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**Ohio State to help 15,700 students.** The university has expanded by $20 million the President’s Affordability Grant program, which provides need-based aid to Ohio students. That brings investment in the affordability initiative — part of President Michael V. Drake’s 2020 Vision for Ohio State — to $35 million.

**Scarlet, gray and green.** Ohio State won its fourth-straight Big Ten Conference title for sustainability efforts on game days. Overall, 68 tons of waste inside Ohio Stadium went to recycling or composting during the 2015 football season — with an average waste diversion rate of more than 96 percent.

**In a galaxy far, far away.** What’s just 10 miles across, but powers an explosion brighter than the Milky Way? A team led by Ohio State astronomers recently spotted and are now studying what may be the most powerful supernova ever seen — 570 billion times brighter than our sun.

**Saving lives.** The Wexner Medical Center and University Hospital East earned the Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence — putting each in the top five percent of U.S. hospitals, as evaluated by Healthgrades. If all hospitals performed at this high level, nearly 160,000 lives could be saved each year.

**Top 10 in the nation.** Ohio State’s online bachelor’s degree offerings and graduate nursing program were ranked in the top 10 by U.S. News & World Report. They are among the many distance-learning opportunities focused on access, affordability and excellence for students across the globe.

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**By the Numbers**

16th among the nation's best public universities in U.S. News & World Report's 2015 edition of "America's Best Colleges"

1st among Ohio publics in academics

21 years Wexner Medical Center has been named one of the country's best by U.S. News & World Report

10 graduate programs ranked in the top 10 by U.S. News & World Report

12th in the nation for sought-after graduates, as ranked by the Wall Street Journal

63,964 students enrolled

78 percent of freshmen are from Ohio

500,000+ Ohio State's living alumni

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Ohio State statistical summary