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### Topspot



**Barbara Woodall, who works at the Ohio Supercomputer Center, has been at Ohio State for 23 years**

#### Why did you choose to work at Ohio State?

I have always loved Ohio State, even though I didn't get to graduate from here.

#### What do you like about your job?

I have a lot of interaction with researchers who use the supercomputing facilities.

#### What would you improve at Ohio State?

I would like the OSU family of students, faculty and staff to take pride in all aspects of the

university: The campus appearance (e.g., no littering, pride in recycling) and general behavior (e.g., respect for others) and quality of education and research — I think we have achieved much in all of these aspects, but they require constant vigilance and effort.

#### What advice would you give a new employee?

Buy lots of scarlet and gray — it's a tasteful color combination — much more attractive than other combinations I could name.

#### Of what honor or recognition are you most proud?

My co-workers graciously awarded me a Peer Recognition Award last year. They are a wonderful group of people, and the award spoke volumes about their own great qualities.

#### Who is your hero?

I have lots of heroes: The people who quietly make the world a better place by small and great acts of kindness, especially the anonymous kindnesses. I know many people who perform these acts, and I see many others as I go through life, even though I don't know their names. It's heartening and gives me the incentive to try to be better myself.

#### What is your favorite activity outside of work?

I take classes through OSU. I have learned so much, and my professors and TAs have been dedicated, stimulating and well prepared. I have to say, I appreciate my classes a bit more these days than when I was working on my degree — oops.

#### What are you going to do when you retire?

More reading, more classes, more volunteering, more walks, more crafts, more Googling.

#### If you were the university president for a day, what would you do?

I would sit in the press box at the OSU/Michigan game with my football partner, my nephew, my niece and her husband; believe me, you wouldn't want me to make any significant decisions.

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