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New programs to greet OSU first-year students *Book Club, Success Series among strategies to ease transition into college life*

COLUMBUS -- What do university administrators do when 3,500 prospective students sign up for a program expected to draw about 1,000?

In the case of the First Year Experience (FYE) program at The Ohio State University, planners brace for a busier autumn than they already expected – and celebrate that fact.

Mabel Freeman, assistant vice president for undergraduate admissions and the First Year Experience, told the university's Board of Trustees Wednesday (8/29) that during freshman orientation this summer, the campus bookstore sold 3,500 copies of the two books selected for the new Buckeye Book Community this autumn. "We hoped that 500 to 1,000 students would do this," she said. "I think the book sales bode well for first-year students' participation in activities this fall."

The Buckeye Book Community is among a number of initiatives collaboratively launched this fall for the entering freshman class under the umbrella of the Office of First Year Experience. Programs and strategies are designed with a primary goal in mind: to make transition to Ohio State undergraduate life as smooth as possible for the approximately 5,800 new freshmen and 2,000 new transfer students.

"A successful First Year Experience program has to involve the breadth of the campus. This has been a joint effort involving a lot of people," Freeman said. "It's clear we're bringing in stronger classes every year in terms of the academic profile. But that's not the only thing keeping students enrolled. We've designed programs that put information in their hands and that allow students to become acquainted with the university. A lot of what we're doing helps them feel comfortable on campus so they can be successful."

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The Buckeye Book Community books, *Night* by Nobel Peace Prize recipient Elie Wiesel and *Brothers and Sisters* by Bebe Moore Campbell, have been selected for students, faculty and staff who want to participate in the campus “conversation” about themes of diversity and change. The program is designed to facilitate discussion based upon a shared reading experience, and will feature Columbus campus visits by the two renowned authors. A discussion with Campbell is scheduled for 7 p.m. Oct. 10 in Weigel Auditorium, and a discussion with Wiesel is at 7 p.m. Oct. 23 in Mershon Auditorium.

Freeman, joined by a number of faculty and administrators across the university representing the numerous offices assisting with development of First Year Experience programming, outlined for trustees a handful of autumn quarter FYE features.

One initiative took place behind the scenes, she noted. Organizers kept tabs on students who signed up at orientation for recitation sections of two common autumn quarter freshman mathematics courses, and worked with housing and registrar’s office officials to assign many of these students to live in Stradley Hall. The students still have the roommates they asked for, but through this stealth operation, more than 180 new freshmen will see familiar faces in class and in their residence halls. Because of that familiarity, they are likely to gravitate into study groups, Freeman said. Math teaching assistants also will hold some help sessions in Stradley Hall and the residence hall staff will offer additional support programs regarding mathematics.

Beginning this year, Ohio State’s introductory survey course for all freshmen will be taught within each college or advising unit rather than being administered through a single university unit. To complement the courses this autumn, FYE has created the First-Year Success Series, a seven-week series of 70 programs revolving around typical survey course themes, such as financial management, wellness, diversity, leadership and issues concerning alcohol use. Programs will feature guest speakers ranging from Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas Moyer to Ohio State football great Archie Griffin, and interactive discussion topics such as “Money Management 101” and “Fighting the Freshman 15.” Survey course instructors will incorporate attendance of their students at a certain number of programs over the seven-week period.

Also available to first-year students is an arts packet being sold through the residence halls and the university Honors & Scholars Center that encourages new students to sample the

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arts scene in Columbus. For \$20, students will receive a package of tickets for performances by the city's symphony orchestra, jazz, ballet and theater organizations.

On the faculty front, Freeman noted, senior faculty representatives from departments teaching significant numbers of freshmen will participate in a series of discussions on the teaching of first-year students through seminars offered by the Office of Faculty and TA Development.

Freeman distributed to trustees a resource book also given to all parents and students who attended summer orientation. "We want family members at home to have as much information as the student has, so if a student hits a snag and calls home, a parent can point to a university resource identified in the book," Freeman said. "These books help us help students become more autonomous."

Finally, Freeman said that during Convocation 2001 with President William E. Kirwan this autumn, all new students will receive a scarlet and gray tassel – colors not represented by any of Ohio State's colleges.

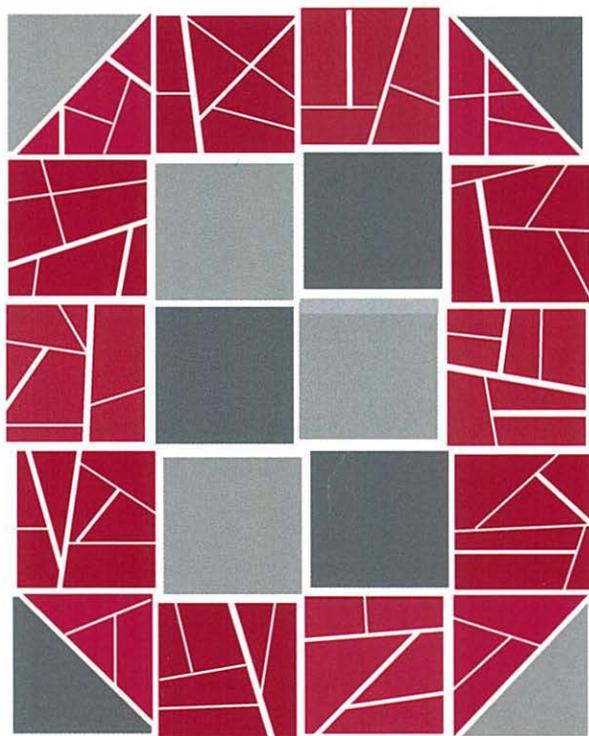
"We want them to keep these tassels as a constant reminder that, at the end of their undergraduate journey, they are going to wear a tassel with the colors of their college," she said. "They're going to go through a lot in their first year. We don't want them to lose sight of the goal."

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First Year Leadership Collaborative

Celebration Banquet

July 25, 2013



First Year Experience

Please join university and community
leaders as we celebrate our
newest Buckeye Leaders!

You are cordially invited to attend
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Celebration Banquet

A special event and opportunity for 80
talented freshmen to meet leaders who
make a difference in our community.

Thursday, July 25, 2013
NorthPointe Conference Center
Ballrooms C & D
100 Green Meadows Drive South
Lewis Center, Ohio, 43035

6:30–7 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres on the patio
7–9 p.m. Dinner and Program

RSVP by June 28 to Julie Richardson
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Fax: (614) 840-7245

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From I-71 North, take exit 121 (Polaris Parkway). Turn left (go west over I-71). Continue on Polaris Parkway, which becomes Powell Road. After Green Meadows Drive, the conference center is on the left, located on the southeast corner of Polaris Parkway/Powell Road and Route 23.

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Celebration Banquet

Table 11 Student Bios

Sam Brady

Sam Brady is from Union, OH, and he graduated from Milton Union High School. He intends to study Engineering while at Ohio State. Sam ran cross country and also served as captain of both the basketball and baseball teams. In addition, Sam participated in student council, NHS, and Buckeye Boys State.

Jed DeBruin

Jed DeBruin is from Millfield, OH, and he graduated from Athens High School. He will be majoring in Zoology and wants to be a large animal or zoo veterinarian. Jed is an Eagle Scout and was captain of his football team. Jed also served as president of the Ames-Bern Wonders 4-H Club and co-president of the Athens Catholic Teens Youth Group.

Erin Henry

Erin Henry graduated from William S Hart Union High School in Valencia, California. She will major in journalism at Ohio State and is planning on pursuing a career as a magazine editor. Erin was also captain of her Varsity track team junior and senior years. She was very influential in changing the environment in her school to a positive and spirited group of students when serving as senior class president.

Melody Liu

Melody Liu is from Pickerington, Ohio and graduated from Pickerington High School North. She plans to major in Business Administration and pursue a career in the finance field. Melody served as President of the Junior State of America, a national organization that promotes social and political awareness. Melody has traveled to Taiwan and spent four weeks teaching English to disadvantaged rural children through the AID English Teaching Program.

Vivek Seelamneni

Vivek Seelamneni comes to us from Great Falls, Virginia and graduated from Langley High School. He will be looking into the field of Health Professions Exploration at Ohio State and will pursue a career in medicine and plastic surgery. Vivek has volunteered the past three years at Medstar Georgetown University Hospital. He is passionate about helping people with physical deformities in third world countries.

Lane Washington

Lane Washington will be a fourth year student this fall. From Strongsville, Ohio, Lane is currently pursuing a Business Administration degree with an emphasis on Marketing through the Fisher College of Business. At OSU, Lane has been a part of Buck-I-SERV, the Bucket and Dipper Junior Class Honorary, and also served as an Orientation Leader. He joins us this week as a student facilitator for Team Hayes.

First Year Leadership Collaborative Celebration Banquet

Greeting

Bernie Savarese

Director, First Year Experience

Welcome

Julie Richardson

Program Coordinator, First Year Experience

Student Reflection

Remarks

Geoff Chatas

Chief Financial Officer,

Senior Vice President Business and Finance

Presentation of the Tosh Otani Award

Amy Barnes

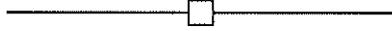
Senior Lecturer, Educational Policy and Leadership,

College of Education and Human Ecology

Closing

Joseph E. Steinmetz, PhD

Executive Vice President and Provost



A special thank you to the Leadership Collaborative professional and student staff for their hard work and dedication that made this conference possible.

Ohio State staff facilitators

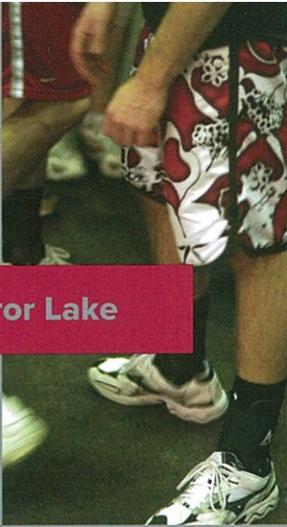
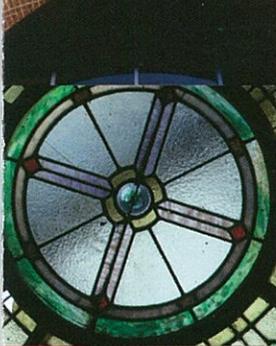
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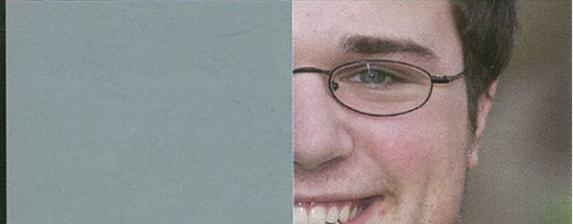
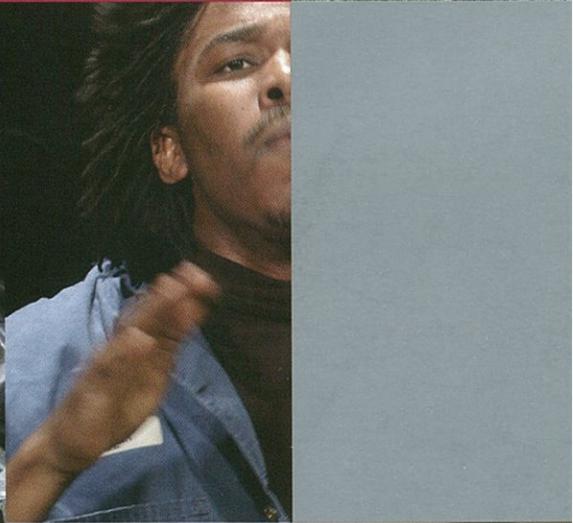
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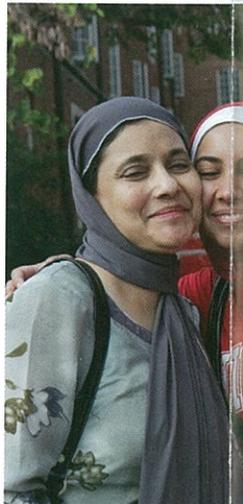
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hundreds of lectures and labs;
plenty of quizzes, papers,
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and more campus and
first-year activities than we
can possibly list here. A few
examples follow; learn more
about what awaits you during
your first year at fye.osu.edu and
studentlife.osu.edu/calendar.



AUGUST

25 Classes begin

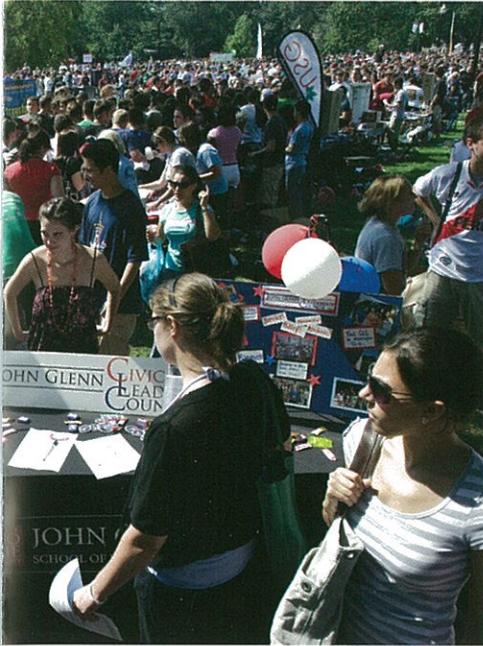
SEPTEMBER

7 Labor Day – no classes

OCTOBER

15-16 Fall break – no classes

Autumn semester 201



Buckeye Book Community (BBC) The BBC is a common reading program that connects the first-year class through a shared academic experience and introduces the expectation that college students cultivate a life of learning both in and outside the classroom.

Buckeyes Beyond Ohio (BBO) BBO features events that help first-year out-of-state students connect with each other and with upper-class peer leaders who are also from outside of Ohio.

Buck-I-Serv Take a trip during your breaks in the winter, spring and summer! Students travel to cities across the country and around the world for weeklong service projects.

Career and Job Fair Talk with representatives from 100 companies and organizations offering internships and full- and part-time jobs to Ohio State students.

Columbus Welcome Participate in a high-energy welcome event from community and alumni leaders. Learn about the great sites, attractions and opportunities in Columbus.

Convocation University president and faculty and student representatives host this program, your official academic welcome to the university.

First Year Success Series Designed to help you transition smoothly to college life and make the most of your time at Ohio State, this program offers over 350 seminars conducted by campus experts, community leaders and well-known personalities.

Flicks for Free Every other Wednesday is free movie night. This film series features current hit movies, documentaries and cult classics.

Freshman Seminars These small roundtable classes give first-year students the chance to discuss critical issues with distinguished faculty.

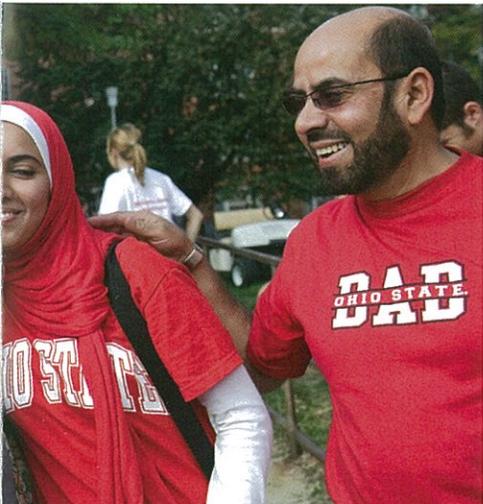
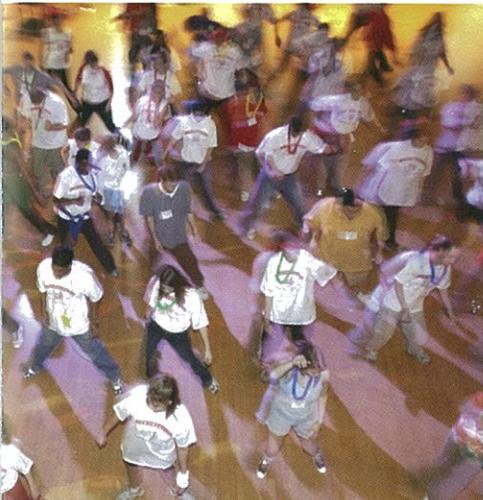
Homecoming Join current students and tens of thousands of returning alumni in a celebration of the traditions and history of Ohio State.

Light up the Lake Kick off the holiday season by attending the lighting ceremony that illuminates thousands of white seasonal lights throughout the Mirror Lake area.

Movie on the Oval Take some time to relax with friends and other Buckeyes while watching a free movie! This event features a different movie each semester.

Parent and Family Weekend Share the Ohio State student experience with family during a weekend of academic, social and athletic activities.

Student Involvement Fair Hundreds of student organizations present information about their activities and invite new students to get involved.



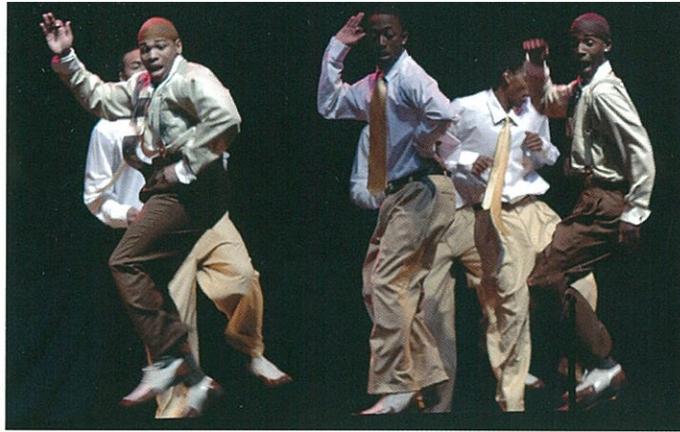
NOVEMBER 11 Veterans Day – no classes 25–27 Thanksgiving – no classes DECEMBER 9 Last day of classes 11–17 Final exams



18 Winter break begins 10 Residence halls open 11 Classes begin 18 Martin Luther King Day – no classes

JANUARY

Spring semester



African American Heritage Festival

This weeklong celebration of culture and heritage features music, poetry, food, comedy and community service.

Buckeye Showcase: An Evening for the Arts

A celebration of the artistic talents of Ohio State students, this event features dozens of student artists and a broad variety of art forms including both visual and performing arts.

Buckeyes Spring Scrimmage

This traditional football scrimmage turns Scarlet against Gray in preparation for next fall's season.

BuckeyeThon Raise money throughout the year for Nationwide Children's Hospital and then celebrate fundraising success during this 24-hour dance marathon, founded and run by students. Features dancing, games and entertainment.

Evening at COSI Spend an evening at the favorite center of learning in Columbus.

Greek Week A weeklong event for members of Ohio State's Greek community. Sororities and fraternities participate in activities, philanthropy and friendly competition.

MLK Day of Service This annual event brings together hundreds of students and community members for a day of service and celebration in honor of Martin Luther King.

National Pan-Hellenic Step Show Part of the African American Heritage Festival, the official Ohio State Step Show showcases Ohio State's black Greek organizations.

Sibs and Kids Weekend Students invite younger siblings, relatives or friends of the family to campus for a weekend of fun activities.

Taste of OSU Celebrate the university community's many cultures with foods prepared by student organizations and music and dance from around the world.



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The lawmakers said that colleges should be made more accountable for discipline decisions that are made in secret, often without the help or knowledge of police.

The U.S. Department of Education spent four years, starting in 2010, reviewing OSU's compliance with federal Title IX rules, which prohibit discrimination based on gender. The review ended a year ago when Ohio State signed an agreement promising to fix several violations.

Chief among the problems cited were the allegations of a sexualized culture in the marching band. After its own investigation of the band, the university fired its director Jonathan Waters.

The Education Department praised OSU for its handling of the band issue. Supporters of Waters continue to claim that his firing was a hasty decision, made to appease federal authorities.

Federal reviewers also praised Ohio State for hiring someone to coordinate Title IX efforts across campus and improving record-keeping and the tracking of sexual-misconduct cases.

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Ohio State to require students to learn about sexual assault



Ohio State University
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For future Ohio State University students, learning about preventing and stopping sexual violence won't be optional.

Starting next year, the university will require new students to undergo training on sexual misconduct and relationship violence at least three times: at their orientation sessions, as part of the **First Year Experience** program and again in the Second-Year Transformation Experience Program.

It's part of a new effort to combine and enhance prevention and support efforts that have been offered through a variety of university offices.

OSU President Michael V. Drake will announce "Buckeyes ACT" today as the university prepares to host Vice President Joe Biden, who is scheduled to speak at the Jesse Owens Recreation Center tonight.

Biden has represented the Obama administration's push for colleges to do more to fight sexual assaults on campus and to make public more information about how they handle such cases.

Buckeyes ACT "is a recognition that sexual misconduct and relationship violence is one of the defining issues of our time on our nation's campuses," Ohio State spokesman Chris Davey said. "Ohio State intends to be a national leader on this issue."

The mandatory training will supplant an optional session that has been offered at new-student orientations. Repeating it and making it mandatory are meant to drive home the seriousness of the issue, Davey said.

ACT stands for:

- Action: prevention efforts and encouraging bystanders to intervene.
- Counseling: supporting and advocating for students.
- Training: awareness and prevention education.

Details haven't been set on some proposed programs, such as the mandatory student training and a new academic course being developed to focus on sexual-violence issues.

Drake also plans to announce a university-wide task force that will include students and staff and faculty members. It will study new approaches to preventing and responding to allegations of sexual misconduct or relationship violence.

Officials haven't determined a cost for the initiative, but it will entail some new programs and employees. An additional sexual-violence-prevention coordinator and a new team of investigators will work through the Office of Student Life's Sexual Civility & Empowerment Program, and the Office of Student Life will have more advocates to help students who might be victims of sexual violence.

Colleges have been under increasing pressure in regard to sexual assault on campus. The topic was the focus of the 2014 *Dispatch* series "Campus Insecurity," which is available online at Dispatch.com/campuscrime.

One result of the *Dispatch* series was a call by lawmakers for more transparency in how universities such as Ohio State handle disciplinary cases involving students accused of serious offenses, including sexual assault.

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