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**Unprecedented momentum.** In his [State of the University Address](#), President Michael V. Drake shared that Ohio State will commit \$40 million to need-based aid for students in the next academic year. Ohio State has now committed \$100 million since 2015 — well exceeding the university's stated goal of reaching that number by 2020 and significantly impacting [families](#).

**No. 1 in the nation, part I.** Ohio State was ranked first among flagship universities in the United States by the *Chronicle of Higher Education* for efforts to control in-state tuition costs over the last decade, and No. 4 for out-of-state students. Creating greater access to an affordable and excellent education is a major focus area of the [Time and Change strategic plan](#).

**No. 1 in the nation, part II.** Ohio State's online bachelor's programs, offering expanded and innovative [pathways to college](#), have been ranked first in the nation among all universities by *U.S. News & World Report*, while the online graduate nursing program ranked No. 2. The university offers 19 online programs available to students living across the nation.

**Six-time champs.** For the sixth consecutive year, Ohio State has been named the Big Ten Conference [champion](#) in the Game Day Recycling Challenge, a national competition to promote waste reduction and sustainability at home football games. Buckeyes achieved the highest diversion rate for a home football game in the 2017 season at 94.2 percent.

**Economic impact.** Veterinary medicine contributes \$13 billion annually in direct and supporting services to Ohio's economy, according to an [economic study](#) commissioned by a partnership between the Ohio Veterinary Medical Association and Ohio State's College of Veterinary Medicine. The report also found that veterinary services throughout the state sustain more than 23,000 jobs.