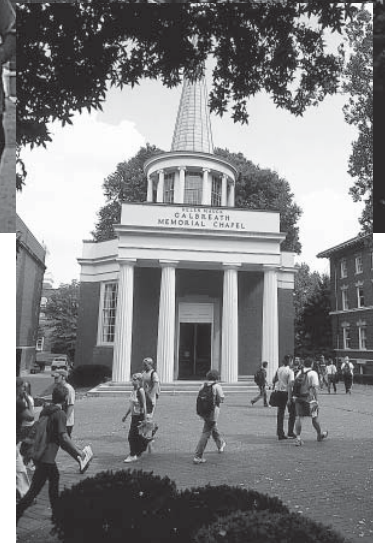


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About Ohio University

Officially established in 1804, Ohio University opened its doors in 1808 with one professor, one building and three students as the Northwest Territory's first educational institution. After 200 years, it continues to be distinguished as a leader in education.

The University traces its history to the Ordinance of 1787 that established the Northwest Territory and decreed that "... schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged." Because it was the first institution of higher education in the Territory, Ohio University justly claims the distinction of being "Ohio's First University."

Today, Ohio University is a comprehensive, coeducational, state-assisted institution serving more than 28,000 undergraduate, graduate and professional students on its main campus in Athens and its regional campuses in Chillicothe, Ironton, Lancaster, St. Clairsville and Zanesville.

The University is proud of its diverse student body, which includes students from every state in the nation and approximately 100 countries around the world. This creates a cosmopolitan atmosphere and an international flair, which add important dimensions to campus life.



Ohio University is a residential campus and, as a result, students and faculty alike enjoy a special sense of community - a kind of "family feeling" that is unusual at most colleges. Few students commute and most stay on campus during weekends to take advantage of a variety of social, recreational and entertainment opportunities. University residence halls are grouped on "greens" adjacent to the main campus area. Each of the greens is like a small neighborhood, complete with its own distinctive character and attributes. Students quickly develop intense loyalties to "their" hall and green.

The impressive natural beauty of southeastern Ohio adds yet another distinction to the University, providing a setting that visitors often describe as "looking like a college ought to look."

Academically, Ohio University has professional schools clustered around a core of traditional, liberal arts coursework. The University-wide general education curriculum provides all students with basic writing and quantitative skills, breadth of knowledge - in applied science and technology, cross-cultural perspectives, fine arts and humanities, natural sciences, mathematics and social sciences - and synthesis.

Ohio University offers more than 250 areas of undergraduate study through the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Communication, Education, Engineering and Technology, Fine Arts, Health and Human Services and Honors Tutorial. University College offers two baccalaureate degrees.

At the graduate level, Ohio University offers master's and doctoral degrees in nearly all disciplines. The College of Osteopathic Medicine - the only one in the state of Ohio - trains physicians who often specialize in family practice medicine.



In 1994, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching designated Ohio University as a "Research University II." Only 125 of the 3,600 schools assessed by the Foundation are classified as Research Universities.

The Ohio University Athens campus consists of over 1,700 acres and more than 200 major buildings. Cutler Hall, which currently serves as the main administrative building, was built in 1816 and is registered as a National Historic Landmark.



The City of Athens, located 75 miles southeast of Columbus, is a classic college town, with brick-paved roadways, street vendors, restored storefronts and quaint specialty shops. "Uptown" Athens is literally just across the street from campus and there is a comfortable relationship between "town and gown." Twelve state parks and thousands of acres of state and national forest surround Athens County and provide extensive recreational opportunities.



- Ohio University offers 294 undergraduate majors and offers master's degrees in nearly all academic areas and doctoral degrees from selected departments.

- There are 41 residence halls on the main campus housing 7,600 students.

- Ohio University has 350 registered student organizations, including 34 fraternities and sororities.

- Ohio University's Alden Library has been designated as an official research library. Only 113 libraries in the country have received this honor.

- Ohio University has been cited for academic quality and value by such publications as America's 100 Best College Buys, Princeton Review's Best Colleges and Peterson's Guide to Competitive College. The John Templeton Foundation has also recognized Ohio University as one of the top character-building institutions in the country. In 2002, U.S. News & World Report ranked Ohio University 45th in the nation for academic quality.

- At 83 percent, the retention rate for freshmen is among the nation's highest for a public university and equals that of many private schools. The 79 percent retention rate for minority students is also among the nation's best.

- There are 846 full-time faculty with a student/professor ratio of 20 to 1. Full-time and permanent part-time faculty teach 80 percent and Ohio University administrators teach the remaining five percent.

- Editors of newspapers with circulations over 10,000 rank the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism among the nation's best. It is one of the select journalism schools to be accredited in six professional areas: advertising, broadcast news, magazine journalism, news writing and editing, online journalism and public relations. The Scripps School has received two excellence awards from the Ohio Board of Regents, and accomplishment no other Ohio journalism school can claim.

- Ohio University has nearly 175,000 living alumni with almost 6,000 alumni living abroad. The largest contingents (in order) are in Ohio, California, Florida, Pennsylvania, New York, Virginia, Illinois, and Texas. There are more than 60 active alumni chapters in 21 states and 10 foreign countries.

- On the Athens campus, there are 16,854 undergraduate students, 1,125 of whom are from other countries.

- In May 2004, Ohio University announced the achievement of its Bicentennial Campaign by exceeding its goal, raising \$202.3 million in gift commitments. The generous support of the thousands of donors makes it possible for the University to eventually establish eight new Endowed Chairs and 35 new Named Professorships. The donations also assure \$40.1 million in support to existing scholarships as well as the creation of 1,226 new scholarships - including 68 Cutler Scholarships. The campaign also raised \$11.6 million for new or improved capital facilities, \$29.3 million for innovative programs and \$13.2 million for technological enhancements.



Ohio Athletics

Building on a Foundation of Success

As Ohio's first and finest institution of higher learning, Ohio University's athletic tradition is rich and storied.

Ohio University currently fields 20 teams, the most recent additions being women's lacrosse (1999), women's soccer (1997) and women's golf (1996).

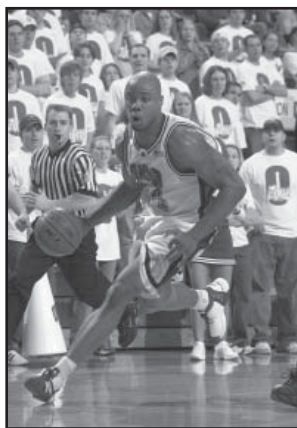
Ohio University was a charter member of the Mid-American Conference, which began in 1946. Other first-year members included Butler, Cincinnati, Wayne State and Western Reserve. Ohio's primary rival, the Miami RedHawks, joined the following year.

The MAC is the sixth-oldest NCAA Division I conference and is the oldest such organization to establish a Hall of Fame, which features five Ohio Bobcats: **Kermit Blosser, Bill Hess, Caroline Mast, Jim Snyder and Bob Wren**. The University also fields its own Hall of Fame, with more than 230 inductees.

In addition to those five Bobcat legends, Ohio University boasts other distinguished athletic alumni. **Paul "Snoopy" Graham, Dave Jamerson, Gary Trent and Brandon Hunter** each went to the National Basketball Association when their Bobcat playing days were over. Hunter was drafted by the Boston Celtics in 2003 and was selected by

the Charlotte Bobcats in the 2004 expansion draft while Trent played for the Minnesota Timberwolves after three seasons in Dallas and stops in Portland and Toronto.

Baseball Hall of Famer **Mike Schmidt** began his storied career as a Bobcat. He joined with Wren, current Ohio



baseball coach **Joe Carbone** and associate head coach **Bill Toadvine** to win a MAC Championship and advance to the 1970 College World Series. Another former Bobcat, **Bob Brenly**, managed the Arizona Diamondbacks to their first World Series championship in 2001, his first year of coaching.

Other Bobcat legends include two-sport professional athlete **Frank Baumholtz**, who played

basketball and baseball at Ohio prior to graduating in 1941. Cleveland Brown **Vince Costello** (1953) was a Bobcat, as was professional golfer **Dow Finsterwald** (1952). **Dave Zastudil**, a 2001 All-American, is currently the punter for the NFL's Baltimore Ravens.

As the Bobcats move into the 21st century, so do the University's athletic facilities. Football's Peden Stadium, which was built in 1929, is one of the oldest in the nation. However, like a fine wine, the facility has gotten better with age. The Peden Tower Complex is home to the Joan and Wallace Phillips Academic Services Center and the football coaching staff, as well as locker, training and equipment rooms. The Phillips Center allows Ohio athletes the opportunity to pursue off-the-field academic success in a first-rate environment.

The addition of broadcast-quality lights in 1999 allowed night games. Later that season, the state-of-the-art Dr. Steve and Kathy Carin Strength and Conditioning Center was completed. The Carin Center is a nationally competitive facility that allows several teams the ability to work out concurrently. In 2000-01, Peden Stadium underwent a renovation project in which the playing field was lowered and seats were added. In 2002, a

FieldTurf surface was installed and a new scoreboard and video screen made their debut in 2003. The Peden Tower renovation project is currently underway to further improve the facility.

The expansion and improvement motif does not end with football. Ohio's field hockey, lacrosse and track teams compete at Pruitt Field, a multi-purpose facility completed in 1999.

Other recent additions to the athletics mall are the beautiful and functional Bob Wren Stadium and the Ohio Softball Complex. The Ohio baseball team has called the 3,000-seat



Wren Stadium home since 1998.

The Ohio Softball Complex is equally impressive. Opened in 1999, the stadium saw its home team win seven consecutive games. Future plans call for the construction of a permanent press box and seating area surrounding the field. Both facilities, along with the Convocation Center and soccer's Chessa Field, showcased new Daktronics scoreboards in 2003-04.





Just to the east of the Ohio Softball Complex is perhaps the University's most recognized building, the Convocation Center. The Convo," built in 1968, seats more than 13,000 fans and is home to Ohio's basketball, volleyball and wrestling teams.

The Convo is an especially exciting place for basketball fans. It has been the site of a women's NCAA first-round game and numerous men's NIT contests, as well as the early rounds of the Ohio high school state basketball tournament.

A new floor and new video scoreboards highlight The Convo's recent improvements. The building also houses The Vern and Marion Alden Basketball Suite, the Phillips Center Auditorium, athletics



department offices and athletic training facilities.

Across Richland Avenue from The Convo is the Aquatic Center, home to Ohio University's highly successful swimming and diving program. It features an Olympic-sized pool with 16 25-yard lanes and 10 50-yard lanes, as well as one- and three-meter diving boards.

With a seating capacity of over 1,100, the center has hosted the NCAA Diving Regionals and the MAC Swimming and Diving Championships, where



the Bobcats have captured eight men's and nine women's crowns.

On-the-field success and competitive facilities are two-thirds of the puzzle. Bobcat fans eagerly provide the third piece, helping to make the Ohio Athletics tradition as strong as it has ever been.

Whether it's the O Zone student section in The Convo, cheering fans at Bob Wren Stadium or a child with her face painted at a Bobcat football game, Ohio's supporters are willing to go the extra yard for their favorite team. Bobcat fans have traveled to Alaska, Hawaii and Canada to cheer on their team. They also make their presence felt in the closer locales of MAC schools. Chances are, when a Bobcat team leaves Athens for a competition, it will see friendly faces wherever it goes.

Ohio Athletics is an organization firmly planted in the present, with a focus on a strong foundation of success and a view toward what promises

to be an equally successful future. The Bobcats, like their namesake, remain on the move.

Ohio Spirit

COLORS

The green and white colors of Ohio University date back to 1896. Before that time, the University's unofficial colors were blue and white. However, it soon became apparent that these colors would be unacceptable for the new football team to wear.

The University's then-newly hired football coach Samuel McMillen suggested that Ohio adapt as its colors olive green and white, which were worn at McMillen's alma mater, Dartmouth College. The proposal was put before the student body for a vote and green and white became the colors of the school's uniforms in the fall of 1896.

Through the years, the olive green has evolved into a darker "hunter" green color. As a side note, McMillen never coached a game for Ohio University as personal problems prevented him from traveling to Athens in the fall of 1896.

ALMA MATER

Ohio University's alma mater, entitled "Alma Mater, Ohio," was created by a special contest. In 1915, Kenneth S. Clark, a graduate of Princeton University, entered the contest to create an "alma mater song" for Ohio University and won the \$150 first prize. Entries for this contest were received from all parts of the United States.

"Alma Mater, Ohio"
(Chorus only)

Alma Mater, Ohio
Alma Mater, brave and fair!
Alma Mater, we hail thee,
For we own thy kindly care.

Alma Mater, Ohio,
When we read thy story, o'er,
We revere thee and cheer thee
As we sing thy praise once more.

FIGHT SONG

Ohio University's fight song, entitled "Stand Up and Cheer," has been sung as an "athletic song" since the early 1900s. The song's words and theme were adapted from a previous melody, originally composed by Paul McNeely.

"Stand Up and Cheer"

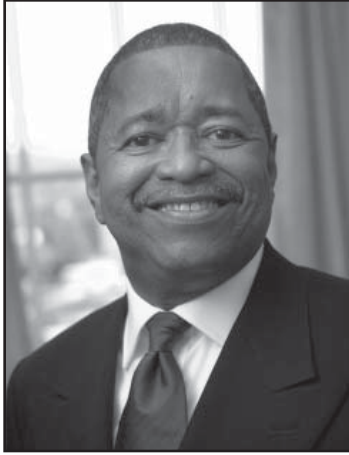
Stand up and cheer,
Cheer loud and long for old Ohio,
For today we raise
The Green and White above the rest.

Our teams are fighting
And they are bound to win the fray.
We've got the team,
We've got the steam,
For this is old Ohio's day!
Rah! Rah! Rah!



Dr. Roderick J. McDavis

University President - Ohio '70



Roderick J. McDavis, who became Ohio University's 20th president on July 1, 2004, provides strong, bold leadership for his alma mater. He received a bachelor's degree in social sciences in secondary education from Ohio University in 1970, making him only the second university alumnus to lead the university as president.

"I am very honored and deeply humbled to serve as president of Ohio University," McDavis said. "It's a very unique and special

opportunity to be able to return to my alma mater as president. My wife, Deborah, and I look forward to continuing to work with others to help lift Ohio University to the next level of excellence."

His presidency has been marked by action and a vision to ensure that the university reaches its full potential and continues to provide its students with the best possible learning environment.

McDavis has identified four priorities for the university: to become a nationally prominent research university, to increase the diversity of the university community, to expand the university's base of financial support and to increase partnerships regionally, statewide, nationally and globally.

To achieve these priorities, McDavis charged the Presidential Task Force on the Future of Ohio University with crafting Vision Ohio, a strategic plan that sets forth a vision, guiding principles, goals and measurements to help guide the university's decisions over the next five years.

In the first months of his presidency, McDavis launched the Urban Scholarship Program to enhance opportunities for urban high school students to enroll and succeed at Ohio University. The first class of 13 Urban Scholars will begin their college careers in the fall of 2005.

"It is my goal to lift Ohio University to its highest heights," McDavis said. "I pledge to work every day to make the university a better place. I speak for all alumni when I say that Ohio University is a singular place. It's a great institution and it's only going to become greater in the days ahead."

A native of Dayton, McDavis has a progressive and broad career in higher education.

He was previously provost and vice president for academic affairs and professor of education at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Va., from 1999 to 2004.

McDavis was dean of the College of Education and professor of education at the University of Florida from 1994 to 1999. He was dean of the College of Education and professor of counselor education at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, from 1989 to 1994. He served as the director of the Arkansas Academy for Leadership Training and School-Based Management from 1992 to 1994.

McDavis was a professor of education in the Department of Counselor Education at the University of Florida from 1974 to 1989 and an associate dean of the graduate school and minority programs at the University of Florida from 1984 to 1989.

McDavis has served as chair of the Board of Directors of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE). His primary interests and publications include restructuring teacher education programs, improving public schools and districts, counseling ethnic

The File on McDavis

EXPERIENCE

- 2004-present – President, Ohio University
- 1999-04 – Professor of Education, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Virginia Commonwealth University
- 1994-99 – Professor of Education, Dean, College of Education, University of Florida
- 1989-94 – Professor of Counselor Education, Dean, College of Education, Director, Arkansas Academy for Leadership Training and School-Based Management (1992-94), University of Arkansas
- 1974-89 – Professor of Education, Associate Dean, University of Florida Graduate School and Minority Programs (1984-89), University of Florida

EDUCATION

- Ohio University
 - 1970 – Bachelor's in social sciences in secondary education
- University of Dayton
 - 1971 – Master's in student personnel administration
- University of Toledo
 - 1974 – Doctorate in counselor education

minorities, recruiting and retaining minority students and faculty and evaluating student personnel programs. He has authored or co-authored chapters in books, monographs and articles in professional journals and other publications.

He has served as a consultant and keynote speaker for universities, community colleges, public school systems, human service agencies, professional associations, community organizations and churches. In 1995, McDavis was named Person of the Year in Education by The Gainesville Sun. He was named the 1996 Outstanding Alumnus of the College of Education at Ohio University. He also received the Post-Secondary Outstanding Educator Award from the North Central Florida Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa in 1996. McDavis received the 1997 Black Achiever's Award in Education from the Florida Conference of Black State Legislators.

McDavis received a master's degree in student personnel administration from the University of Dayton in 1971 and a doctorate in counselor education and higher education administration from the University of Toledo in 1974.

McDavis is the second alumnus to lead Ohio University and the first since William Henry Scott held the office from 1872 to 1883.

McDavis and his wife, Deborah, have two grown sons.



Kirby Hocutt

Director of Athletics - Kansas State '95



On June 29, 2005, Kirby Hocutt was named the new director of athletics at Ohio University by president Roderick McDavis. Hocutt, 33, had been at the University of Oklahoma for the previous six years, serving most recently as associate athletics director for external operations and sports administration.

"Kirby is the ideal person to lead Ohio University's athletics program to the next level," McDavis said. "As a former college athlete, he views college athletics from a student-athlete's perspective and

shares Ohio University's commitment to offering its student-athletes the best possible experience in the classroom and on the playing field.

"Kirby has the highest professional and personal qualities and possesses the commitment to excellence that is necessary to ensure our athletics program reflects the quality of the university as a whole. Ohio University remains committed to academic and athletic excellence."

Hocutt's duties at Oklahoma included supervision of the athletics development office, athletics ticket office, special events, stadium suite program, athletics endowment program, letter winners association and the department's facility use and rental program. He additionally was the primary administrator for football and the sport supervisor for baseball, men's and women's golf, as well as men's and women's tennis.

Hocutt led Oklahoma's athletics fundraising to an all-time high in annual giving and capital campaigns. From 1998 to 2005, Oklahoma's annual giving increased from \$3.4 million to more than \$17 million. That 400 percent increase in annual giving was one of the highest percentage increases in intercollegiate athletics history.

Beginning in 1999, Hocutt served a leadership position in the strategic planning for a \$100 million capital campaign. The \$120 million campaign was unique in that it focused on facility construction or improvements for each of Oklahoma's 20 sports.

"I've aspired to become a Division IA director of athletics at an institution that has the leadership I've seen at Ohio University," said Hocutt. "I cannot put into words the tremendous impression that President McDavis has made on me. I'm so excited to be a part of his team as well as the vision he has set for the university.

"As director of athletics, our student-athletes have to be the focal point in all that we do and this spirit must permeate the entire department of athletics. I am a firm believer that athletic competition is an integral part of a student-athlete's educational experience. The lessons you can learn in competition you can also apply not only to your education in the pursuit of your degree but also to your career aspirations."

Prior to joining the Oklahoma staff, Hocutt served as the assistant director of licensing at the NCAA. In that

The File on Hocutt

EXPERIENCE

- Ohio University – Director of Athletics
- University of Oklahoma – Associate Athletic Director for External Operations and Sports Administration
- NCAA – Assistant Director of Licensing
- Kansas State University – Assistant Director of Marketing and Promotions

EDUCATION

- Kansas State University
- 1995 – Bachelor's in political science
- University of Oklahoma
- 2001 – Master's in education

HONORS

- Four-year letterman and All-Big 8 Conference line-backer at Kansas State
- 1993 – Named one of the top 20 "underrated" players in the nation by The Sporting News

position, he worked with corporate partners and licensees to create new revenue producing initiatives to support and promote all 81 NCAA championships. He began his career in sports administration as the assistant director of marketing and promotions at Kansas State University. While at Kansas State, he implemented revenue-producing activities for the athletics department, including corporate partner sponsorships and ticket sales.

A former student-athlete at Kansas State, Hocutt was a four-year letterman as a linebacker while leading the Big 8 Conference in tackles and being named to the All-Big 8 Conference team during his junior season. The Sporting News selected him in 1993 as one of the top 20 "underrated" players in the nation.

Hocutt earned his bachelor's degree from Kansas State in 1995 and his master's of education degree from the University of Oklahoma in December 2001. He and his wife, Diane, have two sons: 3-year-old Drew Phillips and 1-year-old Brooks Ryan.





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Gameday Information

Interested members of the media are provided with a game program, team game notes, media guide (when requested) and standard NCAA statistics as soon as possible after the conclusion of the competition.

Player/Coach Interviews

Please arrange all interviews during the week through Scott Ellis in the Ohio Athletics Broadcasting and Media Relations office. Advance preparation is encouraged as 24-hours notice is required. Interviews will be conducted around practices unless special circumstances are present.

Postmeet Interviews

Ohio's locker room is closed to all media. Interviews for either team may be arranged through Ohio's track and field contact, Scott Ellis, at the conclusion of each meet at the track.

Practices

Most team practices are open to the media. Please contact Scott Ellis in the Ohio Athletics Broadcasting and Media Relations office for updates on the team's practice schedule and availability for access.

Web Site

The official Web site of Ohio Athletics is ohiobobcats.com. In addition to press releases, specific team information (rosters, schedules, statistics, bios, etc.) for all 20 varsity sports is available. Box scores from most sporting events are available in the schedule/results section of the particular sport and links to Ohio Sports Network radio broadcasts are also included.

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