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Record breaking. More than 267,000 alumni, friends and partners across the nation and world supported education, research, innovation and more in the last fiscal year — the most in Ohio State history. They established [new records](#) in total commitments and cash, “exemplifying a generosity of spirit unmatched anywhere in the world,” said President Michael V. Drake.

Defining excellence — again. For the 25th consecutive year, the Wexner Medical Center is among the nation's "[Best Hospitals](#)," according to *U.S. News & World Report*. Overall, it is number one in central Ohio and recognized as a national leader in seven specialties, an honor achieved by less than 1 percent of hospitals in the country.

On the road again. The 19th Roads Scholars Tour brought students, faculty and staff into communities and neighborhoods where Buckeye research and engagement make an [impact](#). The university's deep connections were highlighted throughout — and complemented President Drake's summer [tours](#) that this year visited 17 cities, towns and villages in 12 counties.

Award winning. The Wexner Center for the Arts is the only arts and cultural organization in Ohio to receive [two awards](#) from the National Endowment for the Arts. The collective total of the grants is the largest amount for a presenting arts institution in Ohio. The grants support new work by internationally renowned choreographers and filmmakers.

Scarlet, gray and green. Ohio State's recycling and zero waste initiatives, green building guidelines, energy conservation projects and more resulted in the 2017 APPA Sustainability Award for [environmental stewardship](#). Additional accolades: Big Ten Conference champs in the EPA Green Power Challenge and, for the fifth straight year, the GameDay Recycling Challenge.