



OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE

Our Commitment to Student Success and Development at **OHIO STATE**



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A message from the **VICE PRESIDENT**

College is a time and place for learning and preparation, exploration and challenge, discovery and development. At The Ohio State University, we seek to provide a high quality experience that prepares our students for successful careers, well rounded and healthy lives, and civic engagement in a multicultural, diverse, global society.

The Office of Student Life is committed to eliminating barriers to student success; helping students develop their skills in leadership, teamwork, decision-making, communication and problem-solving; creating a climate of support and appreciation for all; and collaborating with academic units to integrate classroom and co-curricular activities to provide a meaningful and cohesive total learning experience.

The goals and strategies outlined here are our roadmap to making the Ohio State experience uniformly excellent and individually responsive to the needs and aspirations of each student.



OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE: Fostering experiences that transform lives

The Office of Student Life is dedicated to creating a holistic and supportive educational experience for Ohio State University students. The staff, programs, and services are designed to help students transition into and through college and prepare them for a lifetime of learning and contribution to a global society. We provide opportunities that complement the academic curricula and help students overcome obstacles. We operate many of the programs and services of daily life, including housing, dining, recreation, student organizations, health care, counseling, and career development.

The Office of Student Life seeks to ensure that each student has a healthful and safe environment, supportive living conditions, appropriate counsel and assistance, multiple opportunities to develop leadership and citizenship skills, and experiences that lead to greater appreciation of diverse peoples and cultures, as well as opportunities to socialize, relax, and have fun.



Dr. Javaune Adams-Gaston
Vice President for Student Life



I Am...
-HISPANIC
-FIRST GENERATION
COLLEGE STUDENT
-RESIDENT ADVISOR
-ARTIST
A BUCKEYE!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Buckeye INclusion

Buckeye INclusion is a new Student Life initiative with a slogan that says it all: **"It's not just an education ... it's LIFE."** The group's steering committee is composed of students and staff members who work together to promote respect and a strong sense of community within The Ohio State University.

The current focus of Buckeye INC. is a unity campaign called "I Am a Buckeye." Through this campaign that features posters, customized t-shirts, a web site and more, Buckeye INclusion will spotlight and celebrate areas of difference within the community, while reminding everyone of the one commonality that is shared across the entire Ohio State community: We are all Buckeyes!



Through promoting friendship, unity, respect, and courage, Buckeye INC. can improve campus culture.

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OUR COMMITMENT

to student success and development at Ohio State

Enhance learning environments

- Provide programs, facilities, and partnerships that promote seamless and comprehensive learning experiences
- Collaborate with Academic Affairs in order to define and measure learning outcomes
- Maintain effective, innovative and creative technology support services for students
- Extend the commitments of caring and support to regional campus learning environments

Provide support for transformational student experiences

- Facilitate transitions into and through the academic progression from enrollment through graduation and early career steps
- Provide opportunities for students to interact, both formally and informally, that create unique and memorable experiences; encourage students to take advantage of the vast opportunities that only Ohio State can offer
- Remove barriers that impede student success; support student safety and wellness, physical and mental health; provide assistance for those with ability challenges
- Integrate leadership, service, civic responsibility, and global awareness into the overall student experience
- Challenge students to reduce high-risk behaviors that impede their progress academically and personally
- Build community, promote and advance tradition, and encourage students' lifelong connection to the university

Promote positive climates of diversity

- Expand beyond a climate of civility to a community of respect, understanding and appreciation of others
- Use living-learning environments to create experiences that embrace diversity
- Reduce barriers to inclusion and full participation in the life of the university

Reinforce resource stewardship

- Manage fiscal resources efficiently and in compliance with regulations
- Demonstrate responsible resource allocation
- Market, promote, and fund services and programs that support Student Life's fundamental goals
- Promote sustainability and energy management

Strengthen staff development and culture

- Develop and implement a comprehensive talent acquisition and staff development program
- Maximize programs that support an effective and diverse work environment
- Engage staff in providing student employees with opportunities that enhance their learning and development

OUR TEAM

STUDENT LIFE

By the numbers

Student support departments

- BuckID
- Campus Dining Services
- Career Connection
- Center for Student Leadership and Service
- Counseling and Consultation Service
- Disability Services
- Multicultural Center
- Off-Campus Student Services
- The Ohio Union and Student Activities
- Parent and Family Relations
- Recreational Sports
- Recreational Sports Learning
- Student Advocacy Center
- Student Health Insurance Program
- Student Health Services
- Student Housing Legal Clinic
- Student Judicial Affairs
- Student Life Orientation
- Student Wellness Center
- University Catering
- University Housing
- The Younkin Success Center

Administrative departments

- Conference Services
- Office of the Vice President for Student Life
- Student Life Development
- Student Life Facility Management and Logistics
- Student Life Fiscal Support Services
- Student Life Human Resources
- Student Life Information Technology
- Student Life Marketing
- Student Life Research and Assessment

Affiliated departments

- The Blackwell Inn
- Drake Performance and Event Center
- The Fawcett Center
- The Jerome Schottenstein Center

Each year:

- Over **11,000** students live in university housing
- More than **950** student organizations are registered
- **24** dining locations serve over **3 million** meals
- More than **93,000** patient visits are made to the Student Health Center
- Counseling and Consultation Service provides more than **17,500** counseling sessions
- Approximately **1,150** cases are handled by the Student Housing Legal Clinic
- More than **80%** of OSU students use recreational sports facilities
- About **\$9 million** in purchases are made with BuckID cards
- Over **1,000** regular staff and **5,000** student staff are employed
- The annual budget is about **\$194 million**, of which \$146 million is auxiliary revenue
- **5.6 million** square feet of facilities are maintained



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