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Dear <<Salutation>>,

As president of The Ohio State University Alumni Association, my job gives me the privilege to meet many dedicated Buckeye alumni — both on and off campus. There is so much going on at Ohio State, and I want to take the time to tell you about things that matter to our great university and make me excited to celebrate Ohio State every day.

That's why I'm happy to share some of the positive, inspiring news coming out of our beloved Ohio State. I call it "The Buckeye Top 5," and I'll use this opportunity to highlight some of the things that make me proud to be a Buckeye.



Jim Smith '91 MA
President and CEO
The Ohio State University Alumni Association

1 IT'S TIME FOR BUCKEYETHON

The largest student philanthropy on campus is sponsoring its annual dance marathon. In the past few years, BuckeyeThon has raised more than \$3.3 million for treatment and research at Nationwide Children's Hospital. I'm so proud of the work these students are doing and can't wait to see what their efforts bring in this year!

2 SERVICE TO COUNTRY AND OHIO STATE

Reading stories of our alumni is one of the greatest joys of my job, and this one is particularly inspiring. Retired Col. Walter Betley of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers came to Ohio State to teach in the university's ROTC program for two years and went on to earn bachelor's and master's degrees in education that launched a second career. At 95, he looks back at his time in the Army and at Ohio State and offers some advice for living life to its fullest.

3 AWARD-WINNING FACULTY

This past December, the National Academy of Inventors awarded Ohio State Distinguished University Professor Linda Saif the title of Fellow for her work in virology and immunology. The award is given to academic inventors and innovators who have "demonstrated a prolific spirit of innovation in creating or facilitating outstanding inventions and innovations that have made a tangible impact on quality of life, economic development and the welfare of society."

4 COMPREHENSIVE SPORTS REHAB

Whether you're a Varsity Ohio State Buckeye, a rec-league quarterback or a weekend warrior, The Ohio State University now offers comprehensive sports rehabilitative programs under one roof at the new Jameson Crane Sports Medicine Institute. The facility provides comprehensive treatment in 116,000 square feet of clinical and research space, sport-specific physical therapy spaces and more than 100 surgical, rehabilitation and nutrition experts. Visit the experts at Ohio State Sports Medicine to improve your physical performance, recover from an injury or stay active for a lifetime.

5 REVOLUTIONARY RESEARCH

After years of research, Dublin, Ohio man Ian Burkhart has become the first quadriplegic patient to move a paralyzed extremity using only his thoughts. Researchers at Ohio State's Wexner Medical Center, in partnership with Battelle, have made historic strides working with Burkhart as a dedicated contributor to his groundbreaking achievements. Another first from our team at Ohio State.

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