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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY AND DR. JOSEPH ALUTTO HONORED AT THE 2009 PEOPLE OF VISION AWARDS DINNER

COLUMBUS, OH – The Ohio State University and Dr. Joseph A. Alutto, Executive Vice President and Provost, were recognized for their outstanding visionary leadership and philanthropic work in Central Ohio at Prevent Blindness Ohio's 24th annual People of Vision Awards Dinner. CAS and President Robert J. Massie Johnson hosted the event at The Hilton Columbus at Easton on Wednesday, March 18, 2009. Lindsey Seavert of WBNS-TV Channel 10 emceed the event.

The People of Vision Award was established in 1985 by Prevent Blindness Ohio to honor and recognize visionary organizations and their top leadership for the outstanding work they have undertaken to enhance the quality of life within their communities. The premise of the *People of Vision Awards* is that our community is enriched by such leadership which reflects a "vision of community" to be celebrated and emulated. It's been recognized as one of Northwest Ohio's premier charitable events. More than 230 community leaders attended the event and raised more than \$117,000 to support the sight-saving programs of Prevent Blindness Ohio.

Half of all blindness is preventable and the number of blind and visually impaired is expected to double by the year 2030 if nothing is done to address the problem. Furthermore, it is estimated that the economic impact of visual disorders and disabilities costs approximately \$51.4 billion annually.

Prevent Blindness Ohio, founded in 1957, is Ohio's leading volunteer nonprofit public health organization dedicated to preventing blindness and preserving sight. We serve all 88 Ohio counties, providing direct services to more than 800,000 Ohioans annually and educating millions of consumers about what they can do to protect and preserve their precious gift of sight. Prevent Blindness Ohio is an affiliate of Prevent Blindness America, the country's second-oldest national voluntary health organization. For more information or to make a contribution, visit our website at www.pb ohio.org or call 800-301-2020.



Host Robert J. Massie, President of CAS, and Honoree Dr. Joseph Alutto, Executive Vice President and Provost of The Ohio State University

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