Nationally recognized. U.S. News & World Report has released its 2020-21 “Best Hospitals” list and ranked nine specialties at the Wexner Medical Center: ear, nose and throat; rehabilitation; diabetes and endocrinology; pulmonology and lung surgery; cancer; nephrology; neurology and neurosurgery; cardiology and heart surgery; and urology. The medical center is again ranked as the best hospital in central Ohio and second in Ohio. It has been named to this list for 28 consecutive years.

Looking out for one another. Every Buckeye plays an important part in taking care of each other during these challenging times. When the Ohio State community is safe and healthy, we can stay focused on our endeavors — and on improving lives. The Safe and Healthy Buckeyes website has been created as a central resource for the most-up-to-date information related to COVID-19, including physical distancing, campus readiness, personal protection, mental health and wellness resources, and more.

High honor. Dr. Leon McDougle, associate dean of Diversity and Inclusion at the College of Medicine, has been installed as the 121st president of the prestigious National Medical Association — the oldest and largest collective voice for parity and justice for African American physicians. In this important role, he will continue to help champion efforts aimed at eliminating health disparities, improving access to care and increasing diversity in medicine.

Buckeye spirit. Michael Redd, an Olympic gold medalist and former NBA All-Star, delivered the summer commencement address to approximately 1,700 graduates. The virtual ceremony received 6,100 total views via livestream. Redd is a homegrown Buckeye who committed to Ohio State after graduating from Columbus West High School. He is the CEO and founder of 22 Ventures.

Big picture research. A new three-dimensional map, built with the help of Ohio State scientists from the Center for Cosmology and Astroparticle Physics, is the largest 3D map of the universe ever created. It was built after decades of collecting and analyzing data from the skies and shows how the universe has changed and expanded over an 11-billion-year period. The map also shows that about 6 billion years ago, the universe began accelerating more rapidly than it had in the 8 billion years that came before.