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## CFAES News

**December 16, 2020**

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### **Unifying the CFAES Wooster Campus**

A move is underway to unify the CFAES Wooster campus. While in past years, the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC), and the two-year associate degree-granting program (ATI), have operated separately, new changes will help to unify the campus. **A first step in ensuring this evolution is renaming and rebranding the 4,200-acre campus as CFAES Wooster.**

“It allows us to think about this location as a full campus, rather than simply two components,” said Cathann A. Kress, vice president of agricultural administration and dean of CFAES. “It will brand the location as an integral part of CFAES and provide a gateway for Ohio State in northeast Ohio.” Changing the name of the campus will also produce shared resources, infrastructure, personnel, and equipment. [Learn more here.](#)

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### **Effective Date for Benefit Coverage Terminations**

Beginning in 2021, if you experience an event that ends your eligibility for any benefit, the coverage for that benefit will end on the date of the event. For example, an employee whose last day of employment is on March 15 will have benefit coverage terminate at the end of the day on March 15. Deductions will be prorated based on the number of days an individual is covered in a pay period. Questions? Contact your [HR Consultant.](#)

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### **Two CFAES Faculty Named 2020 Fellows for the National Academy of Inventors**

Two faculty members from CFAES have been named to the [2020 Class of Fellows](#) for the [National Academy of Inventors \(NAI\)](#). **Monica Giusti, PhD**, Professor in FST and **Judit Puskas, PhD**, Professor in FABE will be honored at the Fellows Induction Ceremony on June 7-9, 2021 in Tampa, Florida.

The NAI Fellows Program was established to highlight academic inventors who have demonstrated a prolific spirit of innovation in creating or facilitating outstanding inventions that have made a tangible impact on quality of life, economic development and the welfare of society. Election to NAI Fellow status is the highest professional distinction accorded solely to academic inventors.

[Learn more.](#)

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### **Food Systems Leadership Institute Fellows Honored by Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU)**

Twenty-five Fellows of the Food Systems Leadership Institute (FSLI) were honored November 4<sup>th</sup> during a recognition ceremony in the virtual annual meeting of the APLU. Drs. Sheryl Barringer (FST), Elena Irwin (AEDE), and Shannon Washburn (ACEL) were among the Fellows recognized for their accomplishments in completing the FSLI executive leadership development program and for contributions they have made to their individual organizations and the broader higher education and food systems. More information on the FSLI is available at [www.fsl.org](http://www.fsl.org).

If you are interested in the FSLI or other faculty leadership experiences, visit the CFAES Faculty and Staff Affairs site at:

<https://cfaesfacultyandstaff.osu.edu/professional-development>.

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### **Best Practices for Engaging Students in a COVID World**

**Friday, December 18**

**2:00-4:00 p.m. via Zoom**

Please register for the webinar in

advance: [https://osu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_S9x2oBebSHOyz4BpWgY\\_Vg](https://osu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_S9x2oBebSHOyz4BpWgY_Vg)

The Retention Task Force is presenting a panel discussion to discuss best practices for engaging students in a Covid World. The Panel will include representatives from the following:

- Horticultural Technologies
- Arts, Science & Business Technologies
- Agriculture & Engineering Technologies
- Academic Affairs
- Program Excel

- Student Life
- Housing

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to any member of the Retention Task Force: Laura Deeter.7, Carri Gerber.140, Thomas Janini.4, Denise Rotavera-Krain.1, Dee Dee Snyder.426, Mick Steiner.255, Victor Ujor.1, Lisa Dicus.18

**Initiative launch**

# Living Soils in the Americas

**Rattan Lal**  
2020 World Food Prize Laureate  
IICA's Goodwill Ambassador

**4 december**  
9:00 a.m. (Costa Rica time)  
10:00 a.m. (EST)

**Broadcast:**  
[www.iica.int](http://www.iica.int)

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Carbon Management and Sequestration Center

The Ohio State University  
IICA

**Transmisión en inglés:**  
Youtube: <https://youtu.be/ViCo5h70IPY>  
Sala Virtual: <http://vroom.iica.int/en/>  
Página del evento: <https://iica.int/en/press/events/living-soils-americas>

## **Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture [IICA] to work with the CFAES Rattan Lal Center for Carbon Management and Sequestration**

IICA has for over 75 years sought to "encourage, promote and support the efforts of the Member States [stretching from Canada to Argentina] to achieve their agricultural development and rural welfare by means of international technical cooperation of excellence."

Director of the [C-MASC](#), [Rattan Lal](#), Distinguished University Professor of Soil Science, and World Food Prize Laureate for 2020, was also featured at the launch of the initiative "Living Soils in the Americas" on December 4. Vice President for Agricultural Administration, Dean Cathann Kress also spoke.

See <https://ipa.osu.edu/news/%C2%A0inter-american-institute-cooperation-agriculture-iica-work-cfaes%E2%80%99-carbon-management-and> for links to the entire program in English or in Spanish (the language of the majority of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture's 34 member states) as well as more information on the IICA objectives. Questions? Contact Jason Owens.1132



## **Alvarez, Cañas, Simmons land Cochran Fellowship Programs to train 21 food scientists from Bangladesh, The Philippines, Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras**

A two-week training program in August 2021 for 15 scientists from Bangladesh and The Philippines will focus on the scientific and technical aspects of food safety standards, systems, and best practices necessary for ensuring the protection of public health in the U.S. and export markets. Knowledge and connections gained by these Cochran Fellows will provide them with an opportunity to increase their country's capacity for agricultural research, extension, and participation in international trade.

Fellows will be introduced to various leaders, scholars, and experts within OSU, representatives of federal and state governmental agencies in Washington, DC and Ohio, as well as quality assurance and food safety management personnel working in the food industry. [Learn more.](#)

For more information, please contact Jason Owens.1132

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## **SAVE THE DATE: National Day of Racial Healing**

**January 19, 2021**

The CFAES Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion invites you to save the date for the National Day of Racial Healing on Tuesday, January 19, 2021. Activities will include facilitated discussions, panel discussions, and webinars. More information will be forthcoming. The National Day of Racial Healing is a time for contemplation and collective action on #HowWeHeal from the effects of racism. Launched on Jan. 17, 2017, it is an opportunity to bring ALL people together in their common humanity and inspire collective action to create a more just and equitable world. Learn more: <https://healourcommunities.org/about/>

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## 2021 Racial Literacy Book Club for CFAES Faculty and Staff

To facilitate important conversations about race, the OSU Extension Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force is collaborating with the CFAES Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to host a book club in 2021.

All CFAES staff and faculty are eligible to participate. We will be reading and discussing the book "Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?" by Beverly Daniel Tatum. One chapter will be assigned each month from January - December. The first 50 people to register will receive a complimentary copy of the book, if needed.

There are two ways to participate in the book club:

- 1) Synchronously via Zoom - participants will meet at noon on the third Friday of each month\* for a one-hour facilitated discussion. *\*the first discussion will be held on January 22*
- 2) Asynchronously via Microsoft Teams - participants will be added to a Team where they can view, post and comment on responses to discussion questions. The Team will be moderated by a facilitator.

Register today at [go.osu.edu/DEIBook2021](https://go.osu.edu/DEIBook2021). To ensure plenty of time to receive a copy of the book and prepare for the first meeting please register by Jan. 8. If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Lobb at [lobb.3@osu.edu](mailto:lobb.3@osu.edu).

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