2020 VISION
THE PLAN FOR OHIO STATE

Access, affordability and excellence

- Announced five-year plan to dedicate $400 million to lowering the cost and improving the value of an Ohio State education
- Held university’s first Teaching and Learning Summit, resulting in the creation of the Teaching and Learning Institute
- Held Ohio State’s first Affordability Summit, resulting in the Academic Advising Summit — focused on quickening paths to graduation
- Invested $35 million in affordability grants to provide need-based aid to Ohio students (in 2015-16, grants helped 12,000 students; in 2016-17, grants will support an estimated 15,700 Buckeyes, including 3,000 on regional campuses)
- Comprehensive cost freeze — the first of its kind in at least 40 years — included tuition and room and board for Ohio undergraduates on Columbus campus for 2015-16; tuition and housing again frozen for 2016-2017

Community engagement

- Invested $15 million in new faculty hiring to address food security, bringing Ohio State’s commitment to this issue to nearly $125 million over the next decade
- State tours in 2015 through southern and western Ohio highlighted the university’s efforts and partnerships focused on college access and affordability, food security, water quality, cancer research and more
- Convened inaugural Buckeye Summit with focus on food security — engaging hundreds of alumni, community leaders, faculty, staff and students to harness the power of Buckeye Nation for change
- Newly created President’s Prize — the highest recognition Ohio State bestows on exceptional students committed to social change — will award graduating seniors $100,000 to support their work on projects with the potential to make a meaningful impact

Diversity and inclusion

- Welcomed the most diverse and most talented freshman class in Ohio State history at the start of the 2015-16 academic year
- Ranked in the top five nationally by The Education Trust for improving overall graduation rates and the graduation rates of underrepresented minority students
- Named among the “Best of the Best” colleges and universities nationally for LGBTQ students, according to Campus Pride
- Dedicated to hiring inclusively through university-wide diversity training for search committees — including faculty hiring through Ohio State’s Discovery Themes
- Launched Buckeyes ACT (Action, Counseling, Training), a comprehensive plan to combat sexual misconduct and relationship violence on campus

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President Michael V. Drake helps lead five national groups whose work broadly aligns with the university’s vision and agenda: the Association of American Universities, Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, University Innovation Alliance, American Talent Initiative and National Collegiate Athletic Association.