**Excellence honored.** A philosophy and political science major at Ohio State has been named a 2020 Rhodes Scholar. Henry Wu was selected for his work to fight human trafficking and research migration patterns and policies impacting the involuntary movement of peoples. He joins just 32 scholars nationally. This marks the eighth Rhodes Scholar in Ohio State history — and the university’s third in the last five years. It is also the first time Ohio State has had a Rhodes Scholar in back-to-back years.

**Excellence honored II.** Seven Ohio State researchers have been elected as Fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), a high honor for any U.S. scientist. Fellows are elected by their peers because of their scientifically or socially distinguished efforts to advance science or its applications. This year’s group of Ohio State scientists works in fields ranging from microbiology to statistics and pediatrics. Overall, more than 100 Ohio State researchers have been named AAAS Fellows.

**More student engagement.** Ohio State has selected two graduating seniors as recipients of the 2020 President’s Prize, the highest university recognition bestowed on students committed to social change. Each will receive a $50,000 living stipend and up to $50,000 in startup funding for their projects dedicated to removing barriers to early learning among disadvantaged populations and developing software to help those with limited dexterity better connect ideas to writing.

**Powerful partnerships.** The university is the recipient of a $2.58 million grant to advance computer science and related fields. The Choose Ohio First grant is awarded on behalf of the Ohio Department of Higher Education. The program will help to support computer science scholarships at Ohio State with a larger goal to further improve workforce development and elevate the innovation economy.

**Powerful partnerships II.** Ohio State will assist with a new project to expedite the process for select former criminal offenders to receive a pardon in Ohio. The Ohio Governor’s Expedited Pardon Project will simplify the state’s pardon process for certain rehabilitated citizens who have consistently demonstrated that they have become contributing members of society. Gov. Mike DeWine announced the program at Ohio State’s Moritz College of Law. Students will assist in the project, working with clients and seeing the direct impact of their work.