually fast rate. Their findings indicate that cores of neutron stars are made of superfluids and superconducting materials.**

X-ray: NASA/CXC/UM/Iliffe/D.Page, P.Shternin et al.; Optical: NASA/STScI; Illustration: NASA/CXC/M.Weiss



More than 600 participants in OHIO's Student Research and Creative Activity Expo showcased projects ranging from dinosaur research to oil pipeline corrosion to contemporary dance. The Expo and the Provost's Undergraduate Research Fund set OHIO apart from many institutions by engaging undergraduates in research.

# RESEARCH AND DISCOVERY

## World's top bioengineering prize awarded

OHIO's Fritz J. and Dolores H. Russ College of Engineering and Technology and the National Academy of Engineering awarded the 2011 Russ Prize to Leroy E. Hood, whose work on automating DNA sequencing revolutionized biomedicine and forensic science. The prize was established in 1999 through an endowment to OHIO from the late Fritz Russ, a 1942 engineering graduate, and his wife, Dolores. The Russ Prize is bioengineering's highest honor, awarding winners \$500,000.

## OHIO researcher developing new tools in the fight against cancer

Monica Burdick, an assistant professor in OHIO's Russ College of Engineering and Technology, received \$942,000 in federal funding to develop new diagnostic tools for disease, including one that could identify aggressive cancer cells. She also received \$499,996 in funding support from the National Science Foundation/National Cancer Institute to undertake a study designed to identify cancer stem cells.

## Drug discovery could net millions for future research

The sale of partial royalty income rights from a drug invented at OHIO could net \$52 million. The drug SOMAVERT® treats acromegaly and is the result of research by the University's Goll Ohio Professor of Molecular Biology John Kopchick and grad student Wen Chen. OHIO will use the funds to advance medicine research programs and efforts to commercialize faculty technologies in the areas of drug discovery and medical devices. It also plans to support three to four endowed professorships and several graduate student fellowships focused on cancer and endocrine disease research.

## Student's research uses gaming technology to enhance health awareness

Second-year grad student and Fulbright scholar Stephanie Alleyne came to OHIO from Barbados in order to undertake an innovative research project—she's raising awareness about diabetes in children and supporting diabetes prevention through online games. Alleyne's game could be used by schools, parents, and health professionals.



### OHIO football building a bowl tradition

After a post-season drought that lasted almost four decades, the Ohio Bobcats have appeared in bowl games four of the past five years. In 2011, Ohio won the first bowl contest in its history, defeating Utah State 24–23 in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl before a national television audience on ESPN. The University's student-athletes across all sports were winners in the classroom, sporting a Graduation Success Rate of 82 percent—besting the NCAA Division I average.



Photojournalist Ernie Hall, a 2006 graduate of OHIO, received an Emmy for his work with the local CBS/Fox affiliate in Jacksonville, Florida. Hall credits his learning experience in OHIO's Electronic Media Program with playing a key role in his success.

## ARTS, CREATIVITY, AND BOBCAT PRIDE

### Creative writing ranked third in nation

OHIO's Creative Writing Ph.D. Program is ranked third in the nation for 2012 by *Poets and Writers*, a nationally distributed literary and educational magazine. OHIO was one of the first in the nation to offer a Ph.D. in creative writing. The program hosts an annual Spring Literary Festival, a three-day event in which renowned writers come to campus to speak about their craft.

### Another OHIO student wins national photography contest

Visual communication graduate student Brad Vest was named College Photographer of the Year in the 66th annual contest sponsored by the University of Missouri. Vest's win marks the fifth time in the last six years that an OHIO student has earned top honors in the competition.

### A Bobcat debuts at Carnegie Hall

OHIO senior Stephanie Dumais made her Carnegie Hall debut as a member of the highly selective National Collegiate Wind Ensemble. She is majoring in music education and flute performance at OHIO.

### OHIO filmmakers win awards

OHIO Assistant Professor of Film Annie Howell and co-director Lisa Robinson's *Small, Beautifully Moving Parts* won the Alfred P. Sloan Feature Film Prize at the Hamptons International Film Festival. OHIO Eminent Scholar of Film Rajko Grlic's *Just Between Us* took the international prize at London's Raindance Film Festival.

### Marching band named nation's best

OHIO's Marching 110 was named the nation's best college marching band by the website "Inside-College," taking top honors over the University of Southern California, Florida A&M, Stanford, University of Michigan, and Ohio State. The 110's rendition of LMFAO's hit song "Party Rock Anthem" earned more than 6 million views on YouTube and was shown on CNN and FOX News.

### Golfers score academic honors

The women's golf team topped all Division I schools with a 3.83 cumulative GPA and led the nation with six student-athletes named National Golf Coaches Association All-American Scholars.



**MOST  
FULBRIGHT  
STUDENTS  
IN THE STATE  
AND THE MAC**

The *Chronicle of Higher Education* recognized OHIO as one of the top producers of U.S. Fulbright Students by type for 2011–12, with the highest number of recipients in the state as well as the Mid-American Conference. Nationally, OHIO's tally matched Duke and UCLA. Nearly 100 OHIO faculty and staff mentored or assisted students in the application process.



OHIO's new E.W. Scripps School of Journalism Statehouse News Bureau offers a unique career preparation experience. The partnership with the Scripps Howard Foundation and *The Columbus Dispatch* allows interns to cover the statehouse under the guidance of a Scripps School faculty member.

**SCHOLARSHIP  
AND TEACHING**

**600 percent growth in OHIO's School of Nursing**

Enrollment in OHIO's School of Nursing increased sixfold over the past three years, and the school was awarded a \$750,000 grant from the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration. The funds will support the launch of a program to help people with existing bachelor's degrees outside of nursing complete requirements to receive an accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The University's School of Nursing also was named a Choose Ohio First Program of Innovation by the Ohio Board of Regents, which gives the school access to \$15 million in scholarship funds that are distributed to selected programs.

**Hollywood, OHIO**

Twenty students spent their spring break gaining insights into possible careers through the University's "Media Arts and Studies in L.A." program. The visit included tours of video game, recording, and movie studios—including 20th Century Fox, Warner Brothers, and DreamWorks—as well as networking with OHIO alumni in the entertainment field and experiencing a live taping and TV and film shoots.

**Education College celebrates 125 years**

OHIO's Gladys W. and David H. Patton College of Education, the state's first public teacher preparation program, celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2011. Grammy Award-winning artist Nancy Wilson capped off the celebration with a special concert as part of the Patton College of Education 125th Anniversary Gala.

**M.B.A. program named 'best value'**

*Fortune* magazine has listed OHIO's Professional M.B.A. Program among the nation's best values for earning an executive M.B.A. The *Fortune* article focused on the top programs whose tuition was under \$50,000.

**Alumnus. Mayor. Governor. Senator. Professor.**

Former U.S. Sen. George V. Voinovich has been named The Ohio Visiting Professor of Public Affairs and Leadership at Ohio University. A special seminar room and senatorial papers collection were established at OHIO's Alden Library in honor of the distinguished alumnus' accomplishments. He served as a United States Senator from 1999 to 2011, governor of Ohio from 1991 to 1998, and mayor of Cleveland from 1980 to 1989.



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Established: 1804

University Colors: Green and White

Nicknames: Bobcats, OHIO

Mascot: Rufus the Bobcat

Alumni: 200,000

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## 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

Russ College of Engineering and Technology

Scripps College of Communication

University College

Graduate College

Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine

## State Centers of Excellence

Energy and the Environment

Health and Wellness

Scripps College of Communication

## Enrollment [2010–11]

Undergrad – Athens: 17,212

Graduate – Athens: 3,645

Medical – Athens: 467

Undergrad – Regional: 10,216

Total enrollment, all campuses: 35,324

## Mission Statement

Ohio University holds as its central purpose the intellectual and personal development of its students. Distinguished by its rich history, diverse campus, international community, and beautiful Appalachian setting, Ohio University is known as well for its outstanding faculty of accomplished teachers whose research and creative activity advance knowledge across many disciplines.

## Vision Statement

Ohio University will be the nation's best transformative learning community where students realize their promise, faculty advance knowledge, staff achieve excellence, and alumni become global leaders.

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