

## Notes from a Fellow Buckeye

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Dear Colleagues,

With the end of the semester upon us, I want to take a moment to express my deep gratitude to all of you for achieving yet another period of innovative teaching, cutting-edge research, outstanding clinical care and exemplary service. Veronica and I hope that each of you finds joy and peace in the coming holidays, and that you are able to create lasting memories with loved ones. We also hope that you'll take time during the break to focus on your mental health and reflect on the many accomplishments we've made together in 2022 at Ohio State, and that you will take pride in that work.

As a reminder, the university will be closed for an [academic recess](#) December 27-30 to further support your health, safety and well-being. December 23, 26 and January 2 remain regular university holidays. Critical services will remain open, such as safety and security, meal preparation and dining services, utilities to university buildings and properties, the Veterinary Medical Center and health science clinics, the Wexner Medical Center, law enforcement and public safety, snow removal, transportation, critical research initiatives and others determined as critical during the closure.

All of Buckeye Nation looks forward to commencement on December 18 when we will bestow 3,564 degrees and certificates, and also hear from Coach Katie Smith. She is one of the greatest athletes Ohio State has ever educated — the first woman student-athlete who was so unique that we retired her number. A native of Ohio, she played for our women's basketball team beginning as a freshman in 1992.

## **Celebrating success**

As usual, Buckeyes have so much to celebrate this year, including multiple honors recently bestowed on faculty and staff members.

Congratulations to Dr. Jianrong Li, professor of virology in the College of Veterinary Medicine, Department of Veterinary Biosciences, and Dr. Peixuan

Guo, holder of the Sylvan G. Frank Endowed Chair in Pharmaceuticals and Drug Delivery in the College of Pharmacy, who were elected as members of the [National Academy of Inventors](#) 2022 class of fellows. They are the 15th and 16th Ohio State inventors to be chosen as NAI fellows. Dr. Li and Dr. Guo are outstanding innovators and I hope you will join me in congratulating them on this accomplishment.

Kudos also to Dr. Sultana N. Nahar of the Department of Astronomy, who was elected as a Fellow of The World Academy of Sciences. Of the 50 elected Fellows, Professor Nahar is one of three from the United States. This honor stands as a testament to her skill as an educator and the remarkable contributions she has made to the field of science.

Professor Michael R. Dick, of the College of Medicine, was recently presented with the Jack B. Liberator Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his dedication to providing health care on the front lines of emergency medicine. Dr. Dick, who joined the Ohio State faculty in 1993, has devoted more than 40 years to emergency medical care and has had an outstanding impact on the clinical practice in the community of EMS.

Thanks and congratulations to everyone at the OSUCCC – James for your part in receiving the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s [Magnet designation](#) for the third consecutive time since it was originally achieved nine years ago. It is widely considered the gold standard for nursing excellence and quality patient care, and less than 10% of U.S. hospitals have earned the designation.

## **Buckeyes in action**

Ohio State student-athletes will stay in action over the recess as the #4 ranked football team competes in the Peach Bowl against the #1 ranked Georgia Bulldogs in the first round of the 2022-23 College Football Playoff on December 31. The women’s basketball team will travel to Northwestern to play the Wildcats on December 28 before returning to Columbus to play Michigan on December 31, while the men’s basketball team will play Alabama A&M in Columbus on December 29. The women’s ice hockey team also travels to St.

Charles, Missouri, to play Lindenwood University on December 30 and 31.

Several exhibitions will continue to be available to view for free over the holiday recess during regular gallery hours at the Wexner Center for the Arts, including [Carlos Motta: Your Monsters, Our Idols](#) and [Sharing Circles: Carol Newhouse and the WomanShare Collective](#) through December 30, and Ohio-based artist Suzanne Silver's poetic video [Vanishing Acts \(2022\)](#) through December 31.

**Go Buckeyes!**

Sincerely yours,

**Kristina M. Johnson, PhD**

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## Wellness Resources

- [Safe and Healthy Buckeyes: Mental Health and Wellness](#)
- The Ohio State: Wellness app is [available](#) for Android and iOS devices
- [Human Resources Keep Well website](#)
- [Chief Wellness Officer Health and Wellness page](#)
- [Your Plan For Health](#)
- [Ways for faculty and staff to support students](#)



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