At Ohio State, we place special emphasis on your first year at the university. We know that foundations built during the first year are key to your success and, ultimately, graduation. To that end, our First Year Experience (FYE) programs are designed to help you get comfortable on campus, connect with the university, and start to think of Ohio State as home.

The following are FYE programs and events that you can look forward to during your first year at Ohio State.

Orientation
Held the summer prior to beginning your first year at Ohio State, Orientation introduces you to the university, other students, advisors, orientation leaders, and student life staff. You’ll create your academic schedule and learn what to expect both in and out of the classroom.

Buckeye Book Community
Each summer, first-year students complete their first college assignment by participating in the Buckeye Book Community. You’ll pick up your book at orientation, then complete the reading at your leisure over the summer and return to campus prepared to discuss the book—often with the author. The selection for 2013–2014 is The Submission, by Amy Waldman. Past selections include Rebecca Skloot’s The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks, Warren St. John’s Outcasts United, Colin Beavan’s No Impact Man.

Leadership Collaborative
The Leadership Collaborative (LC) provides a select group of incoming freshmen with a year-long leadership development program. The LC begins with a four-day, three-night leadership development conference and, over the course of the year, incorporates a for-credit leadership class, development of a personal leadership plan, and networking opportunities on campus and beyond.

Camp Buckeye and Buckeye Adventures
Camp Buckeye and Buckeye Adventures give participants the chance to start new friendships and make valuable connections before autumn semester begins. Buckeye Adventures takes students to the top destination for white water rafting in the East—the New River Gorge in West Virginia—for rafting and rappelling. Camp Buckeye is an off-campus retreat where students compete in the adventure obstacle course, soar on a zip line tour over the Little Miami Valley, and learn about Ohio State traditions and how to get involved on campus.

Convocation and Columbus Welcome
Convocation is your official academic welcome. The festive program includes an address by the president of the university and gifts. Convocation is followed by the Columbus Welcome Event, a university tradition that introduces you to the greater Columbus community.

AskFYE
AskFYE is a valuable resource for new students: questions about all things Ohio State can be answered with an e-mail to askfye@osu.edu.
First Year Success Series
Each autumn more than 350 thematic seminars are taught by campus experts, community leaders, and nationally known personalities. Past sessions include:
- A+ Research: Where do you start?
- Everything You’ve Always Wanted to Know about Procrastination but Never got around to Asking
- Keys to Strategic, Confident Test Taking
- Know and Engage the World: Getting Started with Study Abroad
- Are You Man Enough? A Dialogue on Manhood in College
- How to Avoid the ‘Freshman 15’
- No Buckeye Should Be Blue: REACH to Save a Life Suicide Prevention
- You want me to do what? Talk about sex?
- Handling Holiday Stress
- Don’t fumble your finances!
- Developing Your Leadership Plan for Buckeye Involvement
- That’s so retarded! A conversation about disability portrayal in media
- LZ Granderson: Black, Gay and Athletic

Buckeyes Beyond Ohio
Designed for students new to Buckeye country, Buckeyes Beyond Ohio is a series of programs for first-year students from out of state. Each semester, a series of informal luncheons connect new students to faculty and other students from their region of the country. Throughout the year, students attend social programs planned by upperclass students who are also out of state that introduce them to Columbus and the state of Ohio.

First Year Connections Team
The FYE program draws energy and inspiration from the First Year Connections Team. These second-year students serve as mentors to our first-year students and are involved in the organization of first-year events, including Convocation and the Leadership Speaker series.

FYE News
FYE keeps you informed throughout the first year with an e-mail newsletter about campus resources, services, and events. In addition to reading FYE News, you can also visit fye.osu.edu to get information about FYE events and programs. A version of the newsletter is also sent to families.

Scarlet Scramble
This 24-hour campus and city scavenger hunt includes trivia about the history of Ohio State and action-based clues where teams compete against each other. Participating students build community, learn about new resources on campus, learn more about the storied history of the university, and celebrate the year while showing how much they know about Ohio State.