Tour Agenda

Tuesday, July 10

**The Ohio State University Airport**
- 7:30 a.m. Registration and breakfast
- 8 a.m. Welcome
- 8:15 a.m. Airport program
- 8:40 a.m. Participant introductions
- 9:15 a.m. MedFlight program
- 9:45 a.m. Bus departs for Glen-Gery Brick Yard

**Glen-Gery Brick Yard**
- 10:45 a.m. Arrival
- 10:55 a.m. Welcome
- 11 a.m. Program and tours
- 11:45 a.m. Bus departs for Bowstring Bar and Grill

**Lunch - Bowstring Bar and Grill**
- 12 p.m. Arrival
- 12:10 p.m. Welcome and lunch
- 12:30 p.m. Program - Ohio State Marion
- 1 p.m. Bus departs for Buurma Farms

**Buurma Farms/ Muck Crops Research Station**
- 1:45 p.m. Arrival, presentation and tour
- 3:15 p.m. Bus departs for hotel

**Hampton Inn and Suites**
- 5 p.m. Check-in
- 6:15 p.m. Bus departs for Rock & Roll Hall of Fame

**Rock & Roll Hall of Fame**
- 6:30 p.m. Arrival, hors d’oeuvres, drinks
- 7:30 p.m. Program
- 8 p.m. Networking with alumni and students, exhibits and entertainment
- 9:15 p.m. Bus departs for hotel
- 9:30 Reflection with students

Wednesday, July 11

**Greater Cleveland Food Bank**
- 8 a.m. Welcome
- 8:20 a.m. Service activity
- 10 a.m. Bus departs for Gorman-Rupp Pumps

**Gorman-Rupp Pumps**
- 11:30 a.m. Arrival
- 11:40 a.m. Welcome, program and lunch
- 12:15 p.m. Tours
- 1:30 p.m. Bus departs for Flying Horse Farms

**Flying Horse Farms**
- 2:20 p.m. Arrival
- 2:30 p.m. Welcome and program
- 3:45 p.m. Depart for OSU Airport
- 4:30 p.m. Arrive at OSU Airport

*All times are approximate.*

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This publication provides an overview of the tour stops and information about your fellow Roads Scholars.

The Roads Scholars Tour is a collaboration between the Office of Outreach and Engagement, University Advancement, and the Office of Student Life.

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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
The Ohio State University Airport has been partnering with the community to expand opportunities for citizens of Ohio since 1942 with service to Columbus area industry, a learning lab for future professionals, and a core facility for university research. The airport is an FAA National Priority Airport, the 4th busiest airport in Ohio, and in the top 5% most active nationwide.

**Airport Serves as an Academic Resource**
The Ohio State University Airport is essential to the core university mission of educating students. Equipped with an aircraft fleet, flight simulators, air traffic control, weather station, and communications and navigation systems, the airport is a teaching laboratory serving multiple departments throughout the university. Each semester upwards of 300 students are learning airport management or airport planning, enrolled in a flight lab or associated ground course, or participating in a professional development course at the airport. It is also a study area for students in aeronautical engineering, civil engineering, city and regional planning, industrial design, geography, and chemistry who utilize the facility to enhance their programs of study.

**Airport Engages the Central Ohio Community**
The airport is one of Ohio State’s engaged campuses, opening doors to the “American Dream” for over 2,500 Ohio school-aged children each year, including many from central Ohio’s at-risk populations.

**Airport Supports Interdisciplinary Discovery Initiatives**
One of only three airports owned by a tier-1 university research institution and a “Core Facility” supporting interdisciplinary research, the airport is a generator of teaching positions and research grants. The airport is home to the Aerospace Research Center, an Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) certified operations site (FAA Certificate of Approval 7711-1), an Airport Safety Management Systems pilot site, and a member of the Partnership to Enhance General Aviation Safety, Accessibility and Sustainability (PEGASAS).

**Airport Enhances Regional Economic Vitality**
The airport is home to, or used by, Fortune 500 companies and many local large and small businesses. The airport generates $157 million in direct and indirect benefits to central Ohio (Airport Economic Impact Report 2012).

**MedFlight**
MedFlight is a non-profit, CAMTS-accredited critical-care transport company with nine Helicopter bases and three Mobile ICU bases throughout Ohio. In 1995, Ohio State University Medical Center’s own air medical transport program, SKYMED, joined forces with Grant Medical Center’s program, LifeFlight, and MedFlight was created. MedFlight is owned and preferred by both The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center and OhioHealth to this day. This presentation will cover interhospital and scene air medical operations, the experience and expertise of a critical-care flight team, and a visit from a MedFlight helicopter following the presentation.

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The bricks cladding Ohio State’s Ohio Union, the new student housing at Lane and High, and Ohio State Marion’s new Science and Engineering Building all have their origins in 360-million-year-old shale dug from a pit in eastern Marion County. That pit provides the raw material for bricks made in two Marion County facilities owned by the Glen-Gery Corporation based in Wyomissing, Pennsylvania. The two Marion County plants are among a family of 10 Glen-Gery brick manufacturing locations and 10 retail locations scattered throughout the eastern United States.

The Iberia plant was built in 1989 on the lip of the quarry that has been providing shale for brickmaking since the 1950s. The Iberia plant is highly automated with a capacity of 60 million bricks per year. Eighty-seven percent of Iberia’s bricks are derived from an extrusion process where clay formed from crushed shale is forced through an extruder, then sized in an automated wire-cutting process. The remaining 13 percent of the plant’s output is a molded product where clay is formed into molds to make bricks with particular shapes and angles. The brick on the Ohio Union and new Columbus student housing is molded brick, whereas the brick facing Ohio State Marion’s new Science and Engineering Building is an extruded brick. Glen-Gery donated approximately $20,000 worth of brick to the Marion Science and Engineering Building.

Sixty-five percent of Marion County’s bricks are used in residential construction, according to plant manager Ken Hagberg. The remaining 35 percent go into commercial projects like the Ohio State buildings. Business volume is largely dependent on the health of the construction industry.

Glen-Gery’s Iberia plant employs 50 people including office personnel, equipment operators, and stackers. Glen-Gery’s Caledonia plant was built in the 1950s and is less automated than its sister plant in Iberia. However, the Caledonia operation specializes in “thin brick” and antique appearing bricks. The Caledonia plant also employs approximately 50.

Hagberg says Glen-Gery owns enough shale near its Iberia plant to keep both Marion County operations in business for the next 300 years. The shale was laid down as mud in the Appalachian Basin of a shallow sea that covered much of Ohio during the middle to late Devonian Period (385-358 million years ago). Silt filtered into the sea from the uplift of the early Appalachian Mountains creating the mud that eventually became shale.

When crushed and mixed with water, the shale makes a thick clay that is then either molded or forced through an extruder, cut to shape, dried, and finally fired in the tunnel kilns in each plant. The firing process reaches temperatures of nearly 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit. At that temperature, the minerals in the clay undergo chemical changes (vitrification) resulting in the hard ceramic that is a finished brick. Finished bricks are stacked manually to insure the proper mix of colors when they are delivered to a building site.
Buurma Farms was founded in 1896 by a Dutch immigrant named Frank Buurma. Today Buurma Farms is owned and operated by the 4th and 5th generation Buurmas, making it one of the oldest and largest produce farms in Ohio.

The first farm, located in Willard, Ohio, consisted of only four acres of land and celery was their only crop. The farm has grown to more than 2,700 acres of cropland in two states with over 13 different vegetables grown and over 60 products marketed.

Most of the acreage sees multiple cropping each year. A 1,000 acre muck portion of that land lies in Gregory, Michigan. In Ohio, 500 of the 1,500 acres of land is muck.

Muck is a black, nutrient-rich soil that is made of 25 to 45 percent organic matter. The other 1,000 acres in Ohio is upland soil, which is a mixture of muck and clay. At the peak of each season, the Ohio farm has close to 400 employees and the Michigan farm hires around 150 employees.

Buurma Farms packs its fresh produce under the “Buurma” and “Holland Brand” labels. The company ships around 2,000,000 packages annually. Most of its customers are in the major metropolitan areas east of the Mississippi River.

Even after 100+ years in operation, Buurma Farms, Inc. still strives to sell only the finest in fresh vegetables.

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Since the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame rose up on the shores of Lake Erie, this architectural marvel has welcomed millions of fans and countless musicians, celebrities and dignitaries.

More than 25 years ago, leaders in the music industry joined together to establish the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Foundation in New York City to celebrate the music and musicians that changed the world. With that, one of the Foundation’s many functions is to recognize the contributions of those who have had a significant impact on the evolution, development and perpetuation of rock and roll by inducting them into the Hall of Fame.

The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame opened its doors in 1995 on the shores of Lake Erie in downtown Cleveland, Ohio. Its mission is to educate visitors, fans and scholars from around the world about the history and continuing significance of rock and roll music.

It carries out this mission through its operation of a world-class museum that collects, preserves, exhibits and interprets this art form, and through its library and archives as well as its educational programs.

Since the museum’s opening, the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame has welcomed more than 12 million visitors from around the world and more than 300,000 students have participated in Rock Hall learning programs.

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The Greater Cleveland Food Bank was established in 1979 as the Cleveland Foodbank by a group of civic-minded individuals who resolved that a single clearinghouse could solicit, collect, and distribute emergency food in the most efficient manner. In the Food Bank’s first year, 400,000 pounds of food was distributed to 100 local hunger relief organizations.

The Greater Cleveland Food Bank has grown to become the largest distributor of emergency food in Northeast Ohio, distributing over 55 million pounds of food last fiscal year through more than 940 partner agencies and programs which include school markets, summer feeding programs, and senior markets. The Food Bank's mission is to ensure that everyone in our communities has the nutritious food they need every day. We do this through both food distribution and SNAP outreach efforts in our six-county service area. For every dollar donated to the Food Bank, we can make possible four meals.

One of our largest fundraising efforts is the annual Harvest for Hunger campaign. It provides critical resources to local hunger relief organizations in 21 counties in Northeast and North Central Ohio and is coordinated by the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. In 2018, Harvest for Hunger generated enough food and funds to provide 22 million meals to those in our community who need it most.

Interested in making a food or monetary donation, or advocate or volunteer at the Food Bank?

Visit www.GreaterClevelandFoodBank.org for more information on how to get involved.

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America was in the midst of the Great Depression in 1933. Two entrepreneurs, J.C. Gorman and Herb Rupp, met in Mansfield, Ohio, shook hands, borrowed $1,500 and started a pump business in a barn on the outskirts of town. The original barn has evolved into state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities all over the world. That $1,500 investment is all of the equity that’s ever been put into the company.

Today, Gorman-Rupp’s family of companies offers a wide selection of pumps and pumping systems for many fluid-handling applications. Ranging in diverse sizes from fractional horsepower pumps to the largest of flood control pumps, Gorman-Rupp pumps are in continuous duty around the globe.

The Gorman-Rupp Pumps Group has operations in the Canada, Europe, Africa, and the U.S. Gorman-Rupp USA and the corporate headquarters is located in Mansfield, Ohio, and is a leader in the construction pump market, manufacturing engine-driven pumps for mining, quarries, and dewatering applications, as well as pumps for industrial, military, and OEM applications. Also manufactured in Mansfield is a line of municipal clean water and sewage-handling pump systems, which help municipalities all over the globe provide clean drinking water.

The National Pumps Group operates out of Glendale, Ariz., with branches in California, Florida, Mississippi, Georgia and Texas, and provides vertical and submersible turbine pumps for agriculture customers. These pumps help farmers provide life-sustaining water in drought-stricken areas for the production of wheat, corn, soybeans, and produce. They also manufacture a line of pumps specifically designed for refinery, petroleum fuels, and pipeline applications.

The Patterson Pumps Group manufactures massive axial and mixed flow pumps for flood control out of their Toccoa, Georgia and Westmeath, Ireland facilities. In 2012, they were awarded a $70 million project – the largest for the corporation – providing pumps designed to move nearly 11 million gallons of water per minute. The project was undertaken by the Army Corp of Engineers to provide a storm risk-reduction barrier system, to prevent a 100-year storm-surge in Lake Pontchartrain from entering New Orleans canals. In addition, Patterson provides a line of high-performance fire suppression pumps and packages for commercial, residential, and industrial applications.

The Custom pumps group consists of Gorman-Rupp Industries in Bellville, Ohio and AMT Pump in Royersford, Penn. For contractors requiring smaller pumps, AMT’s line of engine-driven centrifugal and diaphragm pumps provides excellent dependability and performance. Gorman-Rupp Industries provides pumping solutions for OEM applications including heating, ventilating and air conditioning equipment, solar heating and laser cooling.

On behalf of the 1,200 associates of Gorman-Rupp worldwide, we welcome The Ohio State University Roads Scholars Tour.
Flying Horse Farms provides magical, transformative camp experiences for children with serious illnesses and their families—free of charge. Located in Mt. Gilead, Ohio, camp first opened its gates in 2010 and hosts about 900 children and families each year.

We are a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. 100 percent of our year-round operating budget of $4.9 million is underwritten by the generosity of others. We are funded by gifts from individuals, corporate partners and foundations.

Flying Horse Farms is the first camp in the Midwest to become a full member of the SeriousFun Children’s Network. Founded in 1988 by actor, philanthropist and Ohio native Paul Newman, the Network is a community of independently managed and financed camps and programs creating opportunities for children with serious illnesses and their families. The Network has evolved from one camp to a global community serving over one million children and families across five continents.

We serve children ages 8 to 17 and their families, from across Ohio and beyond.

The children have medical conditions including cancer, heart conditions, rheumatoid arthritis, blood disorders, asthma, gastrointestinal disorders, and facial anomalies.

We have partnerships with eight Ohio children’s hospitals—Akron Children’s Hospital, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center, Cleveland Clinic Children’s, Dayton Children’s Hospital, Mercy Children’s Hospital (Toledo), Nationwide Children’s Hospital (Columbus), ProMedica Toledo Children’s Hospital and University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children’s Hospital (Cleveland)—as well as Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh.

**WHO WE ARE**

**By the Numbers**

- $0 Cost to campers and families
- 1 Mind-blowing, adrenaline-pumping, gravity-defying, soul-lifting high-ropes course
- 4 Teepees teen campers sleep in for one night of camp
- 6 Weeklong camps every summer
- 8 Weekend camps every spring and fall
- 12 Cabins stocked with bunks and homemade quilts
- 15 Medical volunteers living at camp every weeklong session
- 70 Campers attending every weeklong session
- 850+ Campers and family members served every year
- 1,800+ Camp and event volunteers give their time to change lives every year

**WHO WE SERVE**

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The 15th president of Ohio State, Dr. Drake is focused on strengthening Ohio State’s position as a national flagship public research university through excellence in five strategic areas: teaching and learning; access, affordability and excellence; research and creative expression; academic health care; and operational excellence and resource stewardship. During his tenure, the university has seen record highs in applications, graduation rates, academic excellence, diversity and donor support. Additionally, it has received national recognition for its commitment to teaching and learning as well as excellence in patient safety and clinical outcomes at the university’s Wexner Medical Center.

A leader in higher education for nearly four decades, Dr. Drake is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine and the American Academy of Arts & Sciences. He is chair of the Association of American Universities, chair-elect of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities and vice chair of the BIG 10 Conference Council of Presidents/Chancellors. Dr. Drake also holds leadership roles for the University Innovation Alliance, American Talent Initiative, National Collegiate Athletic Association and Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

As executive vice president and provost, Dr. McPheron is Ohio State’s chief academic officer. In this role, he is responsible for the administration and strategic planning, development and review processes for the university’s academic mission. Dr. McPheron’s leadership more specifically includes oversight of 15 colleges, five campuses and more than 7,000 tenure-, clinical-, research-track and associated faculty. In addition, he oversees academic programs for 66,046 undergraduate, graduate and professional students, more than 200 majors and almost 13,000 courses.

A professor of entomology, he has taught undergraduate and graduate courses, including courses in international agriculture. His research has focused on the use of genetic tools to examine population structure in pest insects of global quarantine significance and resulted in extensive field-work on multiple continents. His extensive national academic leadership service currently includes the Big Ten Academic Alliance Provosts’ Council and the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities (APLU) Council on Academic Affairs’ executive committee. In addition, his community engagement includes the Experience Columbus, the Columbus Council on World Affairs, and the Feeding America Boards of Directors.

From 2005-12, Dr. Myers was assistant director of the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC) in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences where he led the development of the Ohio BioProducts Innovation Center. Dr. Myers was chair of the Department of Horticulture and Crop Science from 1999-2005. He received BS and MS degrees from Clemson University and a PhD from The Ohio State University. Dr. Myers serves on the executive committee for the Association for Public and Land-grant University’s Council on Engagement and Outreach, and on the boards for the Engagement Scholarship Consortium and SocialVentures.

Annie Abell is an assistant professor of practice in the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. Annie received her BS in Mechanical Engineering from Valparaiso University and an MFA in Design Research & Development from Ohio State with an emphasis on Industrial Design. She teaches product design courses to senior- and graduate-level engineering students, and an interdisciplinary product development course for students who come from majors across Ohio State. Annie’s hobbies include bicycling and quilting. In the past 18 months she’s completed seven baby quilts for friends and family, all made using her grandmother’s 1954 Singer sewing machine.

Meet the Roads Scholars

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Gifty Ako-Adounvo serves as assistant vice provost for global strategies and international affairs. In that role she guides and leads Ohio State's international engagement. She oversees Education Abroad, International Students and Scholars Services, Global Gateways, Global One Health Initiative, Business Operations, Communications, Partnerships, Assessment, and five area studies centers that cover Slavic and Eastern Europe, East Asia, Middle East, Africa, and Latin America. She has studied, lived and worked in Africa, Europe, and North America. Before joining Ohio State in 2004, she held positions at McMaster University, University of Illinois, and University of Maryland University College. She is the mother of two wonderful sons. An avid reader of all literary genres, she is especially partial to science fiction.

Carol Anelli is professor and interim chair of the Department of Entomology at The Ohio State University. After completing postdoctoral research at the USDA-ARS and NIH, she rose through the ranks to professor at Washington State University, where she served as inaugural chair for the President's Teaching Academy and delivered the 2010 convocation keynote address. Carol teaches courses for general education, honors, study abroad, and entomology, and her teaching has been recognized nationally. Her current research focuses on the history of entomology and evolutionary thought. She has appeared in the media advocating for evolution education and is passionate about science literacy and interdisciplinary education. Carol loves living in Columbus, where she is an avid gardener and enjoys art and music (she plays the piano) and films, particularly the summer series at the Ohio Theatre and showings at the Wex.

Seleshi Ayalew Asfaw, executive director of Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services, has a Doctorate of Medicine from Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia and a Masters in Public Health Methodology, Education, and Behavioral Sciences from the Public Health School in Brussels, Belgium. He practiced medicine and eventually served as the executive director of Gondar Regional Health Department through the Ministry of Health in Ethiopia before seeking asylum in Belgium in 1996 as Ethiopia was in crisis of civil war and human right violations. Eventually he immigrated to Columbus, Ohio in 1997 where he worked with Jewish Family Services and ECDI for five years directing IDA and the Microenterprise programs funded by ORR for refugees aimed at building assets in immigrant founded small businesses and nonprofit organizations.

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Kristina M. Boone, PhD, came to Ohio State, for the second time, on April 1, 2017. In her previous stop, she earned two degrees – MS in Agricultural Communication and PhD in Extension Education. This time, her stop at Ohio State is not to get an education but to make sure dreams of others coming for an education become a reality. The College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences named Kris Boone the director of the Agricultural Technical Institute. Dr. Boone brings valuable experience to students of ATI. She was the Communications and Agricultural Education department head in the College of Agriculture at Kansas State University. While at Ohio State University she served as a watershed extension agent with Ohio State University Extension and co-lead a water education program. Dr. Boone earned her undergraduate degree from Texas Tech. When Kris is not championing for students she likes to cook and whips up some excellent dishes from her native land of Texas. She is also an avid walker and she is advancing her vision of a walkable/bikeable paths on the Wooster campus.

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Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier is Vernal Riffe Professor of Political Science by courtesy. (PhD, University of Texas at Austin, 1993.) She was recently selected as a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, is a university Distinguished Scholar, and directs the PRISM Program. She has served as the faculty representative to the Ohio State Board of Trustees in 2013-2014, the Social and Behavioral Sciences Divisional Dean and Dean for Graduate Affairs from 2014-2018, and has recently assumed the role of Interim Executive Dean and Vice Provost for the College of Arts and Sciences. She resides in northwest Columbus with her spouse, Mike, and is the proud mother of four children (the third in line is a rising Buckeye third-year student in CFAES). On a quiet afternoon you can find her reading on her porch, petting her adorable dog Moco and listening to Coldplay.

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I travel to Colorado quite a bit now that our son lives there. My interests include hiking, biking, woodworking and travel. My wife Linda enjoys the joyous events of the year. Everyone is in a great mood and everything is fun photos just happen before my eyes. My outside interests are also interesting to cover. Commencements are the most news worthy events such as presidential candidate visits or new approaches to treat MS. I am using what we've learned from the human genome and genetics to improve the diagnosis and personalized treatment of MS patients. I'm interested in providing comprehensive and interdisciplinary care to MS patients, especially those who have progressive neurodegenerative disease and cognitive decline.

I am now retired from the best job ever - being a photographer at Ohio State for 35 years. Every day was different and interesting. From presidents, prime ministers and primates, to study groups and stink flowers. A place as big as Ohio State offers endless photo opportunities. I enjoy environmental portrait photography most, but news worthy events such as presidential candidate visits are also interesting to cover. Commencements are the most joyous events of the year. Everyone is in a great mood and fun photos just happen before my eyes. My outside interests include hiking, biking, woodworking and travel. My wife Linda and I travel to Colorado quite a bit now that our son lives there.
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I joined Ohio State in February 2016 after spending six years at the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, the last five as director of communications. Before that, I was a radio reporter and producer in Columbus, Newark and Bucyrus. I grew up in Michigan (don’t tell!), South Carolina and Ohio, graduated from Indiana University, and live in Clintonville with my wife and two sons. When I’m not at work, I enjoy listening to live music, camping, and cheering on the Cleveland Indians.

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Joel T. Johnson has been a faculty member in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering since joining Ohio State in 1996. He currently serves as chair of the department. Dr. Johnson’s research focuses on satellite remote sensing of Earth’s natural resources using the microwave portion of the electromagnetic spectrum. His research team in the ECE Department and the ElectroScience Laboratory recently launched CubeRRT, Ohio State’s first satellite, to the International Space Station, and is awaiting CubeRRT’s release into space from the station later this Summer.

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