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Community Health Center official named 'Best Buckeye'

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MIDDLETOWN — Community Health Center is proud to announce that Dr. Nwando Olayiwola, the organization's Chief Medical Officer, has been named a "100 Buckeyes You Should Know" by her alma matter — The Ohio State University.

The "100 Buckeyes You Should Know" is a project started as part of a yearlong celebration of Ohio State alumni. The Ohio State University Alumni Association sought alumni that were living graduates of the university, who demonstrated significant levels of professional achievement, civic leadership, or cultural influence.

"It is such an honor to be chosen for a distinction like this, especially by Ohio State University, the largest university in the country!" Olayiwola said. "Ohio State was a critical part of my higher education in undergraduate and medical school. I am happy to be part of a distinguished group of alumni who are leaders and innovators all over the world, and who are always grounded by the Scarlet and Gray pride."

The 100 Buckeyes list is an illustration of the depth and breadth of opportunity available at Ohio State. The list — which includes Erin Moriarty, CBS news correspondent and Microsoft's director of Federal Government Affairs, Stephanie Peters — was drawn from over 750 alumni who were nominated by their colleges and the association.

"The graduates we are highlighting represent the best that Ohio State has to offer," said Archie Griffin, president and CEO of the Alumni Association. "These alumni are innovators and outstanding citizens who have used their degrees to do more than just achieve personal success. There is no question that Jacqueline [Nwando] is one of these people. She's made her alma mater proud.

In addition to serving as Chief Medical Officer for CHC and playing a vital role in shaping the organization and transforming health care in Connecticut, Olayiwola has succeeded in a number of areas since graduating from Ohio State. Most recently, she led a year-long study on Connecticut's first statewide program for telemedicine based diabetic retinopathy screenings, which was published in August 2011 by the Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved.

Earlier this year, she received the National Medical Association's "Top 40 Physicians Under 40 Award." In 2009 she was the recipient of the "William Oxley Thompson Award for Early Career Achievement" from the Ohio State University Alumni Association.

Since 2007, she has been named one of the "Top Family Doctors in America" every year by the Consumers Research Council of America and in 2008 she received the "Emerging Leaders Award" from the Society of Teachers and Family Medicine/Family Medicine Consortium. In addition to her work as a physician, she is a public health professional who completed a Masters in Public Health and Fellowship in Minority Health Policy through the Commonwealth

Fund/Harvard University Fellowship at the Harvard Medical School. She is also the founder of GIRL TALK, a nonprofit corporation that educates minority adolescent females about sexual health, safe-sex practices, and contraception and has worked with young women in New York and Ghana, and she is active in federal, state and local policy.

Dr. Mark Notestine, executive director of the Ohio State University Medical Center's Office of Alumni Affairs, wrote of Olayiwola, "She could be described by any of the following — caring physician, medical executive, research scientist, author, and emerging leader."

To view the entire list go here: <http://go.osu.edu/Meet100Buckeyes>.

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