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OSD starts new year with near record enrollment Three staff honored for 30+ years of service

Columbus, Ohio – August 23, 2016 – The Ohio School for the Deaf (OSD) opened its doors for the 2016-2017 school year today by welcoming more than 175 students back to campus. In addition, this year marks its 187th year of providing educational opportunities to Ohio’s deaf and hard of hearing students.

“We are thrilled to experience continued growth in the number of students attending Ohio School for the Deaf, making us the sixth largest state school for the deaf in the nation,” said Doug Lowery, Superintendent of OSD. “We are all looking forward to another successful year both in the classroom and in our athletic programs.”

This year also marks a special occasion for three of OSD’s staff members. Donna Henderson, Perry Mott and Mike Smith all were recognized for more than 30 years of service to the State of Ohio as of this past summer.

Ms. Henderson began her state employment in 1984 and has worked at both OSD and the Ohio State School for the Blind. Mr. Mott began in 1985 and Mr. Smith in 1984, both working the entire time at OSD. These exceptional staff members were recognized last week as school staff returned to campus to prepare for the start of school.

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Editor’s note: Photo of employees recognized for service available upon request.

About the Ohio School for the Deaf

The Ohio School for the Deaf opened its doors in 1829 and continues to serve deaf and hard of hearing students from around Ohio. Educational instruction is available for infants to age 21 through various programs including the Alice Cogswell Center, Early Learning Center, traditional school for grades Kindergarten until 12th grade, and the 4Plus program. To learn more about OSD, visit www.osd.oh.gov.