



## OHIO STATE ATHLETICS COMMUNICATIONS

Fawcett Center, 6th Floor | 2400 Olentangy River Rd. | Columbus, Ohio 43210

### 2017 SCHEDULE

Jan.	7	at Pittsburgh	W, 194.375-192.800
	14	No. 11 U-M, Wash., KSU	4 p.m.
	21	Iowa	4 p.m.
	28	at Minnesota	5 p.m.
Feb.	4	Rutgers	4 p.m.
	11	at Penn State	4 p.m.
	18	West Virginia	4 p.m.
	24	Denver	7 p.m.
March	4	at Denver	8 p.m.
	11	Big Ten Five-Team Meet!	TBA
	18	Big Ten Championships#	2 p.m.
April	1	NCAA Regionals\$	5 p.m.
	14	NCAA Championships@	TBA

All times Eastern

! Champaign, Ill.; # Piscataway, N.J.; \$ TBA;

@ St. Louis, Mo.

## No. 22 Ohio State Hosts No. 11 Michigan, Washington and Kent State in Home Quad

*Buckeyes posted 194.375-192.800 win at Pittsburgh last Saturday*

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** - The No. 22 Ohio State women's gymnastics team hosts No. 11 Michigan, Washington and Kent State to open its 2017 home slate at 4 p.m. Saturday at St. John Arena.

Live video and results can be found on the women's gymnastics schedule page at OhioStateBuckeyes.com or fans can follow Twitter.com/OhioState\_WGYM for updates.

### A LOOK AT 2017

The Buckeyes return 10 letterwinners off the 2016 NCAA Regional squad and welcome a cast of four newcomers. Included in the 10 returning letterwinners are Kaitlyn Hofland, Alexis Mattern and Jamie Stone, a trio of second team All-Big Ten selections from a season ago.

### OHIO STATE OF LATE

The Buckeyes earned a 194.375-192.800 win at Pittsburgh in the 2017 season-opener last Saturday night at Fitzgerald Field House. Alexis Mattern tied her career-best 39.225 to take the all-around title. The junior won the vault and floor exercise titles while placing second on uneven bars. Stefanie Merkle won balance beam with a 9.850. The meet marked the third-consecutive season-opening win for the Buckeyes.

### IN THE RANKINGS

Ohio State checks in at No. 22 in the latest Road to



Nationals rankings. Other Big Ten teams in the rankings include No. 11 Michigan, No. 18 Minnesota, No. 19 Penn State and No. 24(t) Illinois and Iowa.

The Buckeyes' 48.800 beam score was tied for 16th nationally over the first week while the 48.725 on vault ranked 22nd.

Mattern tied for the 17th-best all-around score nationally in the first week with a 39.225. Her 9.850 vault score tied for 24th nationally while her 9.850 on floor exercise was the 23rd-best in the country.

### TICKETS

Season tickets, on sale now, include a ticket to each of the four home meets and are just \$32 for adults and \$20 for youth. Single-meet tickets also are on sale now at \$8 for adults and \$5 for youth.

For more information about the benefits of purchasing season tickets, or to purchase season tickets, contact the Athletic Ticket Sales Team by phone at 1-800-GOBUCKS (select option 2) or by e-mail at AthleticSales@osu.edu to speak with an account executive.

For more information on Ohio State women's gymnastics tickets, visit <http://www.ohiostatebuckeyes.com/tickets/w-gym-information.html>.

### UP NEXT

The Buckeyes host Iowa on at 4 p.m. Jan. 21 on Father/Daughter Day at St. John Arena.

## This Week in Ohio State Women's Gymnastics

Meet 2 - vs. No. 11 Michigan, Washington, Kent State  
Sat., Jan. 14 - 4 p.m.

### VIDEO

[OhioStateBuckeyes.com](http://OhioStateBuckeyes.com)

### LIVE RESULTS

[OhioStateBuckeyes.com](http://OhioStateBuckeyes.com)

### TWITTER

[Twitter.com/OhioState\\_WGYM](https://twitter.com/OhioState_WGYM)

### TEAM GUIDE

[go.osu.edu/1617WGYMGUIDE](http://go.osu.edu/1617WGYMGUIDE)

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## UNIVERSITY FACTS

Location.....Columbus, Ohio (pop. 1.5m)  
 Founded.....1870  
 Enrollment.....58,663 (Columbus campus)  
 .....65,184 (all campuses)  
 Nickname.....Buckeyes  
 Colors.....Scarlet (PMS 200) and Gray (PMS 429)  
 Mascot.....Brutus Buckeye  
 Director of Athletics.....Eugene Smith  
 President.....Dr. Michael Drake  
 Faculty Representative.....John Davidson  
 Conference.....Big Ten (1913)

## WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS HISTORY

First Year.....1970  
 All-Time Record.....364-252-7 (.606)  
 National Championship Appearances.....9  
 .....AIAW (1981-82);  
 .....(NCAA 1983-85-86-87-89-90-12)  
 NCAA Regional Appearances.....38  
 All-America Honors.....8  
 Academic All-America Selections.....65  
 Big Ten Championships.....5 (1983-84-85-86-87)  
 Big Ten Individual Champions.....14  
 All-Big Ten Selections.....74  
 Academic All-Big Ten Selections.....150  
 Big Ten Weekly Award Selections.....24  
 Facility.....Steelwood Athletic Training Facility  
 Meet Facility/Capacity.....St. John Arena/13,276

## TEAM FACTS

Head Coach.....Carey Fagan, 13th season  
 Alma Mater, Year.....Penn State '98  
 Gymnastics Office Phone Number.....614-292-9429  
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 Record at Ohio State (Yrs.).....78-78-4 (12)  
 Career Record (Yrs.).....78-78-4 (12)  
 Assistant.....Taylor Jones, third season  
 Alma Mater.....Ohio State, '12  
 Assistant.....Randy Monahan, third season  
 Alma Mater.....Ohio State, '05  
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....10/3  
 2016 Big Ten Championship finish.....t-5th

## 2017 ROSTER

NAME	POS.	YR.	HOMETOWN (PREVIOUS SCHOOL)
Nevin Adamski	All-Around	Fr.	Virginia Beach, Va. (Princess Anne)
Olivia Aepli	All-Around	Fr.	Dublin, Ohio (Jerome)
Michelle Burns	All-Around	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Cor Jesu Academy)
Tenille Funches	All-Around	Sr.	Chicago, Ill. (King College Prep)
Taylor Harrison	All-Around	Jr.	Suffolk, Va. (Tabb)
Peyton Hinterberger	All-Around	Fr.	Fairport, N.Y. (Fairport)
Kaitlyn Hofland	All-Around	R-So.	Georgetown, Ontario (Christ the King)
Amanda Huang	All-Around	R-Fr.	Roswell, Ga. (Montverde, Ga.)
Erin Malone	All-Around	Sr.	Southington, Conn. (Southington)
Alexis Mattern	All-Around	Jr.	Harrisburg, Pa. (Bishop McDevitt)
Janelle McClelland	All-Around	So.	Bidwell, Ohio (River Valley)
Stefanie Merkle	All-Around	Jr.	Petersburg, Ontario (KCI)
Jamie Stone	All-Around	So.	Chesapeake, Va. (Western Branch)
Jaine VanPutten	All-Around	Sr.	Piscataway, N.J. (Piscataway)

## Coaches

Carey Fagan – Head Coach (13th season)  
 Taylor Jones – Assistant Coach  
 Randy Monahan – Assistant Coach  
 Natalie Trejo – Volunteer Assistant Coach  
 Megan Feltham – Student Assistant Coach

# 2017 OHIO STATE BUCKEYES



**Nevin Adamski**  
Freshman  
Virginia Beach, Va.



**Olivia Aepli**  
Freshman  
Dublin, Ohio



**Michelle Burns**  
Senior  
St. Louis, Mo.



**Tenille Funches**  
Senior  
Chicago, Ill.



**Taylor Harrison**  
Junior  
Suffolk, Va.



**Peyton Hinterberger**  
Freshman  
Fairport, N.Y.



**Kaitlyn Hofland**  
Redshirt Sophomore  
Georgetown, Ontario



**Amanda Huang**  
Redshirt Freshman  
Roswell, Ga.



**Erin Malone**  
Senior  
Southington, Conn.



**Alexis Mattern**  
Junior  
Harrisburg, Pa.



**Janelle McClelland**  
Sophomore  
Bidwell, Ohio



**Stefanie Merkle**  
Junior  
Petersburg, Ontario



**Jamie Stone**  
Sophomore  
Chesapeake, Va.



**Jaine VanPutten**  
Senior  
Piscataway, N.J.

## CAREY FAGAN HEAD COACH



Hometown: North Canton, Ohio  
High School: Hoover  
Alma Mater: Penn State, 1998 (B.A. in media studies and speech communications)

Family: Husband, Ryan, and son, Brady

Coaching Awards: 2012 National Coach of the Year, 2007 and 2011 Big Ten Coach of the Year, 2009 and 2012 Central Region Coach of the Year

Gymnastics Career: While at Penn State, Fagan was a three-year letterwinner, serving as captain her senior year in 1998. During her collegiate career, the Nittany Lions were consistently ranked in the Top 10. She was the recipient of the "Penn State Pride" award in 1996 and 1998 for outstanding team leadership and also was a member of the "Spirit of the Lion" Academic/Athletic Honor Society in 1998 for excellence in the classroom and in the gym.

Away from Gymnastics: Carey enjoys running, shopping, spending time with her family and playing with their dog, Eddie.

The Ohio State women's gymnastics program continues to climb up the rankings under the leadership of Carey Fagan. Entering her 13th season at the helm in 2016, Fagan has produced five of the eight All-Americans in the program's history, and led the Buckeyes to the NCAA National Championships for the first time in 23 years in 2012.

With Fagan as an assistant coach in 2003-04, the Buckeyes finished with an average team score that ranked No. 42 in the nation. In 2004-05, her first season as head coach, that ranking rose to No. 38, then the Buckeyes upped their position to No. 27 and qualified for the NCAA regional championships in 2006. Fagan earned her first Big Ten Coach of the Year award in 2007 and led the Buckeyes into the Top 20 at No. 19 before tying for 18th in 2008. The 2009 squad continued the growing trend, posting four team totals that ranked in the Top 10 all-time Ohio State scores, including the fourth-best mark. Rebecca Best became the sixth Buckeye All-American and Taylor Jones was named Big Ten Rookie of the Year, the second in OSU history. With a 195.735 regional qualifying score, the Buckeyes finished ranked in the nation's Top 15 - a feat unmatched by an Ohio State squad in over a decade. For her team's success, Fagan was recognized as the 2009 Central Region Coach of the Year, her first career regional coaching laurel.

In 2011, Fagan picked up her second Big Ten Coach of the Year honor and guided the Buckeyes to their sixth-consecutive NCAA regional appearance, missing the NCAA Championships by one-tenth of a point. Fagan helped guide Sarah Miller to 2011 Big Ten Freshman of the Year laurels and first team All-Big Ten honors along with Colleen Dean.

The 2012 season saw Fagan named the first NACGC/W National Coach of the Year in program history after guiding the Buckeyes to a 10th-place NCAA finish. Under Fagan's direction, Sarah Miller and Colleen Dean were named second team All-Americans and Miller garnered first team All-Big Ten honors for the second-consecutive season. The Buckeyes set a program-record team score 197.625 in a dual meet win against Denver as 14 individual career highs were set. In addition, Ohio State almost knocked off perennial power and No. 2 Oklahoma on Senior Day in Columbus, falling 196.825-196.700.

In 2013, Ohio State notched a fourth-place finish at NCAA Regionals and saw Miller earn first team All-Big Ten honors and Aly Marohn and Melanie Shaffer garner second team laurels. Miller and Marohn each tied for the Big Ten Championship on balance beam and Miller and Shaffer went on to compete at the NCAA Championships in Los Angeles, Calif.

The 2014 season was another success as Ohio State finished fourth at the NCAA Athens Regional. Miller and Shaffer were named first team All-Big Ten while Victoria Aepli was a second team All-Big Ten pick.

In 2015, Ohio State once again advanced to an NCAA Regional as freshman Alexis Mattern garnered second team All-Big Ten honors and another freshman, Taylor Harrison, competed as an individual at the NCAA Championships after posting a fourth-place all-around finish at the NCAA Columbus Regional.

Last season, Fagan's 14th year overall in Columbus - the first two as an assistant coach and now 12 as head coach, Ohio State advanced to the NCAA Minneapolis Regional while Kaitlyn Hofland, Mattern and Jamie Stone garnered second team All-Big Ten honors.

"My coaching philosophy has always been to train the individual, not the team," Fagan said. "I believe each athlete has individual needs and my role as a coach is to figure out what

each person needs to be successful and to implement workouts and training techniques to help each team member reach her full potential. In the sport of gymnastics, self confidence is critical for successful performance. I really focus on building confidence in my student-athletes so that when it comes time to perform, they know they are ready to compete."

At Ohio State, Fagan has coached two student-athletes to back-to-back All-America honors. In 2009, Rebecca Best received the national laurel on floor as a sophomore after traveling to the NCAA championships as an alternate her first season. In 2008, Kaylan Clevinger (2006-08) earned All-America honors on the uneven bars, becoming the first Buckeye to earn the accolade since 1999. Clevinger made two national appearances on bars (2007 and 2008) and earned All-Big Ten honors in the same years.

A 1994 graduate of Hoover High School in North Canton, Ohio, Fagan graduated from Penn State in 1998 with a Bachelor of Arts in speech communication and a Bachelor of Arts in media studies and also was a full-scholarship gymnast at Penn State. The Nittany Lions won the NCAA Northeast Regional championship all four years of Fagan's career (1995-98) and also qualified each year to the NCAA national championships.

While at Penn State, Fagan was a three-year letterwinner, serving as captain her senior year in 1998. She was only able to compete for three seasons of her eligibility at Penn State because of a severe leg fracture at the end of her sophomore season. Fagan returned to competition during her senior year after undergoing three surgeries and was able to compete on the uneven bars, helping the team to a Top 10 finish at the NCAA national championships in 1998.

Fagan was the recipient of the "Penn State Pride" award in 1996 and 1998 for outstanding team leadership and also was a member of the "Spirit of the Lion" Academic/Athletic Honor Society in 1998 for excellence in the classroom and in the gym. Additionally, Fagan was honored by the University with the establishment of the "Carey Hoyt Perseverance Award," which is given to athletes who overcome injuries and obstacles to return to competition and contribute to the team's success.

Prior to attending Penn State, Fagan competed at the senior elite level at the Parkette National Training Center. She also was a member of the Junior Olympic National Team and a member of the Region 5 National Team in 1994.

Fagan came to Ohio State in 2001 to join the OSU coaching staff as an assistant coach under the direction of Larry Cox. When Cox stepped down following the 2003-04 season, it was Fagan who was handed the reigns of the Ohio State program. Fagan began her coaching career as an undergraduate assistant at Penn State. After graduation from Penn State in 1998, Fagan landed a corporate marketing job in Albuquerque, N.M., with a large commercial real estate firm. In addition to this position, Fagan also coached gymnastics part-time in the evenings.

Fagan resides in Dublin with her husband, Ryan, and 14-year-old son, Brady.

# 2017 SEASON, CAREER HIGHS

Gymnast	Vault		Bars		Beam		Floor		All-Around	
	2017	Career	2017	Career	2017	Career	2017	Career	2017	Career
Olivia Aepli	9.700	9.700	9.000	9.000	-	-	9.775	9.775	-	-
Michelle Burns	-	9.850	-	-	-	9.800	-	9.825	-	-
Tenille Funches	9.675	9.900	9.675	9.875	9.125	9.875	-	9.850	-	39.275
Taylor Harrison	-	9.900	-	9.800	9.725	9.900	-	9.850	-	39.300
Kaitlyn Hofland	-	9.850	9.725	9.900	9.750	9.925	-	9.800	-	39.275
Erin Malone	-	9.800	-	-	-	-	9.500	9.850	-	-
Alexis Mattern	9.850	9.875	9.800	9.825	9.725	9.825	9.850	9.925	39.225	39.225
Janelle McClelland	-	-	-	-	-	9.725	9.050	9.750	-	-
Stefanie Merkle	9.675	9.850	9.550	9.825	9.850	9.875	9.575	9.925	38.650	39.325
Jamie Stone	9.825	9.875	-	-	9.750	9.750	9.800	9.875	-	-
Jaine VanPutten	9.650	9.850	9.600	9.800	-	-	-	9.750	-	-

Date	OSU Rank	Opponent (Rank)	OSU Score	Opp. Score	Site	Overall	Big Ten
Jan. 7	-	Pittsburgh	194.375	192.800	Pittsburgh, Pa.	1-0	0-0

## 2017 INDIVIDUAL BESTS

Event	Individual	Score	Date	Location
V	Mattern	9.850	1/7/17	Pittsburgh, Pa.
UB	Mattern	9.800	1/7/17	Pittsburgh, Pa.
BB	Merkle	9.850	1/7/17	Pittsburgh, Pa.
FX	Mattern	9.850	1/7/17	Pittsburgh, Pa.
AA	Mattern	39.225	1/7/17	Pittsburgh, Pa.

## 2017 TEAM BESTS

Event	Score	Date	Location
V	48.725	1/7/17	Pittsburgh, Pa.
UB	48.350	1/7/17	Pittsburgh, Pa.
BB	48.800	1/7/17	Pittsburgh, Pa.
FX	48.500	1/7/17	Pittsburgh, Pa.
TEAM	194.375	1/7/17	Pittsburgh, Pa.

Bold score indicates team best; (#) indicates Top 3 finish

**Ohio State at Pittsburgh** - W, 194.375-192.800

Jan. 7, 2016 - Pittsburgh, Pa.

Name	V	UB	B	F	AA
Aepli	9.700	9.000	-	-	-
Funches	9.675	9.675	9.125	-	-
Harrison	-	-	9.725	-	-
Hofland	-	9.725 (3)	9.750 (t-3)	-	-
Malone	-	-	-	9.500	-
Mattern	<b>9.850 (1)</b>	<b>9.800 (2)</b>	9.725	<b>9.850 (1)</b>	<b>39.225 (1)</b>
McClelland	-	-	-	9.050	-
Merkle	9.675	9.550	<b>9.850 (1)</b>	9.575	38.650 (3)
Stone	9.825 (t-2)	-	9.750 (t-3)	9.800	-
VanPutten	9.650	9.600	-	-	-
Team	48.725 (1)	48.350 (2)	48.800 (1)	48.500 (2)	194.375 (1)