



Ohio University Emeriti Association

September 17, 2026 Luncheon

The luncheon meeting began with announcements, first was news that the dedication of a statue of Manasseh Cutler will be held on campus at 4pm that day. An announcement was also made of a Celebration of Life for Emeritus Alan Boyd on Sunday September 20 at 2pm to be held at the First Presbyterian Church. Alan passed away last May.

Emeriti Association President Marty Tuck then welcomed the new cohort of Emeriti Association members for 2026, a total of 34. Below is a list of Emeriti approved by the Ohio University Board of Trustees for 2026.

Dr. Cynthia Anderson	Professor Emerita of Sociology
Dr. Janet Duerr	Associate Professor Emerita of Biological Sciences
Dr. Steven Evans	Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Psychology
Dr. Archil Gulisashvili	Professor Emeritus of Mathematics
Dr. Martin Kordesch	Professor Emeritus of Physics and Astronomy
Mr. Stan Alost	Professor Emeritus of Visual Communication
Mr. Samuel Girton	Professor Emeritus of Visual Communication
Ms. Perianne Bates	Professor of Instruction Emerita of Teacher Education
Dr. Frans Doppen	Professor Emeritus of Teacher Education
Dr. Paul Barte	Associate Professor Emeritus of Music
Ms. Sara Delgado	Curator of Education Emerita, Kennedy Museum of Art
Mr. D. Thomas Hayes	Associate Professor of Instruction Emeritus of Film
Dr. Jennifer Chabot	Professor Emerita of Human Development and Family Science
Dr. Michele Morrone	Professor Emerita of Environmental Health Science
Dr. Xiaozhou Chen	Associate Professor Emeritus of Biomedical Sciences
Dr. John Schriener	Associate Dean Emeritus for Admissions and Student Affairs
Dr. Kelly Broughton	Director Emerita, OHIO Business Service Center
Dr. Mark Weinberg	Founding Dean Emeritus & Emeritus Professor of Leadership and Public Service
Dr. Darin Ridgway	Associate Professor Emeritus of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
Dr. Sue DeWine	Director and Professor Emerita of Interpersonal Communication
Dr. William Howard	Director Emeritus of the African Studies Program
Mr. Wayne Chiasson	Business Manager, Research, Emeritus
Dr. David Keck	Associate Professor Emeritus of Mathematics
Dr. Robert Knight	Associate Professor Emeritus of Mathematics
Dr. Thomas Massey	Research Professor Emeritus of Physics and Astronomy
Dr. Lauren McMills	Associate Professor Emerita of Chemistry and Biochemistry
Dr. Mark McMills	Associate Professor Emeritus of Chemistry and Biochemistry
Dr Allan Showalter (Posthumus)	Professor Emeritus of Molecular and Cellular Biology & Environmental and Plant Biology
Ms. Wendy Merb-Brown	Senior Assistant Dean Emerita, University College

Ms. Jeanette Buck	Professor Emerita of Theater and Film
Mr. Daniel Denhart	Professor Emeritus of Theater
Dr. Paschal Yao Younge	Professor Emeritus of Music
Dr. Gordon Brooks	Professor Emeritus of Educational Research and Evaluation
Dr. Michael Hess	Associate Professor Emeritus of Educational Leadership

As an introduction for new members (and a reminder for the rest of us), Marty then outlined the schedule of luncheons for the 2026-27 academic year and explained the ways the Association communicates with its membership. The funding arrangements for the organization were laid out, including its operating account and two endowments, one to support the operation of Emeriti Park and the other a general fund which has been used in recent years to support undergraduate student travel to professional conferences. The volunteer services offered by association members such as for the Dairy Barn Art Center and Kennedy Museum were also described. Finally, Emeriti Association officers and other members of the organization's governing board were introduced.

The main speaker was introduced by Marty; Dr. John McCarthy, Interim Provost of Ohio University, who began by reflecting on his own long attachment to Ohio University beginning in 2004. He expressed his gratitude to Emeriti who had contributed to his personal and professional growth over the years.

Dr. McCarthy reported that the university's final enrollment figures were still being tabulated but the first-year bachelor's cohort was expected to be only slightly less than last year's total of about 3,300 students. In total, approximately 30,000 students are enrolled this year at the university in all degree programs. Looking at types of enrollment, he noted 90-credit degrees and credit bearing certifications as demonstrating potential for growth.

As for faculty, he observed that the majority of full-time faculty continue to be in tenure track positions. Their total number was 640 across the institution. Instructional faculty number 361 individuals.

Dr. McCarthy then updated progress on Ohio University's Dynamic Strategy initiative which is based on four pillars: Learn, Discover, Engage, and Work. He highlighted in particular the institution's progress in experiential learning which has had positive effects in recruitment and retention. Also noted was the addition of 15 faculty positions to expand the range of offerings and student opportunities. He emphasized the importance of access, and especially its importance to the region and its communities.

Finally, the status of deans searches was discussed, including ones for the College of Business, Russ College of Engineering and Technology, and Scripps College of Communication. Each search is ongoing this academic year.

In conclusion, Dr. McCarthy expressed his optimism and personal commitment to the institution and to the region saying "I am all in on this community."

In a brief Q&A period he was asked to identify trends in enrollment patterns. In response, Dr. McCarthy observed that 35% of enrollment was in health-related programs. He also suggested that Business enrollment remained extremely strong. A question was asked regarding the Instructional Design academic degree program. The emeriti member asking the question noted that several instructional design personnel have been laid off by the university and how this will affect the degree program. Dr McCarthy commented that the degree program in instructional design is still being offered and the lay offs have had no effect on the operation of the academic program.

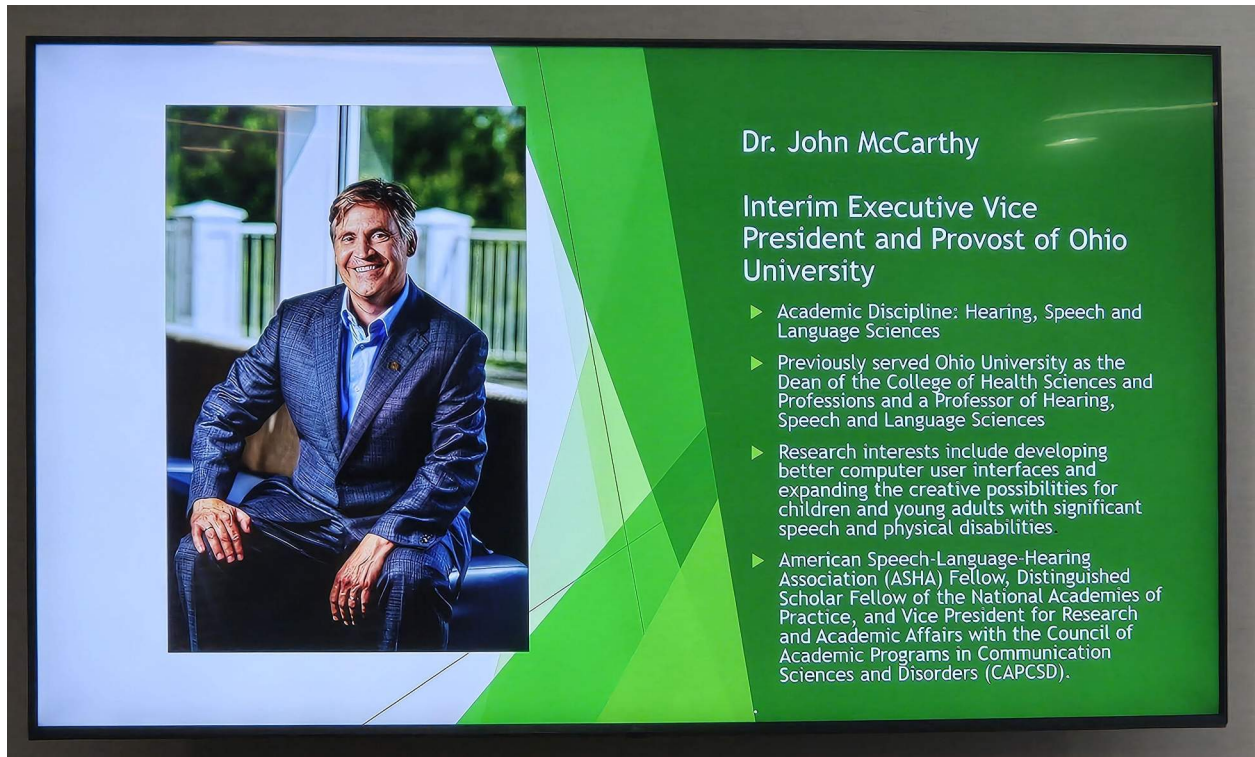
Marty Tuck closed the luncheon by reminding Emeriti that the October luncheon will be held on Thursday October 15th at the Ohio University Inn second floor ballroom. The speaker will be Ken Oehlers, Directory of Habitat for Humanity of Southeastern Ohio.

-----Reported by Drew McDaniel-----

Dr. John McCarthy, Interim Executive Vice President and Provost, Ohio University



Introductory slide – Provost McCarthy’s presentation

The slide features a portrait of Dr. John McCarthy on the left, a green geometric background on the right, and a list of his credentials and research interests on the far right.

Dr. John McCarthy

Interim Executive Vice President and Provost of Ohio University

- ▶ Academic Discipline: Hearing, Speech and Language Sciences
- ▶ Previously served Ohio University as the Dean of the College of Health Sciences and Professions and a Professor of Hearing, Speech and Language Sciences
- ▶ Research interests include developing better computer user interfaces and expanding the creative possibilities for children and young adults with significant speech and physical disabilities
- ▶ American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Fellow, Distinguished Scholar Fellow of the National Academies of Practice, and Vice President for Research and Academic Affairs with the Council of Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CAPCSD).

Emeriti luncheon at the Ohio University Inn, September 17, 2026



(Photos by Chalisa McDaniel)