November

Campus of the future. The university announced the next steps for projects ranging from an arts district to an interdisciplinary health sciences center and best-of-class hospital and ambulatory facilities. The projects address and advance a number of pillars of the university’s strategic plan — including academic health care, research and creative expression, and teaching and learning.

Combating an epidemic. Ohio State has established the Opioid Innovation Fund, a grant program to advance understanding of the crisis — and to inspire new and existing partnerships to develop programs that alleviate the burden in Ohio. More than $1 million is available in the university’s fund, which aligns with strategic focus areas such as research and academic health care.

National prominence. Ohio State President Michael V. Drake will play a prominent role in advancing higher education as chair of the Association of American Universities. K. Craig Kent, dean of the College of Medicine, has been elected to lead the American Board of Surgery, while internationally renowned surgeon and scientist Raphael Pollock has been appointed director of the university’s Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Celebrating our 150th anniversary. Established in 1870, Ohio State will commemorate its sesquicentennial throughout the 2019-20 academic year. All members of Buckeye Nation will have opportunities to get involved as we honor our history, celebrate who we are today and envision our shared future as a leading national flagship public research university.

President’s playlist. What are President Drake’s nine favorite albums — plus a bonus single? His picks range from Aretha Franklin to Herbie Hancock and Arcade Fire. Drake, who says music and playing guitar are things he can’t live without, is a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame board and co-teaches a class on the music of the civil rights movement.