FAMOUS OHIO STATE ALUMNI, FORMER STUDENTS, AND FACULTY

The attached list of names includes the name of the person, the reason they are famous, and the graduation date, or year(s) at OSU, or their withdrawal (w) date from the University. The names were compiled from various sources including the Alumni Association, a journalism student, and files in the OSU Archives.
FAMOUS OHIO STATE ALUMNI, FORMER STUDENTS, AND FACULTY

Abel, Alan Hoaxer : 1950
Amstutz, Daniel Former special envoy for agricultural trade and development: 1954
Bassett, Brian Political Cartoonist: w 1978
Batten, William M. Former president of the New York Stock Exchange: 1932
Bellows, George American Artist: 1901-1903
Bowen, Clotilde Marion (Dent) First black female Colonel, U.S. Army: 1943, 1947
Bremner, Robert H. OSU Faculty (1946 to present); specialist in modern American history: 1939, 1943
Bricker, John W. OSU Trustee (1948-1949); U.S. Senator; Ohio Governor; Ohio Attorney General: 1916, 1920, 1939 (Hon.)
Brooks, Ned Cadle NBC newscaster - "Meet the Press" moderator: 1924
Brown, Paul E. OSU and Cleveland Browns coach; founded the Cleveland Browns and the Cincinnati Bengals NFL pro-football teams: 1940
Buck, Jack Baseball Announcer for CBS: 1949
Buck, Paul Herman 1938 Pulitzer Prize in history; faculty member and first provost at Harvard University: 1921, 1922, 1946 (Hon.)
Buckner, Jennie Rae VP of news - Knight-Ridder: 1969
Caniff, Milton Cartoonist; creator of "Steve Canyon": 1930
Cates, Harry Louis, Jr. DuPont researcher, guided development of Delrin, a metal-like plastic: 1951
Charch, William Hale Led DuPont research team that developed cellophane: 1921, 1923
Chubb, Lewis Warrington, Sr. Director of Research - Westinghouse: 1905
Cohen, Peter Former director and VP of Shearson/American Express: 1968
Converse, George Leroy Co-Founder of ROTC program: w 1874
Cook, John Pro golfer: w 1979
Couller, Ernest Kent Founder of Big Brother movement: w 1893
Dale, Edgar OSU Faculty (1929-1970); developer of readability formulas; expert in audio-visual education
Dilenschneider, Robert President - Hill & Knowlton, Inc. (public relations firm): 1967
Drackett, Harry Roger  Developed Windex and Drano: 1907, 1943 (Hon.)
Dulles, Foster Rhea  OSU Faculty (1941-1958); specialist in American social and diplomatic history
Eby, John T. ("Jack")  Director of public policy issues - Ford Motor Co.: 1962
Ecke, Paul, Jr.  Most prominent poinsettia grower in the world: 1949
Edwards, Vince (Zoine)  Television actor - "Dr. Ben Casey": w 1948
Fisher, Dorothy (Dorothea) Canfield  Author: 1899, 1931 (Hon.)
Flory, Paul  Nobel Prize winner in chemistry: 1931, 1934
Fowler, William  Nobel Prize winner in physics: 1933
Francis, Edward  Discovered cure for rabbit fever and athlete's foot: 1894, 1933 (Hon.)
Fritz, Howard Earl  Director of Research - B.F. Goodrich; developed tubeless tires: 1913, 1923, 1924
Gossick, Lee Van  Chief of Staff - Air Force Systems Command: 1951
Graham, Albert Belmont (A.B.)  Founder of 4-H Clubs: 1953 (Hon.)
Griffin, Archie  Two-time Heisman Trophy winner: 1976
Haayen, Richard  President of All-State Insurance Co.: 1948
Harris, Sherl Lynn  1994 Pulitzer Prize for public service reporting; reporter for the *Akron Beacon Journal*: 1982
Hatcher, Harlan H.  President of the University of Michigan (1951-1967): 1922, 1923, 1927, 1952 (Hon.)
Havlicek, John  Former Professional basketball player (Boston Celtics): 1962
Hayes, Rutherford B.  OSU Trustee (1887-93); 19th President of the United States; Ohio Governor during first days of University
Hayes, Wayne Woodrow ("Woody")  OSU football coach from 1951-1978: 1948
Heckart, Eileen  Actress; 1972 Oscar winner: 1942
Heldman, Louis Marc  1983 Pulitzer Prize for general local reporting by him and his staff; managing editor of *The News-Sentinel*, Ft. Wayne, IN: 1972
Hoff, George Preston  DuPont researcher, led team that developed nylon and dacron: 1921, 1922, 1925, 1964 (Hon.)
Jakes, John  Author: 1952
Jay, John               VP and Creative director - Bloomingdale's: 1971
Johnson, John P.       Boxing manager (including heavyweight champion of the world -"Buster" Douglas): 1975, 1976
Jones, Rosie           Pro golfer: Jr. in 1980
Jones, William Robert  Coined the name "XEROX" at the request of Battelle Mem. Instit
Joseph, Richard        Travel Editor for 30 years - Esquire magazine: 1932
Kellstadt, Charles H.  President of Sears: w 1917 (?)
Kesling, Diane         Soloist - Metropolitan Opera: 1978
Kettering, Charles F.  OSU Trustee (1917-25); inventor of automobile self-starter; VP and
general manager of General Motors Research Laboratory: 1904, 1929 (Hon.)
Kiplinger, Willard M.  Originator of the Kiplinger Washington Letter: 1912, 1937 (Hon.)
Knight, Robert ("Bobby") Head basketball coach at West Point and Indiana University: 1962
Kohler, Foy            Former U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union: 1931
Lamme, Benjamin Garver Chief Engineer - Westinghouse: 1888
Lawrence, Jerome       Playwright; co-author of "Mame": 1937
LeMay, Curtis Emerson  Air Force Chief of Staff: 1932, 1962 (Hon.)
Lewis, Richard         Comedian: 1969
Lichenstein, Roy F.    Artist in "pop art": 1946, 1949
Lincoln, James F.      Industrialist and founder of Lincoln Electric Co.: 1926, 1950 (Hon.)
Lucas, Jerry           Pro basketball player; memory expert: 1962
McKenney, Ruth M. (Bransten) Author - My Sister Eileen: w 1932
Mershon, Ralph D.      Inventor of six-phase rotary converter and compensating volt meter;
helped to organize Army Corps of Engineers; Co-founder of ROTC: 1890, 1936
Metzenbaum, Howard     U.S. Senator: 1939, 1941
Midgley, Thomas, Jr.   Developed Ethyl gasoline; VP - OSU Research Foundation: 1944
                        (Hon.)
Morgan, Marabel        Author of "Total Woman"
Newhouse, Russell Conwell Developed altimeter: 1929, 1930
Nicklaus, Jack         Professional golfer: w 1961, 1972 (Hon.)
Nugent, Elliott        Actor and Playwright: 1919, 1965 (Hon.)
FAMOUS OHIO STATE ALUMNI, FORMER STUDENTS, AND FACULTY (con't):


Outlaw, William McCoy  1994 Pulitzer Prize for public service reporting; reporter for the Akron Beacon Journal: 1989

Owens, Jesse  Olympic track star: 1936, 1937, 1972 (Hon.)

Ozick, Cynthia  Author: 1950

Paulson, Paul Joseph  Senior VP - Proctor & Gamble; President - Doyle, Dane, Bernbach Advertising: 1954

Perry, Chris  Pro golfer

Peters, Jean  Actress; Mrs. Howard Hughes: w 1948

Plunkett, Roy Joseph  DuPont researcher; developed teflon: 1933, 1936

Pressey, Sidney  OSU Faculty (1921-1959); inventor of teaching machine; contributor to field of educational psychology: 1960 (Hon.)

Reckless, Walter  OSU Faculty (1940-1969); authority on juvenile delinquency and penology

Renda, Dominic Phillip  President - Western Airlines: 1938

Rhodes, James A.  Governor of Ohio: w 1936

Riklis, Meshulam  Chairman - Rapid-American Corp.; husband of Pia Zadora: 1950, 1966

Saxbe, William  Former U.S. Attorney General; U.S. Senator; Ambassador to India: 1940, 1948

Schlesinger, Arthur M.  OSU Faculty (1912-19); noted American historian; began his teaching career at OSU

Schoenbaum, Alex  Retired senior chairman of Shoney's and Big Boy Franchises: 1939

Silverman, Fred  Television producer; President of NBC: 1960

Sindelar, Joey  Pro golfer: Jr. in 1980

Smith, Jay  Publisher - Atlanta Journal and Atlanta Constitution: 1971

Sneed, Ed  Pro golfer

Speaks, Margaret  Classical singer - "Voice of Firestone": 1925

Stanton, Frank  Former President of CBS, Inc.: 1932, 1935

Stolzman, Richard  Clarinetist: 1964

Tatgenhorst, John  Prominent composer and musical arranger: 1970
FAMOUS OHIO STATE ALUMNI, FORMER STUDENTS, AND FACULTY (con't):

Thurber, James  
Author; humorist; writer and cartoonist - New Yorker: w 1917

Treyens, Clifford Raymond  
1983 Pulitzer Prize for distinguished public service; writer for Clarion-Ledger, Jackson, MS: 1977

Warfield, Paul  
Former pro football player and member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame: 1970

Warner, David Joseph  
1988 Pulitzer Prize for general news reporting; executive director of Lawrence (MA) Eagle-Tribune: w 1955

Warren, Albert  
Editor and publisher - Television Digest

Wattleton, Alyce Faye  
President - Planned Parenthood: 1964, 1967

Weiskopf, Thomas ("Tom")  
Professional golfer: w 1964

Westerman, Sylvia  
Former producer - WCBS: 1928, 1936

Wexner, Leslie  
President and CEO of The Limited; OSU Trustee: 1959

Wheeler, Thomas Edgar  
President of National Cable Television: 1968

Whitcomb, Jon (John Hull)  
Illustrator and writer: 1928

Williams, Paul N.  
OSU Faculty (1973-1976); 1973 Pulitzer Prize for local/ investigative reporting by him and his staff together; managing editor of Sun Newspapers, Omaha, NE

Wilson, Earl  
Broadway entertainment columnist: 1931

Yoakman, Dwight  
Country western singer

Zollinger, Robert M.  
OSU Faculty (1946-1974); nationally known surgeon: 1925, 1927, 1974 (Hon)
It's no secret that Jack Nicklaus, John Havlicek and Archie Griffin have walked across the Oval as undergraduates at Ohio State. But how many know that former NBC program director Fred Silverman, Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, and Academy Award-winning actress Eileen Heckart sat in the same lecture halls and used the same study tables that students are using today?

Following are the graduation dates, degrees and accomplishments of some prominent Ohio State alumni:

1916
John W. Bricker, attorney general, senator and governor of Ohio; bachelor's in Arts and Sciences.

1919
Elliott Nugent, actor, playwright; bachelor's in arts.

1920
G. Preston Hoff, Dupont researcher, led team that developed nylon, orlon and dacron; master's in chemistry.

1928
Jon Whitcomb, illustrator; bachelor's in Arts and Sciences.

1929
Col. George Converse, co-founder of ROTC; bachelor's in agriculture.

1930
Milton Caniff, cartoonist, creator of "Steve Canyon;" bachelor's in Arts and Sciences.

1931
Paul J. Flory, Nobel Prize in chemistry; master's in chemistry. Foy Kohier, ambassador to Soviet Union; bachelor's in business administration.

1932
William M. Batten, president of New York Stock Exchange; bachelor's in business administration. Richard Joseph, travel editor for "Esquire" magazine; bachelor's in journalism. Frank Stanton, president of CBS; master's in psychology.

1933
Roy J. Plunkett, Dupont researcher, developed Teflon; master's in chemistry. Paul 3. Paulson, president of Doyle, Dane, Bernbach advertising Inc.; bachelor's in business administration.

1937
Jerome Lawrence, playwright, "Auntie Mame," "Inherit the Wind," founder of American Playwrights Theatre; bachelor's in Arts and Sciences. Toward Metropolitan, Ohio Institute, University of Dayton; bachelor's in arts and sciences. Toward Metropolitan, Ohio Institute, University of Dayton; bachelor's in arts and sciences.

1939
Howard Metzenbaum, Ohio senator; bachelor's in Arts and Sciences.

1940
William Saxbe, U.S. senator, ambassador to India; bachelor's in Arts and Sciences.

1942
Eileen Heckart, actress, 1972 Oscar winner; bachelor's in Arts and Sciences.

1948
Richard Hayen, president of Allstate insurance; bachelor's in business administration.

1951
Harry L. Cates, Dupont researcher, guided development of Derlin, a meta-like plastic; doctorate is chemistry.

1954

1960
Fred Silverman, program director of NBC; master's in speech.

1973
Jean Peters, actress, Mrs. Howard Hughes; bachelor's in education.

1976
Archie Griffin, professional football player; bachelor's in business administration.

The following people were students at Ohio State but didn't graduate:

1962
Marabel Morgan, author, "Total Woman.

1961
Jack Nicklaus, professional golfer, also awarded an honorary degree in 1972 for outstanding accomplishment.

From OSU to fame: Following is a list of OSU alumni who appeared on the cover of Time Magazine and the dates of publication.

James Thurman: July 5, 1917
Fred Silverman: Sept. 4, 1939
Gen. Curtis LeMay: March 14, 1944
Mabel Morgan: Oct. 14, 1945
George E. 29, 1946
Jack Nicklaus: June 1977
Million Caniff: Jan. 13, 1937
SUBJECT: Thoughts on OSU Celebrities of the Past

DATE: October 8, 1991
FROM: Rai Goerler
TO: Carol Dale

The following list is based on the principle that the celebrities should be noted not only for their contributions but also for the duration of their connection to the University. This is in accordance with the "family" theme we discussed for the brunch on November 16.

Another concern was that the list include men and women and different periods of time, and differing status (alumni, faculty, staff).

Of course, no list is ever complete. This is a statement that should, I think, be repeated at various times in the program. In fact, if this is a hit, other shows can follow annually to highlight other people.

With those caveats--

Atkinson, Hub--student, cheerleader, alumnus, trustee. So loved the University that he had his ashes buried in the Administration Building (now Bricker Hall); 1906 entered OSU; 1913 Law Degree from OSU; 1925-1945 Board of Trustees; died January 1952.

Caniff, Milton--Enrolled 1925; 1930 BA degree; Commencement speaker 1974; died April 1988.

Cockins, Edith first registrar, a fixture of the campus for many years and close friend of Ralph Mershon; 1889-1894 student and graduated; Registrar 1997-1944; 1949 honorary degree; died March 1963.

Christine Conway, Dean of Women--BA 1923; MA 1942. Assistant to Dean of Arts and Sciences 1937-1942; Secretary of College of Arts and Sciences 1942-44; Dean of Women 1944-1967; died April 1989.

Hayes, Rutherford B.—U.S. President, and OSU Trustee; influential in establishing manual training and domestic education. Board of Trustees 1887-1893.

Hayes, Woody—1948 MA degree; Coach 1951-1979; died March 1987; A towering figure not only in athletics but also teaching and service.

Jones, Olive Branch—first librarian. Helped move The Ohio State University Libraries towards becoming one of the great research libraries in the United States. Student 1883-1887 (BA degree; 1888 Assistant Library; 1893-1927 Head Librarian; 1927-1933 Associate Professor of Bibliography; died February 1933.

Mershon, Ralph Davenport. Alumnus, active in university affairs, major donor. Enrolled 1886-1890 (ME degree); honorary degree 1936; 1916 ROTC Committee; President of OSU Alumni Association 1910--; died February 1952.

Mount, John—student, professor, administrator; helped to establish the University Archives. 1937-1941 BS Agriculture; very active undergraduate; active in alumni association 1941 to present; retired as Dean of University College and VP for Regional Campuses in 1983.

Rightmire, George Washington, president 1926-1938. Rightmire was first here as a student and then a professor. He was responsible for numerous innovations, including freshman orientation. Probably he is the most neglected of our presidents, there being no official history of his years. Student 1889-1895; Ph.B. degree; MA 1898; Law School professor and Dean from 1902-1925; active in Athletics and on Athletics Board. Acting President 1936-38; Died in 1952.

St.John, L.W.—responsible for establishing a national reputation for the athletic programs. Entered OSU 1900; 1909 Staring-Ohio Medical College; OSU Athletic Director from 1912 to 1947. Died 1950.

Sullivant, Joseph—member of the trustees; most responsible for establishing the first curriculum and hiring the first faculty. Most influential in deciding that OSU would teach "all that was worth knowing." Trustee 1870-1878.
Thompson, William Oxley: president, 1899-1925, longest tenure of any.

Thurber, James--Entered 1913-1915; active as undergrad; no degree; affiliated with the University through the Alumni Association and married the daughter of an OSU Economics professor; refused an honorary degree in 1951. Died November 1961.
At the end of every quarter, thousands of students graduate from Ohio State. Most are never heard of again, but believe it or not, some actually go on to have very successful careers.

**JOURNALISM**

Leonard Downie Jr: Executive Editor, *Washington Post*

Elin Moriarty: CBS correspondent, 48 hours

Barbara Reynolds: Inquiry Page Editor, USA Today

Jay Smith: Executive Vice President, Cox Newspapers

Frank Stanton: Former president, CBS Inc.

Jeff Flumle: Senior Editor, *U.S. News and World Report*

**ARTS / SCIENCE**

Lee Adams: Tony Award-winning lyricist

Milto Caniff: Cartoonist who created the comic strip *Terry and the Pirates* (deceased)

Nancy Currie: U.S. Astronaut

Barbara Daniels: Opera singer

Robert Dillenchenrider: Author and public relations expert

Paul Flory: Won the Nobel Prize for chemistry in 1974

for his study of long-chain molecules (deceased)

William Fowler: Won the Nobel Prize for physics in 1983 for studying the evolution and devolution of stars

Eileen Heckart: Won an Oscar for best supporting actress in *Butterflies are Free*. She was nominated in the same category for *The Bad Seed*

John Jakes: Historical novelist, his works include the *Kent Family Chronicles* and *North and South*

James Katz: Hollywood producer and director

Diane Kesling: Soloist, Metropolitan Opera Company

Jerome Lawrence: Playwright, *Auntie Mame* and *Twelve Angry Men*

Richard Lewis: Actor, writer and comedian who appeared in *Spaceballs* and *Robin Hood: Men in Tights*

Samella Lewis: Founder of the Museum of African-American Arts

Roy Fox Lichtenstein: Artist who appropriated images from popular culture into his art.

Maribel Morgan: Author, *Total Woman*

Cynthia Ozick: Author

Gigi Rice: Actress on the John Larroquette Show

Dwight Yoakam: Country western singer

**SPORTS**

Dave Burba: Relief pitcher, Cincinnati Reds

Cris Carter: Wide receiver, Minnesota Vikings

Jim Cleamons: Assistant coach, Chicago Bulls

Archib Griffin: The only two-time Heisman Trophy winner. Former running back for the Cincinnati Bengals

John Havlicek: Former player for the Boston Celtics

Stephanie Hightower-Leftwich: Former world and American record holder in the hurdles

Jimmy Jackson: Guard, Dallas Mavericks

Bob Knight: College basketball coach, Indiana University

Jerry Lucas: Former basketball star and memory expert

Jesse Owens: Won four gold medals at the 1936 Olympic games in Berlin (deceased)

Butch Reynolds: Olympic track medalist

Chris Spielman: Linebacker, Detroit Lions

Dan Wilkinson: Defensive lineman, Cincinnati Bengals

**POLITICS**

Lee Young Duk: Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea

**BUSINESS**

William M. Batten: Former president New York Stock Exchange

Max M. Fisher: Industrialist and philanthropist

Mark R. Goldston: President and CEO, L.A. Gear

Edward R. Wrenn: President and CEO, McDonald's Corporation

Faye Wattleton: Former president, Planned Parenthood

Leslie H. Wexner: President and CEO of The Limited, Inc.

**Will your name and face appear on this list in a future edition ot The Directory?**

By Joseph Forcina - Tab Editor
List of Ohio State University people

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Notable alumni

Please note that the names listed may have only attended the University at one point and not have necessarily graduated.

National and international award winners

Nobel Laureates

- Paul Flory, 1974 Nobel laureate in Chemistry (Ph.D. 1934)
- William Fowler, 1983 Nobel laureate in Physics (B.S. 1933)

Pulitzer Prize winners

• Paul H. Buck, History 1938
• Mary Oliver, Poetry 1984
• Walter Bogdanich, Specialized Reporting 1988
• Stephen Ohlemacher, Breaking News Reporting 1999
• Judith Miller, Explanatory Reporting 2002
• Diana K. Sugg, Best Reporting 2003
• Nick Anderson, Editorial Cartooning 2005
• Walter Bogdanich, National Reporting 2005
• Julia Keller, Feature Writing 2005

Academia

• Michael F. Adams, President, University of Georgia (M.A. 1971, Ph.D. 1973)
• Omer Clyde Aderhold, former President, University of Georgia (Ph.D. 1938)
• Stanley Baiman, Chairperson of the Accounting Department in the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania (B.S. 1968)
• Steve Ballard, Chancellor East Carolina University (Ph.D. 1976)
• Douglas Brinkley, Director of the Theodore Roosevelt Center for American Civilization at Tulane University (B.A. 1982)
• Molly Corbett Broad, President of the University of North Carolina System (M.S. 1964)
• John W. Brockman President, SUNY-Brockport (Ph.D. 1980)
• Paul H. Buck Historian Former Provost of Harvard University, Awarded 1938 Pulitzer Prize in History (B.A. 1921)
• Samuel D. Cook, former President of Dillard University (1975-1997) first African-American professor at Duke University (M.A./Ph.D 1954)
• Michael Devine, Director of the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum (Ph.D 1974)
• John W. Garland, President Central State University (J.D. 1974)
• Harlan H. Hatcher, former President (1951-1967) of the University of Michigan
• Charles F. Hockett, Linguist, professor at Cornell University (B.A./M.A. 1936)
• Donald Kagan, Scholar Sterling Professor of Classics and History at Yale (Ph.D., 1958)
• Harold Nestor, former President (1978-1995) of Columbus State Community College (B.S. 1960; M.A. 1966; Ph.D. 1970)
• Calie Pistorius, Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Pretoria in South Africa. (M.S. 1984; Ph.D. 1986)
• Arthur M. Schlesinger, Sr., Historian namesake of Schlesinger Library at Harvard University (B.A. 1910)
• Nancy Zimpher, President, University of Cincinnati (BA 1968; M.A. 1971; Ph.D. 1976)

Arts & Literature

• Berenice Abbott, photographer (briefly)
• George Wesley Bellows, painter (1905 (attended but did not graduate)
• Milton Caniff, cartoonist (1930)
• Charles Csuri, Artist influential artist and scholar; father of digital art and computer animation (BFA; MFA)
• Tom Doyle, Sculptor 1994 lifetime achievement award from American Academy of Arts and Letters (BFA 1952; MFA 1953)
• Harlan Ellison, Science fiction writer (attended but did not graduate; expelled)
• Dorothy Canfield Fisher Novelist and education activist (B.A. 1899)
• Velina Hasu Houston, playwright
• Kermit Hunter, Playwright (B.A. 1931)
• Jerome Lawrence, playwright (B.A. 1937)
• Samella Lewis, artist, noted printmaker, art historian and scholar of African-American art, first African American woman to receive a doctorate in fine arts and art history. (M.A. 1948 Ph.D 1951)
• Roy Lichtenstein, artist (BFA, 1946; MFA, 1949; honorary doctorate, 1988)
• Mary Oliver, 1984 Pulitzer Prize winner for poetry (attended but did not graduate)
• Cynthia Ozick, author (M.A., 1950)
• Paul Palnik, cartoon artist and writer. (BFA, 1968; MA 1969) Numerous original drawings in the collection of The Ohio State University Libraries
- Clayton Rawson, Mystery Writer (B.A. 1929)
- Christopher Ries, glass sculptor (BFA, 1975)
- Frank Schmalleger, professor and author (Ph.D., 1974)
- Clarence Shields, artist, BFA 1946
- James Thurber, author and humorist

**Business**

- Ray Boshara, Director, Asset Building Program for the New America Foundation, selected in 2002 by *Esquire* as one of "America's Best and Brightest" (B.A.)
- Charles J. Bramlage President Valeant Pharmaceutical Europe (B.S.)
- Christopher M. Connor, Chairman and CEO of Sherwin-Williams Company (B.S. 1978)
- James C. Cotting, former Chairman and CEO of Navistar current Governor of the Chicago Stock Exchange (B.A. 1955)
- Ralph S. Cunningham, former President and CEO of Citgo (B.S. 1964; M.S. 1966)
- Harry R. Drackett, inventor of Windex (B.S. 1907)
- Max M. Fisher, Philanthropist noted businessman and philanthropist; funded the Fisher School of Business at Ohio State (B.S. 1930)
- Mark R. Goldston, Chairman and CEO of Netzero parent company United Online In 1986, at the age of 31, he became youngest President of a Fortune 500 company when he took over Faberge. (B.S. 1977)
- Daniel Gressel, Economic advisor to Indonesia, Costa Rica, and Chile, President Teleos Asset Management an international hedge fund (B.S. 1976)
- Ray J. Groves long-time Chairman and CEO of Ernst & Young (B.S. 1957)
- Paul F. Iams, founder of The Iams Company (B.S. 1937)
- Charles H. Kellstadt, former Chairman and CEO of Sears, Roebuck and Co., namesake of business school at Depaul University (B.S. 1920)
- Fred Lazarus, Jr., the founder of Federated Department Stores
- Tami Longaberger, CEO of The Longaberger Company, (B.S. 1984)
- William G. Lowrie, former President Amoco (BSChem, 1966)
- Manu Mehta, Founder, Chairman and CEO of Metabyte Networks, Inc (B.S. 1980 M.S. 1982)
- Susan Mermit, Netscape and America Online executive (M.A.)
- James G. Oates, former President Leo Burnett Worldwide advertising agency (B.S. 1966)
- Richard Morrow, former Chairman and CEO of Amoco (B.S.)
- James J. O'Brien, Chairman and CEO of Ashland Inc. (B.S. M.B.A.)
- Walden O'Dell, CEO of Diebold
- Edward J. Orton, Jr., Columbus philanthropist, founded the "Standard Pyrometric Cone Company".
- Robert R. Ruffolo, Jr, Senior Vice President of Wyeth and President of Wyeth Research (B.S. 1973; Ph. D 1976)
- Leslie Wexner, CEO & chairman, Limited Brands corporation (B.S. 1959)
- Kenneth P. Wilcox, President and CEO of SVB Financial and Silicon Valley Bank (B.A. M.A. Ph. D)
- Gwen C. Wisler, President and CEO of The Coleman Company (B.S. 1981)

**Entertainment**

- Lee Adams, Songwriter Tony Award winner and inductee into the Songwriters Hall of Fame (B.A.)
- Carole Black, President and CEO of Lifetime Entertainment Services (B.A. 1965)
- Budd Boetticher, Film Director of Western
- David J. Brock, Film Director
- Barbara Daniels, Opera Soprano
- Dan Darling, Executive Vice-President, Turner Broadcasting System (B.S.)
- Vince Doria, VP of ESPN and director of *SportsCenter* (1970)
- Tim Easton, Musician alt-country singer
- Ruby Elzy, African American operatic soprano who created the role of Serena in George Gershwin's folk opera *Porgy*
Charles W. Fries, Producer and former Vice-President of Columbia Pictures, originated the Movie of The Week format (B.A.)

Patricia Heaton, Emmy Award-winning actress on Everybody Loves Raymond (B.A., 1980)

Eileen Heckart, Academy Award, Emmy Award, and Golden Globe Award-winning actress (B.A., 1942)

Jim Jinkins, animator and creator of the animated Doug television series

Melina Kanakaredes, actress, star of Providence and CSI: NY (attended but did not graduate)

Diane Kesling, Opera Soprano, Soloist with the Metropolitan Opera (B.A. 1978)

Scott Kirby, Musician, New Orleans musician and noted interpreter of classic American particularly ragtime (B.A. 1988)

George Monnett Kling (aka Saxon Kling) Broadway actor, playwright and member of the Washington Square Players.

Fred Laderman, Producer, considered an industry trailblazer and the first to transform Japanese anime into an American commodity. (B.S. 1949)

Richard Lewis, comedian, actor, writer (B.S. 1969)

Patrick Markey, Producer of films including A River Runs Through It and White Oleander (B.A.; M.A.)

Vince Mendoza, Musician and Composer of Jazz (B.A. 1983)

Carman Moore, Composer of Operatic and Classical Music (B.A.)

Phil Ochs, protest singer (attended but did not graduate)

Ron O'Neal, actor of Superfly fame

Jack Renner, Founder and CEO of TELARC Classical Records, nominated for 20 Grammy Awards winning nine (B.S.)

Gigi Rice, actress (B.A. 1987)

Fred Silverman, trendsetting 1970's television executive as President of ABC

J. K. Simmons, actor

Richard Stoltzman, Musician, Avery Fisher Prize winning clarinetist, Sony Classical recording artist (B.A-Music/B.S.-Mathematics)

Bruce Vilanch, comedy writer (BFA, 1970)

Chris Wedge, Director of computer animation films including Ice Age and Robots (M.A.Computer Graphics)

Dwight Yoakam, Country musician, actor


Ned Brooks, moderator, Meet the Press

Jack Buck, Hall of Fame announcer for the St. Louis Cardinals, NFL football announcer journalist

Jennie Buckner, former managing editor of the Charlotte Observer, currently Batten Professor of Public Policy at Davidson University (B.A. 1969)

Christine Chubbuck, television reporter who commit suicide on live television in 1974

Paul Delaney, long-time correspondent, bureau chief and editor with the New York Times currently Professor at Syracuse University (B.A. 1956)


Julia Keller, Columnist Chicago Tribune, 2005 Pulitzer Prize recipient (Ph.D. 1995)

W.M. Kiplinger, among first two journalism graduates and founder of Kiplinger's

Brian Lehrer, Radio Host of The Brian Lehrer Show on New York's WNYC (M.A.)

Judith Miller, former New York Times reporter, 2002 Pulitzer Prize for Explanatory Reporting

Jerry Mitchell, Investigative Reporter for the The Clarion-Ledger whose reporting helped lead to the conviction of Byron De La Beckwith, youngest recipient of John Chancellor Award for Excellence in Journalism (M.A.)

Erin Moriarty, CBS news correspondent and nine time Emmy Award recipient (B.S. 1973; J.D. 1977)

Stephen Ohlemacher Reporter for the Cleveland Plain Dealer shared the 1999 Pulitzer Prize for Breaking News while at the Hartford Courant (B.A. 1989)

Barbara Reynolds, Nationally syndicated columnist, Professor of Journalism at Howard University (B.A. 1967)

Frank Stanton, Longtime President of CBS; considered the father of television news

Bill Stewart, Reporter, Foreign Correspondent for ABC summarily executed by Nicaraguan government forces (B.A. 1963)

Diana K. Sugg, Reporter, Baltimore Sun, 2003 Pulitzer Prize Recipient (M.A.)
Law

- Claude M. Hilton, United States District Court judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, judge on the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court. (B.S. 1963)
- Colleen McMahon, United States Judge for the Southern District of New York (B.A. 1973)
- Thomas J. Moyer, Current Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court (B.A. 1961 J.D. 1964)
- Paul Pfeifer, Current Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court (B.A. 1963 J.D. 1966)
- C. William O'Neill, One-term governor of Ohio, Chief Justice of Ohio Supreme Court (JD 1942)
- Carter G. Phillips, Managing Partner of the Washington DC office of Sidley Austin Brown & Wood, named by The National Law Journal as one of America's 100 Most Influential Lawyers, has argued over forty cases before the United States Supreme Court (B.S. 1973)
- Brian Sandoval, Former Nevada Attorney General, Current United States District Court Judge (J.D. 1989)
- Evelyn L. Stratton, Current Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court (J.D. 1978)
- Jeffrey Sutton, federal appeals court judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (J.D. 1990)

Politics, Diplomacy & Military

Current United States Senators

- Thomas R. Carper, United States Senator from Delaware (B.A., 1968)
- George Voinovich, United States Senator from Ohio (J.D.)

Current United States Congressmen

- Dave Hobson, 7th Congressional District of Ohio, (J.D. 1963)
- Bob Ney, 18th Congressional District of Ohio. (B.S., 1976)
- Mike Oxley, 4th Congressional District of Ohio, Chair of House Committee on Financial Services (J.D. 1969)
- Deborah Pryce, 15th Congressional District of Ohio, Chair of House Republican Conference (B.A. 1973)
- Pat Tiberi, 12th Congressional District of Ohio (B.A., 1985)

Diplomats and international politicians

- Amadou L. Ba, Diplomat Senegal Ambassador to the United States (B.S. M.S. Ph. D)
- Chester Crocker, Diplomat Former Undersecretary of State for African Affairs; author of United Nations' Namibian Peace Plan; Nobel Peace Prize nominee (B.A. 1963)
- Grant Devine, former Progressive Conservative Premier of the Canadian province of Saskatchewan (Ph.D 1976)
- Foy D. Kohler, Diplomat, Former United States Ambassador to the Soviet Union (B.A.)
- Andrew McIntosh, British Labour Party Politician, Whip and culture spokesman of the House of Lords
- Jayaprakash Narayan, Indian freedom fighter, social reformer, politician
- Robert R. Scott, Awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in World War II, In 1943, the destroyer escort USS Scott (DE-214) was named in his honor, also the namesake for Ohio State's Scott House dormitory.
- Roberto Sánchez Vilella, Second elected Governor of Puerto Rico (B.S. 1934)
- Makarim Wibisono, Diplomat Permanent Envoy of Indonesia to the United Nations, Chairperson of the 61st Commission on Human Rights (Ph.D)
- Milton A. Wolf, Diplomat former United States Ambassador to Austria (B.A. 1948)
- Joseph Wu, Chairman of the Mainland Affairs Council of the Republic of China (Ph.D. 1989)

State politicians

- Robert S. Kiss, Speaker, West Virginia Legislature (B.A. J.D.)
- Ron Klein, Minority Leader, Florida Senate (B.A. 1979)

**Former politicians**

- John W. Bricker, Three-term Governor of Ohio, Republican Vice-Presidential nominee in 1944, Two-term United States Senator from Ohio, Co-founder of Bricker & Eckler law firm (B.A. 1916; J.D. 1920)
- Dan Crippen, former Director of the Congressional Budget Office (M.A. 1976 Ph.D. 1981)
- Curtis LeMay, United States Air Force general (WWII and Cold War) (B.S. 1928)
- William M. McCulloch, twelve term former Congressman from Ohio (J.D. 1925)
- James McGee, longest serving mayor of Dayton, Ohio (J.D.)
- Howard Metzenbaum, former United States Senator (B.A., 1939; J.D., 1941)
- Geoffrey Miller, United States Army Major General (B.A.)
- William H. Natcher fifteen term former Congressman from Kentucky, noted for never taking political contributions (J.D. 1933)
- James A. Rhodes, former four term (non-consecutive) Governor of Ohio; former Mayor, Columbus, Ohio; former Auditor of State of Ohio (attended but did not graduate)
- William B. Saxbe, United States Senator from Ohio, United States Attorney General, United States Ambassador to India (BA 1940; JD 1948)
- John M. Vorys, nine term former Congressman from Ohio, 1951 delegate to the United Nations (J.D. 1923)
- Michael R. White, longest serving Mayor of Cleveland (B.A. 1973; MPA 1974)
- Chalmers P. Wylie, thirteen term former Congressman from Ohio (B.A.)

**Science, Engineering & Architecture**

- P. Chungmoo Auh, president of the Korean Institute of Energy Research (B.S. 1967; M.S. 1970; Ph.D 1975)
- Arthur Avril, Founder and Chairman of Sakrete (B.S. 1926)
- Charles Bassett, astronaut
- Sidney van den Bergh, Noted Canadian Astronomer who served as President of the Canadian Astronomical Society and as Vice-President of the International Astronomical Union. The asteroid, 4230 van den Bergh, is named in his honour (M.S.)
- Hendrik Wade Bode, noted scientist and engineer with numerous civilian and military contributions (B.S. 1924 M.S. 1926)
- Friedrich Bohm, Chairman of NBBJ (M.S. 1969)
- Robert S. Chau Intel Senior Fellow; Director, Transistor Research and Nanotechnology Intel Corporation (BS 1984; MS 1986; PhD 1989)
- Nancy Currie, astronaut (B.A. 1980)
- Agnes Meyer Driscoll, Cryptanalyst deciphered Japanese Naval Codes before and during the Second World War (B.A. 1911)
- Judah Folkman, Scientist Harvard medical researcher; noted cancer researcher (B.S. 1953)
- Henry J. Hatch, Engineer, Lt. General former Army Chief of Engineers (M.S.)
- David A. Huffman, computer scientist (B.S. 1944 M.S. 1949)
- Charles Kettering, Electrical Engineer, Founder of Delphi Auto Parts, Vice-President of Research for General Motors, invented electric starter for automobiles, Co-founder (along with Alfred Sloan) of Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in 1945 (B.S. 1904)
- Benjamin G. Lamme, Engineer long time head of engineering at Westinghouse, pioneered the design of rotary converters, developed direct current railway motors and produced the first commercially successful induction motor. (B.S. 1888)
- Richard M. Linnehan Astronaut (D.V.M. 1985)
- John L. Moll, Engineer, Pioneer in the use of silicon transistors at Bell Labs, Stanford University and Hewlett-Packard (B.S. 1943; Ph. D 1952)
- Roy Plunkett, inventor of teflon (Ph.D., 1936)
- Wallace Clement Sabine Architect, Harvard Professor, Founder of the field of modern architectural acoustics Acoustical Architect of Boston's Symphony Hall (B.S. 1886)
• Larry Sanger, co-founder of Wikipedia (Ph.D., 2000)
• Ronald M. Sega, Astronaut (M.S. 1975)
• Howard Dwight Smith, Architecture Ohio Stadium architect, (B.S 1907)

Others

• Ted A. Beattie, President and CEO of Chicago’s Shedd Aquarium (B.S. 1971; M.S. 1973)
• Paul Ebert, noted pediatric heart surgeon, former director of the American College of Surgeons, he had been Chairman of the Departments of Surgery at both Cornell University Medical College and the University of California San Francisco Medical Center. (B.S. M.D)
• Ammon Hennacy, social critic and reformer
• Maurice Koblenz, former State Commissioner of Prisons (Ohio) and expert in Penal Reform Issues.
• Bill Kraus, Activist, gay rights and AIDS activist. Former Congressional Aide who served as a liaison between the San Francisco gay community and congress in the 1980's
• John Niederhuber, Director of the National Cancer Institute (M.D. 1964)
• Mike Sexton, Professional Poker Player and Main Host of the World Poker Tour
• Faye Wattleton, Activist, Former President Planned Parenthood of America, Co-founder Center for the Advancement of Women (BS 1964)

Athletics

Olympic Medalists

Ohio State has produced over 100 Olympic athletes including the following medalists

• David Albritton, Track and Field 1936 Berlin Olympic Games Silver Medal
• Miller Anderson, Diving 1948 London Olympic Games Silver Medal; 1952 Helsinki Olympic Games Silver Medal
• Greg Baker, Tae Kwon Do 1988 Seoul Olympic Games Bronze Medal
• Aldis Imants Berzins, Volleyball 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games Gold Medal
• Juan Botella, Mexico Diving 1960 Rome Olympic Games Bronze Medal
• Nathan Brooks, Boxing 1952 Helsinki Olympic Games Gold Medal
• Jennifer Kay Chandler, Diving 1976 Montreal Olympic Games Gold Medal
• Mary Ellen Clark, Diving 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games Bronze Medal; 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games Bronze Medal
• Robert Clotworthy, Diving 1952 Helsinki Olympic Games Bronze Medal; 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games Gold Medal
• Gerald Cole, Track and Field 1952 Helsinki Olympic Games Silver Medal
• Glenn Ashby Davis, Track and Field 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games Gold Medal; 1960 Rome Olympic Games Two Gold Medals
• Diane Dixon, Track and Field 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games Silver Medal; 1988 Seoul Olympic Games Silver Medal
• Jack George, Swimming 1952 Helsinki Olympic Games Bronze Medal
• James D. George Weightlifting 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games Bronze Medal; 1960 Rome Olympic Games Silver Medal
• Peter T. George, Weightlifting 1948 London Olympic Games Silver Medal; 1952 Helsinki Olympic Games Gold Medal; 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games Silver Medal
• Thomas Eugene Gompf, Diving 1964 Tokyo Olympic Games Bronze Medal
• Joe Greene, Track and Field 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games Bronze Medal; 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games Bronze Medal
• Sam Wesley Hall, Diving 1960 Rome Olympic Games Silver Medal
• Bruce Harlan, Diving 1948 London Olympic Games Gold Medal; Silver Medal
• Donald Harper, Diving 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games Silver Medal
• Bill Hoskett, Basketball 1968 Mexico City Olympic Games Gold Medal
• Karen Josephson, Synchronized Swimming, 1988 Seoul Olympic Games Silver Medal 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games Gold Medal

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Basketball

As of the 2006 season, 16 Ohio State basketball players have been named first-team All American on 23 occasions, including 5 two-time All Americans and 1 three-time All American.[1]

- John Havlicek, NBA star, Basketball Hall of Fame
- Jim Jackson, NBA star
- Neil Johnston, NBA player and coach, Basketball Hall of Fame
- Clark Kellogg, former NBA star, TV sports analyst
- Bobby Knight, coach at Texas Tech University Basketball Hall of Fame (B.A., 1962)
- Jerry Lucas, NBA star, Basketball Hall of Fame
- Michael Redd, NBA player for the Milwaukee Bucks
- Arnie Risen, four time NBA all-star Basketball Hall of Fame
- Katie Smith, WNBA player
- Fred R. Taylor, long time former OSU head basketball coach, Basketball Hall of Fame

Football

As of the 2003 season, 121 Ohio State football players have been named first-team All American on 163 occasions, including 28 two-time All Americans and 7 three-time All Americans.[2]

- Will Allen, NFL Free safety for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers


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- Earle Bruce, College Football Hall of Fame coach
- Cris Carter, NFL wide receiver
- Howard "Hopalong" Cassidy, Heisman Trophy Winner 1955
- Nate Clements, NFL cornerback for the Buffalo Bills
- Mike Doss, NFL Safety for the Indianapolis Colts
- John Frank, NFL tight end
- Joey Galloway, NFL wide receiver
- Eddie George, Heisman Trophy winner 1995
- Sid Gillman, National Football League coach and Pro Football Hall of Famer
- Terry Glenn, National Football League wide receiver
- Randy Gradishar, National Football League linebacker, College Football Hall of Fame member
- Archie Griffin, only two-time (1974 & 1975) Heisman Trophy winner, current president of The Ohio State University Alumni Association
- Lou Groza, famous football kicker and Pro Football Hall of Famer, Lou Groza Award namesake
- Chic Harley, three-time All American OSU running back in football.
- A.J. Hawk, National Football League linebacker
- Woody Hayes, Ohio State football coach and educator, M.A.
- Kirk Herbstreit, ESPN sports analyst and former OSU quarterback
- Les Horvath, Heisman Trophy winner 1943.
- Vic Janowicz, Heisman Trophy winner 1950.
- Pete Johnson, NFL running back
- Dante Lavelli, Pro Football Hall of Fame inductee (1945)
- Dick LeBeau, Pittsburgh Steelers defensive coordinator
- Tom Matte, NFL Running back
- Mike Nugent, NFL Kicker for the New York Jets
- Jim Parker, Offensive tackle for the Baltimore Colts and Pro Football Hall of Fame
- Matt Snell, AFL/NFL running back
- Shawn Springs, NFL cornerback for the Washington Redskins
- Jack Tatum, football player for the Oakland Raiders, author
- Paul Warfield, Pro Football Hall of Fame wide receiver
- Bill Willis, Pro Football Hall of Fame and one of first African-American pro football players

Golf

- John Cook
- Rosie Jones
- Meg Mallon
- Jack Nicklaus, often considered the greatest golfer of all time (attended)
- Joey Sindelar
- Tom Weiskopf

Hockey

- Mike Bales, NHL ice hockey goalie
- Ryan Kesler, current NHL hockey player
- Jamie Macoun, longtime veteran ice hockey defenceman in the NHL
- R.J. Umberger, current ice hockey player in the NHL

Notable Current Faculty

National Academy of Sciences Members

- Malcolm Chisolm, Chemistry
- Carlo Croce, Medicine Genetics Researcher
• Albert de la Chapelle, Medicine Genetics Researcher
• David Denlinger, Biology
• Avner Friedman, Mathematics
• Leo Paquette, Chemistry
• Linda Saif, Biology
• Lonnie G. Thompson, Geology Tyler Prize winning glaciologist (M.S. 1971 Ph.D. 1976)
• Kenneth G. Wilson, Physics 1982 Nobel Laureate

National Academy of Engineering Members

• Meyer J. Benzakein, Aerospace Engineering
• Jose B. Cruz Jr., Electrical Engineering
• Liang-Shih Fan, Chemical Engineering
• Robert E. Fenton, Industrial Engineering
• W. S. Winston Ho, Chemical Engineering
• Robert G. Kouyoumjian, Electrical Engineering
• Robert A. Rapp, Materials Engineering
• Paul G. Shewmon, Materials Engineering
• Robert H. Wagoner, Materials Engineering
• James C. Williams, Materials Engineering

Institute of Medicine of The National Academies Members

• Clara D. Bloomfield
• Charles C. Capen
• Janice K. Kiecolt-Glaser

Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

• Kevin Boyle, History, 2004 National Book Award winner and Pulitzer Prize finalist for Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights and Murder in the Jazz Age.
• Charles Csuri, Art Computer Graphics influential artist and scholar; father of digital art and computer animation (BFA 1946; MFA 1948)
• Lee Martin, English, 2006 Pulitzer Prize finalist for the novel The Bright Forever.
• Bebe Miller, Dance, Guggenheim Fellow, Founder Bebe Miller Dance Company (M.A. 1975)
• John Mueller, Political Science, Guggenheim Fellow, holds the Wayne Woodrow Hayes Chair in National Security Studies, winner of Georgetown University's Lepgold Prize for the best book on international relations for The Remnants of War
• Thomas Postlewait, Theatre, the only scholar in his field to be invited to contribute both to the Cambridge History of American Theatre and the Cambridge History of British History
• Alexander Wendt, Political Science, Ralph D. Mershon Professor of International Security Recently named the third most influential scholar of international relations by Foreign Policy Magazine

Others

• Frank De Luca, Physics and 1992 winner of Max-Planck Prize
• Harvey Friedman, Mathematics, noted logician
• Eric Herbst, Physics and 1993 winner of Max-Planck Prize
• William J. Mitsch, Environmental Science awarded 2004 Stockholm Water Prize for wetlands research

Presidents of Ohio State University

• Karen A. Holbrook Incumbent
William E. Kirwan 7-1-1998 to 6-30-2002
John R. Sisson (Acting) 1-1-1998 to 6-30-1998
E. Gordon Gee 9-1-1990 to 12-31-1997
Edward H. Jennings 9-1-1981 to 8-31-1990
Harold L. Enarson 9-1-1972 to 8-31-1981
Novice G. Fawcett 8-1-1956 to 8-31-1972
Howard L. Bevis 2-1-1940 to 7-31-1956
William McPherson (Acting) 7-1-1938
George W. Rightmire 1926 to 1938
William Oxley Thompson 1899 to 1925
James H. Canfield 1895 to 1899
William H. Scott 1883 to 1895
Walter Q. Scott 1881 to 1883
Edward J. Orton Sr. 1873 to 1881

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Ohio State jump-roper finally lands spot on ‘Ellen’

By Ken Gordon

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Even for someone accustomed to jumping through hoops, Tori Boggs was beginning to get discouraged.

The world-champion jump-roper — a second-year student at Ohio State University — figured that the day might never come.

Finally, the moment has arrived: Boggs, 21, will be seen this afternoon on The Ellen DeGeneres Show.

For years, she said, she had wanted to appear on the daytime talk show.

“I love Ellen’s enthusiasm and attitude,” said Boggs, a native of Parkersburg, W.Va.

“It’s a happy show, and she celebrates ‘awesomeness.’

“I love that kind of passion — so I thought, if there would ever be a show to jump on, it would be hers.”

She recalled a couple of “almosts.”

About eight years ago, when she was 13 or 14, the all-star team for which she jumped was invited to appear on Ellen. She was left out of the visit, though, because of a team-related age restriction.

In high school, another jump-rope group with which Boggs was involved was invited to the show by producers — but the team was later replaced by another group.

Then, in November, she received the latest invitation — by phone.

“I was super-excited,” she said. “This is one of my dreams, and so many chances have come and gone.”

Boggs has picked up multiple world championships, appeared with Cirque du Soleil and traveled overseas.

Yet her profile got a big boost about a month or so before the Ellen handlers called — when OSU officials made a 91-second video of Boggs performing on the Oval.

The result went viral, with more than 900,000 views to date.

The video, show producers told her, prompted their interest.

“That was a fire starter,” said Boggs, an industrial-design major who plans to go to medical school.

She flew to Los Angeles on Tuesday night to tape the segment yesterday.
She intends to return today in time to participate in a viewing party (open to the public) from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Ohio Union, 1739 N. High St.

"This is one of the best things I've ever gotten to do."

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