No. 1. Ohio State has been recognized as the best in the nation for online undergraduate education. *U.S. News & World Report* ranked the university’s online bachelor’s programs No. 1 for 2020 — up two spots over the previous year. Ohio State’s online Master of Science in Nursing program is ranked No. 4 nationally and No. 2 among public universities. These online programs have been ranked among the nation’s top 10 for six consecutive years.

Congratulations, grads! Ohio State awarded a new university high of 3,778 degrees and certificates at autumn commencement. This follows a record 12,213 degrees and certificates awarded in the spring and 1,661 in the summer. At the same time, the university’s graduation rates are at all-time highs. Ohio State’s four-year rate is 67%, up 8.5 percentage points since 2015. The six-year rate is 85.8%. It’s part of a larger, strategic effort to reduce time to graduation and lower the cost for students and families.

Workforce development. As a new class of graduates enters the workforce, a recent survey identified Columbus as No. 1 in the Midwest and No. 2 nationally for finding a job in the new year. Of the most in-demand jobs in the state requiring a bachelor’s degree, Ohio State graduates have accepted employment in more than 90% of these occupations, on average, over the past several years.

Eureka! An Ohio State scientist whose work has led to six U.S. patents has been named a fellow of the National Academy of Inventors (NAI). Renukaradhya Gourapura — a professor in the Food Animal Health Research Program at the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences in Wooster — joins a class of fellows representing 136 research universities and governmental and nonprofit research institutes worldwide. He is the 10th Ohio State inventor to be chosen as a fellow of the NAI.

Making connections. The latest project from Ohio State Professor and National Medal of Arts recipient Ann Hamilton is at the heart of the collaboration between two organizations on opposite sides of the Oval: the Wexner Center for the Arts and University Libraries. Hamilton’s exhibit, “when an object reaches for your hand,” is an immersive experience that lives in both the Wexner Center’s gallery and in the stacks at Thompson Library. Read more about the exhibit and other center-library partnerships.