July

On the road again. Local diners, big business and farm fields are all part of the university’s annual state tours — highlighting the many partnerships and close connections Ohio State shares with the greater community. President Michael V. Drake, faculty, staff and students visited cities and villages in six Ohio counties. A second part of the university’s state tours will take place in August.

Off to the races. Buckeyes on Ohio State’s EcoCAR team earned first place in the EcoCAR Mobility Challenge Year One Competition. Overall, the four-year challenge tasks 12 university teams to re-engineer a 2019 Chevrolet Blazer to improve energy efficiency, safety and consumer appeal. Ohio State won first place overall in all four years of the previous competition.

Top honors. A U.S. Army veteran and Ohio State student has been named a 2019 Tillman Scholar — one of just 60 from across the country. Carrie Mayer, who plans to pursue degrees in the Moritz College of Law and John Glenn College of Public Affairs, is Ohio State’s seventh recipient of this prestigious award, the premier academic fellowship for military service members, veterans and spouses.

Inclusive excellence. Ohio State is among the nation’s Best Colleges for LGBTQ students, receiving five out of five stars from Campus Pride. The group said the university offers "services and resources to create an inclusive, affirming campus environment for all students regardless of sexual orientation or gender identities and expressions." Ohio State ranks as the best in the state and No. 15 overall.

Improving lives. A major public health initiative aimed at preventing cervical cancer in at-risk Appalachian families is underway with support from an $11 million National Cancer Institute grant to the Ohio State Comprehensive Cancer Center — Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute. And Wexner Medical Center research to create a new therapy for a disease that causes abnormal heart rhythms has received a $6 million grant from the Leducq Foundation.