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### Ohio State School of Communication to dedicate first new Lantern newsroom in 51 years at first-ever all-school reunion

***Guests to span 7 decades of graduation and include journalism, entertainment and public relations industry leaders***

**COLUMBUS, OH (Sept. 11, 2025)** — [The Ohio State University School of Communication](#) will dedicate a new newsroom to [The Lantern](#) — the first new home for the student-run newspaper in over 50 years — at its inaugural all-school reunion on Sept. 12.

Nearly 250 alumni and guests will celebrate the school's contributions to the field of communications. The event will feature remarks from alumni, including CNN Chief Domestic Correspondent Phil Mattingly, TEGNA Chief Content Officer Adrienne Roark and Emmy Award-winning comedy writer Bruce Vilanch.

"The Ohio State University School of Communication is proud to provide an outstanding education and experience to its students through the collective efforts of our exceptional faculty, award-winning student journalism, world-class research, a rigorous, innovative curriculum and highly effective student-run organizations," said Kelly Garrett, professor and director of the school. "This new space highlights our commitment to continuing and expanding this impact for a new generation of communicators."

The new newsroom, a nearly \$2 million investment, marks the start of a new chapter in the student paper's 144-year history. In years past, student journalists' achievements have included establishing Ohio case law on public records access in 2023, helping to acquit an innocent man in a murder case in the 1970s and interviewing future president John F. Kennedy in the 1950s.

"Throughout its history, the students behind *The Lantern* are continuously driven by a desire to engage the community and hold those in power accountable," said [Spencer Hunt](#), director of student media at *The Lantern*. "In this new space, they'll be able to keep their mission going and inspire future generations of journalists on their career path."

Among the improvements in the new space are a teaching studio, an editing lab, a larger *Lantern TV* and podcast studio, a green-screen room for video production, new offices and a trophy case to display the paper's many awards. Recent honors include winning first place among college newspapers in newswriting, feature writing and sports writing in the Annual Ohio Society of Professional Journalists contest.

“At *The Lantern*, we strive to share our latest stories to the student body through web, print, video and social media,” said [Lily Pace](#), managing campus editor for the newspaper. “We are constantly evolving, and the new newsroom allows us to adapt to the changing world of journalism.”

Following the newsroom dedication, the first-ever all-school reunion will feature [breakout sessions](#) on the past, present and future of strategic communication, research and journalism at the school. Speakers will include Roark, Vilanch and other esteemed alumni, faculty and students.

“The School of Communication prepares our students for success whatever direction their career takes them,” said [Mary Sterenberg](#), an assistant professor of practice. “From Fortune 500 companies to communications agencies to community organizations, every organization needs clear communicators who combine critical thinking, research skills and passion for understanding their audience. Those are the skills that we practice in class every day.”

Alongside the reunion, the School of Communication has launched a crowdfunding campaign inviting alumni to support students’ access to tools, networking and learning opportunities, including professional development.