



Admissions News

Dear Colleague:

With the arrival of **this year's freshman class**, we will be welcoming one of our largest entering classes in more than 10 years: we anticipate approximately 6,550 very talented first-year students. While this class increases the number of Ohio students and supports Governor Strickland's efforts to enroll more Ohioans in colleges and universities, approximately 18 percent of the class comes from states and countries outside of Ohio, with our largest international population coming from China. We also are pleased to welcome our new vice president for strategic enrollment planning, M. Dolan Evanovich, who previously served in a similar capacity at the University of Connecticut.

The **economic climate** has certainly affected all of us in some way, and we continue to try to meet students' needs so that they can stay in school. We are holding the tuition at last year's level for Ohio undergraduates; we have created an emergency loan fund for our students; we are maintaining all of our academic programs; and we have been able to avoid any layoffs of faculty and staff. We are sensitive to the challenges faced by students and their families; we know that education still continues to be a pathway out of this situation.

While some of our materials, like the viewbook, have a new look this year, there were few changes to the application; see the sidebar for key updates. In response to feedback from you and your students about our application, this year's version features one **thoroughly unintimidating essay**. ☺ We still hope to learn a lot about the student through this essay, and we still plan to read the essays and make them part of our decision process. But candidly, we hope that this year's essay question gives students absolutely no reason to delay completing the application to Ohio State! As always, we appreciate your feedback on our publications and our web site information. On a related note, I'm happy to report that more than 90 percent of our students now apply electronically, which streamlines processing and saves trees.

As we talk with prospective students this year, we inform them that Ohio State is moving to **semesters** in autumn 2012. For the class entering in autumn 2010, that will come right in the middle of their Ohio State experience. This change will create more opportunities for our students and synchronize us with all other Ohio publics and most universities throughout the country. Most importantly, the university is committed to making this transition with **no negative impact on our students**.

Finally, the entering class of 2010 will get to use and enjoy **three incredible new student facilities** on our campus, facilities that represent the cornerstones of a university experience. We opened the country's largest student recreation and physical activities center (RPAC) just three years ago. This summer we opened the renovated Thompson Library to rave reviews. In April 2010, we will open our brand new student union. I had a hard hat tour last week and I was truly in awe. We would love to show you these facilities!

I hope that your year is a successful one; I will hope for a no-stress year for you as well (but I'm less certain about that for any of us). If there is any way in which we can be of help to you and your students, please let us know. Lest I forget, we're still playing a little football here, too. **Go Bucks!**

Warmest regards,

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Time and Change

Note these important dates and recent changes

Deadlines

- Admissions application deadline: February 1, 2010
- FAFSA deadline: February 15, 2010
- Priority deadline to be considered for the full range of scholarships: December 1, 2009. All scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis.

Test scores

- Official test scores must be received before deadlines and must come directly from the testing agency (scores on transcripts will not be considered).
- All applicants must submit at least one standardized test with a writing score. The writing score will be considered as part of a holistic application review; it will not factor into criteria for merit scholarships or selection for specific academic programs.

Information systems

- As part of a newly launched university-wide student information system, students will now receive an OSU ID and password when submitting applications. These credentials will allow students to check application status, apply to the Scholars Program, review financial aid packages, and conduct other online business.
- Our high school counselor web site (hscounselors.osu.edu) provides counselors with the application status of their students; request log-in credentials by following the instructions on the web site.

Nonresident scholarship updates

- National Buckeye Scholarship: Admitted nonresidents with ACT composite scores of 27+ or combined SAT Critical Reading and Math scores of 1220+ may be eligible for this \$7,200 award.
- Morrill Scholars Program (MSP): Nonresidents earning one of the top two MSP awards will receive full out-of-state expenses (Distinction Scholarship) or full out-of-state tuition (Prominence Scholarship). The Excellence Scholarship is valued at full in-state tuition. (Please note: recipients of the larger two awards will not receive the National Buckeye Scholarship). More: meritawards.osu.edu.

Be aware that...

- Our minimum college preparatory requirement for natural science has been raised from two to three units.
- Eighth semester transcripts will be reviewed in full.
- This year's application includes one thoroughly *unintimidating* essay.

Admitted class profile for autumn 2009

High school performance

- 54 percent of our admitted students ranked in the top 10 percent of their graduating classes.
- 87 percent of admitted students ranked in the top quarter of their graduating classes.
- More than 93 percent of students exceeded the minimum requirements in math, natural sciences, and foreign language.

Test scores

- ACT score range, middle 50 percent: 26-30 (national average = 21)
- SAT score range, middle 50 percent (Critical Reading and Math only): 1170-1340 (national average = 1017)

National Merit

Ohio State ranks among the top 20 public and private institutions in the nation with more than 100 National Merit Scholars in the class.

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