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**Buckeyes in action.** More than 400 alumni, faculty, staff, students and supporters gathered to address some of the great health challenges of the 21st century. The [2018 Buckeye Summit](#) focused on creating healthy communities — from wellness and well-being to addiction recovery and more. Dr. Richard Carmona, 17th surgeon general of the United States and distinguished professor at the College of Nursing, served as moderator of the summit, part of a [strategic focus](#) on academic health care.

**100 and counting.** The American Talent Initiative — a nationwide effort in partnership with Bloomberg Philanthropies — reached a milestone with 100 member institutions dedicated to enrolling an additional 50,000 highly talented, low- and moderate-income students at top colleges and universities. Ohio State is one of the founding members with President Michael V. Drake serving on the steering committee. The initiative is part of the university's continued focus on greater [access, affordability and excellence](#).

**52,500 and counting.** Once again, Ohio State has set a university record for number of applications. "It is not by chance that more than 50,000 students queue up every year, hoping to become Buckeyes," said President Drake at the State of the University Address. "They understand the value of an Ohio State education and the real impact it will have on their lives." [The College of Medicine](#) also set a new mark with more than 7,200 applications — the most in its more than 100-year history.

**World-class surgeons.** The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center has recruited five nationally renowned surgeons to lead initiatives that will enhance treatment for patients and transform surgical training. Read about what these new Buckeyes [bring to their fields of expertise and the community](#) — and the [leadership](#) they will provide. "This is probably the only place in the country I would have gone to," said Dr. Timur Sarac, who joined Ohio State from Yale University to become the founding director of the new Aortic Center.

**School of rock.** Paul Simon's music serves as a soundtrack to Americana — and the musician himself shared his experiences (plus a few of his songs) as part of a [master class](#) for Ohio State students, faculty and staff. He was in town as a guest for a class President Drake co-teaches with Moritz College of Law Dean Alan Michaels on "The Civil Rights Movement and the Supreme Court." Previous guests to class have included Mary Wilson of the Supremes and Jorma Kaukonen of Jefferson Airplane.