

# October

**Academic health care.** Medical research teams at Ohio State have received four federal awards totaling \$55.5 million in the past few months. The [grants](#) support the study of neurological disorders as well as creation of a knowledge bank to serve as a national resource for multidisciplinary expertise in maternal and pediatric therapeutics. The awards follow the College of Medicine's record-high research funding from the National Institutes of Health in the 2021 fiscal year.

**Engineering innovation.** Ohio State students' [ideas](#) to help people combat stress and transform unused urban land into community gardens were selected for funding in this year's Ford College Community Challenge. Each year, Ford Motor Company Fund invites students to develop and submit ideas for innovative projects that address community needs. Only 10 proposals were selected nationwide. Two of those awards went to student organizations in the College of Engineering.

**Teaching excellence.** Ohio State Dance Professor Nyama McCarthy-Brown has been [selected](#) among thousands of nominations as a 2021 Dance Teacher Award Honoree. *Dance Teacher Magazine* wrote: "From her early days teaching youth in school settings to her work today ... McCarthy-Brown has been researching, writing about and championing an approach to dance pedagogy that centers on integrating the cultural backgrounds of students into the class curriculum."

**Buckeye spirit.** It's the [pregame tradition](#) that keeps Buckeye fans entertained and gets them fired up before kickoff. Skull Session, long anchored to St. John Arena, is now headed to smartphones and living rooms across the country. Ohio State will livestream Skull Session before each home game the rest of the football season. The livestream can be found at the Ohio State News YouTube channel or on the YouTube app.

**Sustainable futures.** Ohio State will be the [lead partner](#) on a five-year, pilot watershed project in Ohio designed to demonstrate that agricultural conservation practices can help meet Lake Erie's water quality goals. The project "targets the ultimate goal of preserving Lake Erie while supporting agricultural vitality and environmental sustainability," said Cathann A. Kress, Ohio State's vice president for agricultural administration and dean of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences.