

July

Getting a head start. The Keenan Family Foundation has made a \$17 million commitment to the Max M. Fisher College of Business, [strengthening Ohio State's expertise](#) in the field of entrepreneurship. The Keenan Center for Entrepreneurship will focus on cultivating skill sets and creating enriched extracurricular experiences—connecting students to the startup ecosystem in central Ohio and beyond.

Major momentum, continued. Ohio State's Wexner Medical Center has received the American College of Cardiology's NCDR ACTION Registry Platinum Performance Achievement Award—recognizing a higher standard of care for heart attack patients. At the same time, the College of Medicine created a [new center](#) focused on research and discovery in the delivery of health care services and announced plans to bring 500 new biomedical sciences faculty to the university over the next five years.

Tour de force. Students, faculty and staff joined President Michael V. Drake for the first of the university's summer state tours, visiting seven cities and towns in as many Ohio counties. Stops ranged from a family farm working with Ohio State scientists to improve water quality to the Wilson Sporting Goods factory, where footballs for Saturdays in the 'Shoe are made. Watch a [video](#) of the tour, demonstrating Ohio State's land-grant mission to impact communities across the state.

World-class artists. The Wexner Center for the Arts has announced its [Artist Residency Awards](#), supporting new works by visual artist and bestselling author Edmund de Waal; Columbus-based musician and educator Mark Lomax II; filmmaker and LGBTQ pioneer Barbara Hammer; internationally acclaimed documentarian Bill Morrison; and award-winning multimedia artist Natasha Mendonca. The awards help advance Ohio State's focus on [research and creative expression](#) across all disciplines.

On your mark, get set ... Thousands of new first-year students are preparing to begin their Buckeye journeys at the university's orientation program, connecting with classmates and receiving advice from President Drake. Once again, the autumn class is expected to be the [most talented and diverse](#) in university history—and will be the first to experience a number of unprecedented initiatives at Ohio State, including the [Buckeye Opportunity Program](#) and the [Digital Flagship](#) collaboration with Apple.