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**Harnessing the power of Buckeye Nation for change.** Nearly 1 billion people worldwide don’t have enough to eat. That is why Ohio State is committing almost $125 million to food security and convening the first Buckeye Summit — bringing together alumni, volunteers, faculty, staff and students to explore ways to address hunger in the community and across the globe.

**The ancient Greeks would approve.** Ohio State scientists are working on a new way to treat cancer. A DNA “Trojan Horse” tricks leukemia cells into thinking it’s food — when it’s actually an invading force of cancer drug. In tests, leukemia cells that had become resistant to the drug absorbed it and died when the drug was hidden in a capsule made of folded up DNA.

**A national exemplar.** The university has been named one of the best in the country for raising graduation rates among black students and narrowing completion gaps between black and white students. Since 2003, graduation rates for black students at Ohio State have increased by almost 26 percent — nearly six times the average growth, according to The Education Trust.

**At the top of the rankings.** Eleven Ohio State graduate programs are in the top 10 in the United States, according to U.S. News & World Report. “These rankings confirm Ohio State’s excellence across a broad range of academic programs,” said Bruce McPherson, interim executive vice president and provost. Two specialties within law and education were ranked No. 1.

**Who looks forward to tax season?** Students in a range of fields see it as a chance to hone their skills by providing free tax preparation services to individuals and families with low to moderate incomes. At Fisher College of Business, which is celebrating 100 years of excellence in education and service, the volunteer tax program has returned $4.6 million to almost 3,000 people.

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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*

11 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

For more rankings:

[Ohio State statistical summary](https://osu.edu/highpoints/2016/april.html)