

## October E-Newsletter 2009

### Welcome Week in Review

Despite the rain showers, Welcome Week 2009 was a success! Students came by the thousands to the Oval for the Student Involvement Fair after Convocation to see how they could get involved in the university and there were record turn outs for Buck-i-Frenzy and Community Commitment. To see a photographic recap of Welcome Week, visit <http://www.ohiounionphotos.org/Major-Campus-Events/2009-Welcome-Week>.

### Ohio State's H1N1/Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Preparation

Ohio State is committed to the ever-changing health needs of the university community and supports a healthy campus environment for all. In preparation for a potential H1N1/ILI outbreak, the university has created a web site that will provide links, information, resources, advice and more to help the Ohio State community stay healthy and safe during flu season and beyond. For comprehensive information, visit [www.flu.osu.edu](http://www.flu.osu.edu)

### ProjectONE Medical Center Plan

The Ohio State University Board of Trustees recently approved the construction plans for ProjectONE, an expansion project that will enhance the Medical Center's education and research programs while improving patient care.

ProjectONE, which has plans for completion in 2014, is expected to become one of the largest job-generating initiatives in Ohio's history. It is projected to create 5,000 construction jobs and 10,000 new full-time jobs once the construction has completed. By 2015, ProjectONE will provide \$1.7 billion to the community in annual economic impact, in addition to the \$4 billion the university generates annually.

The Ohio State Medical Center was recently ranked on the *U.S. News and World Report's* Honor Roll, which Dr. Steven G. Gabbe, CEO of the Medical Center says "...validates that we have one of the best hospitals in the nation, right here in Columbus. We have reached capacity in the James Cancer Hospital and in University Hospital critical care beds and we must make a significant investment to continue to provide excellent patient care and create new knowledge through translational research."

To learn more, visit [www.medicalcenter.osu.edu/viewer/press/Pages/index.aspx?NewsID=5095](http://www.medicalcenter.osu.edu/viewer/press/Pages/index.aspx?NewsID=5095).

### Ohio State's Solar Decathlon

On Friday, September 25, Ohio State students, faculty, and staff gathered for a 'solar sendoff' for Ohio State's 2009 Solar Decathlon Team. The team left campus to transport their solar house to Washington D.C. in order to compete against twenty university teams from around the world. The solar-powered house will be judged on architecture, market viability, engineering, lighting

design, communications, comfort zone, hot water, appliances, home entertainment, and energy balance.

Ohio State's Solar Decathlon Team gathered for the first time in the spring of 2007 with common goals to address concerns about the environment and energy resources, to incorporate various skill sets from students of different majors, and educate the local and regional communities about sustainable living solutions.

For more information about Ohio State's Solar Decathlon Team, visit [www.solardecathlon.osu.edu](http://www.solardecathlon.osu.edu).

### **Build Connections Outside of the Classroom**

At any given time, Columbus, Ohio, hosts more than 110,000 students while they are attending school, yet after graduation many leave Columbus in search of full-time employment. In an attempt to attract and retain college students in Central Ohio, The Ohio State University has partnered with 11 other universities and colleges in the Central Ohio area. Other partners of the initiative include the City of Columbus, the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, The Columbus Foundation, and The Dispatch Printing Company.

The centerpiece of the partnership is a web site, [www.easycolumbus.com](http://www.easycolumbus.com), which informs Central Ohio students about the area's art and entertainment offerings and makes them feel more comfortable exploring Columbus outside of their college campus. easycolumbus.com also helps students make professional connections in the city through their "Going Pro" section, which helps students find internships, community service opportunities, clubs, networking opportunities, and professional jobs.

To help your student become more connected to the Central Ohio community, encourage him or her to regularly visit [www.easycolumbus.com](http://www.easycolumbus.com).

### **New Campus Dining Services locations**

The summer was a busy time for Ohio State's Campus Dining Services team, as they worked to prepare three new locations for fall quarter openings.

The Berry Café, located in the Thompson Library, and the Terra Byte Café, located in the Science and Engineering Library, had soft openings over the summer, to help the staff get ready for the return of students. Both locations are sure to satisfy any craving for breakfast, lunch, or dinner, offering grab-and-go service along with fresh sandwiches, yogurt parfaits, muffins, hummus, edamame, salads, coffee beverages, and more.

The newly renovated Mirror Lake Creamery and Grill opened to the campus community during Welcome Week. Featuring delicious frozen treats such as sundaes and milkshakes using all-Ohio ice cream, as well as fresh-grilled sandwiches and other traditional favorites, the Mirror Lake Creamery and Grill is sure to become a campus favorite.

To learn more about campus dining locations, visit <http://www.diningservices.osu.edu>.

### **Calendars and Past Newsletters Posted to Parent and Family Relations Website**

To better assist you and your students with their success at Ohio State, our Parent and Family Relations Office has posted calendar information related to the academic year on our website. These can be found at <http://parent.osu.edu/updates.asp>.

We also post recent monthly newsletters and special updates. These are also available on the website at <http://parent.osu.edu/newsletter/>. We hope these publications assist you and your student in your time at Ohio State.

Dates are subject to change. You can always double-check with the Parent and Family Relations Office or a specific department to confirm.