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CFAES News

December 2, 2020

Reminder 2020 CFAES Home Football Safety Planning

We want to remind everyone of safety measures to prevent unauthorized access to CFAES buildings and ensure a safe environment for individuals whose research requires they be on campus. For the 2020 season, CFAES buildings will be secured during the following home game:

Michigan - December 12th

Individuals who need to be on campus for specific work can do so following normal COVID-19 safety protocols. Otherwise, we discourage being on campus. No workshops, meetings, or seminars should be scheduled in CFAES buildings on this date. No tailgating is permitted in the lots, personnel from Campus Parc and University Public Safety will be on hand to advise of this restriction. We will be utilizing personnel from our CFAES Operations team to oversee the area and buildings during the game. If you need to work in a building, you will need to carry your BUCK ID to identify yourself.

All CFAES buildings on the Columbus campus should be locked. No unauthorized persons should be granted access. In addition, doors should not be propped or modified to prevent them from locking. If you observe tampering with a door, such as taping the bolt or blocking the door in some way, it is your duty to report it immediately: call OSUPD 614-292-2121. Likewise, if you observe unauthorized people in a secure building during off-duty hours, it is your duty to report it immediately. **It is NOT your duty to make any attempt to resolve the situation; call OSUPD 614-292-2121. In an emergency, call 911.**

If you have any questions, please reach out to Seth Walker at walker.439 or 330-988-4125. Thank you for your assistance in ensuring a safe environment for our students, staff and faculty!

Recognize Accessibility All Stars!

Do you know a faculty or staff member at Ohio State who went above and beyond to create virtual access this semester? Do you want to share their awesome-ness with others? Recognize someone who has made a positive impact on your semester and who has promoted accessibility. This could be an instructor, advisor, staff member, anyone! Everyone nominated is a WINNER and will be recognized via email over Winter Break. Complete [THIS FORM](#) to give kudos to campus accessibility all-stars!

CFAES Monthly Communication Note

[CFAES Monthly](#) is being discontinued in the interest of streamlining our online faculty and staff communications. Much of its content appears elsewhere, such as on departmental websites or the CFAES homepage. Going forward, look for relevant content that ran in CFAES Monthly to appear here, in CFAES News.

East African Integrated Pest Management Work Continues with Pandemic Precautions

Despite having to scale back due to COVID-19 restrictions, The East African Vegetable Crop Integrated Pest Management Innovation Lab (EAVCIPM-IL) continues to develop, implement, and scale-up IPM technologies for tomato, onion, African eggplant, cabbage, chilies, and beans. The overall goal of EAVCIPM-IL, now in its sixth year of funding, is to build the capacity of institutions in the host countries of Tanzania, Ethiopia and Kenya, to implement effective IPM research and locally-adapted, gender-appropriate technology transfer programs that increase environmental benefits, farm productivity, and incomes, and to inform national and regional policy. A training of trainers (ToT) approach is used to engage host site partners in the training of extension personnel and selected IPM village coordinators (VCs), using smart phone technology and internet-based resources, using participatory on-farm agriculture research. [Learn more.](#)

OSU Wooster Grad Students, Visiting Scholars Lead Honduras Hurricane Relief Drive

With Hurricanes Eta and Iota having hit Honduras fewer than two weeks apart and flooding to this day, two members of the Entomology Department at OSU Wooster, graduate student Ana Trabanino Pino and visiting scholar Erick Martinez Rodriguez put out a call for donations. In less than a week, they rented a 20-foot truck (after receiving too much bedding, tents, clothing,

medicine etc. than could fit into a smaller truck) and drove it to Indianapolis. There, a fellow graduate of The Zamorano Pan-American Agricultural School <https://www.zamorano.edu/en/> received supplies from various alumni to be consolidated in a shipping container to provide relief to the country where the university is located. They were aided in collecting by fellow alums Amílcar Vargas, Louceline Fleuridor, Luis Huezo Sanchez, as well as by Alejandra Jimenez, Alexander Tebbe, Melissa Rodriguez, all of OSU Wooster. Jose Vazquez Valdez, an employee at Schaeffler, the auto parts manufacturer in Wooster, and The Vault, a nearby nightclub supportive of Latin American music that has itself experienced flooding, also helped in collecting. [Learn more.](#)

Celebrate World Soil Day and learn about soils research at Ohio State

Join Ohio State faculty, staff and students in a celebration of World Soil Day on **December 4**. Ohio State Distinguished University Professor of Soil Science and Director of the Carbon Management and Sequestration Center Dr. Rattan Lal – the 2020 World Food Prize Laureate will share the history and importance of World Soil Day. Dr. Andrew Margenot, assistant professor of soil science at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign will give the keynote address. Virtual research presentations via Zoom and an online poster gallery will be featured. Read more <https://u.osu.edu/worldsoilday/>

OSU Leadership Center 30th Anniversary Celebration

December 4 from 9-10:30am EST via Zoom (complimentary)
<https://web.cvent.com/event/6bd414cf-9c50-42ce-8dee-c60b134c47e1/regProcessStep1>

Upcoming Change to Zoom Cloud

Please take special note of the following news item: <https://it.osu.edu/news/2020/11/10/urgent-change-zoom-cloud-retention-length>. As a result of COVID-19 and a shift to online and hybrid learning, Ohio State's use of Zoom has grown exponentially over the past several months and use of the Zoom cloud is quickly approaching the university storage limit. **To address this, beginning December 18, recordings saved to the Zoom cloud will be retained for 120 days, down from the current 270 days.** ODEE has decided to make this change between semesters to prepare for continued Zoom use in spring without affecting recordings from the current term. When this change goes into effect, all existing recordings that have been in the Zoom cloud for more than 120 days will be deleted as well.

To continue utilizing videos for long term use that have been recorded with Zoom, please [see the section](#) on “Where should I store recordings long-term?”, and [visit the Teaching and Learning Resource Center](#) to learn more about saving and sharing Zoom cloud recordings. If you have additional questions, please reach out to the [IT Service Desk](#).

Food Waste Photo Competition: "Hidden in Plain Sight"

Did you know 40% of all food produced in the US is never eaten? To raise awareness about this issue, [Know Food Waste](#), [OSU Food Waste Collaborative](#) and [Ohio State Energy Partners](#) are now accepting submissions for their 3rd Annual Food Waste Photo Competition. Take a photo that demonstrates how food waste can be hidden in plain sight around you! Include an engaging, informative and fun caption! Email submissions to: knowfoodwaste@gmail.com

Deadline: **4th December**

Top 3 submissions will receive Amazon gift cards! Plus, for each photo submission, you'll be entered in a raffle to win Apple AirPods! More details here: <https://u.osu.edu/knowfoodwaste/2020-photo-competition/>

Assistant Dean and Director of DEI Office Hours

The CFAES Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion is pleased to announce office hours for the Assistant Dean and Director. Starting on **Monday, December 7**, virtual office hours will be Mondays from 10:00-11:00 and on Thursdays from 2:00-3:00. Please join by using: <https://go.osu.edu/assistantdeanfordeiofficehours>.

Say 'Go Bucks!' with Buckeye syrup

You can now buy officially branded, CFAES-rooted Ohio State Maple Syrup. The syrup, while from maples, is totally Buckeye:

- It comes from a sugar bush envisioned, started, and run by students in CFAES' School of Environment and Natural Resources (working with SENR's Kathy Smith and Gabe Karns.)
- The nearly 20-acre sugar bush is located at the Ohio State Mansfield campus, about 70 miles north of Columbus. It's part of the campus's EcoLab.

- The sales help benefit Ohio State students. The proceeds fund scholarships for students at the EcoLab.

[Read more](#) and [place an order](#)

Best Practices for Engaging Students in a COVID World

Friday, December 18

2:00-4:00 p.m. via Zoom (link forthcoming)

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

Apply to be Ohio State's nominee for the Kellogg Community Engagement Scholarship Award

The Office of Outreach and Engagement is seeking applications from community engagement programs for the internal process to select Ohio State's nominee for the [2021 W.K. Kellogg Foundation Community Engagement Scholarship Award](#). The award, from the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities and the Engagement Scholarship Consortium, recognizes extraordinary community engagement initiatives. Applications are due **December 11, 2020**.

Read more: <https://engage.osu.edu/kellogg-award-internal-selection-application>

CFAES Return to Offices and Campuses Webpage

CFAES has several college transition teams actively synthesizing university guidance to localize for CFAES departments and Units. To help organize the

information we have created a website for [CFAES Return to Offices and Campuses](#). The information will be updated as new guidance surfaces. Please visit and bookmark the website for information and further updates.

Lean on Your Land-Grant Children's Incentive

We have a few packets left. If you have not signed up for a packet yet, visit: https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6KhsnVuAUYgj97D. Want to help share some positivity – about our college, your family, and our response to the virus? Post photos of your children with their Lean on Your Land Grant COVID-19 Task Force “Essential Teammate” rewards on Twitter and Instagram. Use the hashtag #LandGrantTeammate. Let’s recognize all the good your children are doing in helping us continue to do our work—teaching, researching, securing Ohio’s food supply.

CFAES Principles of Community

We affirm our conviction that racism and inequality have no place in CFAES. Our [CFAES Principles of Community](#) serve as a base for managing these actions. We all contribute to our community and our collective experience. You are encouraged to download and post the principles, discuss them during meetings, share them with others, and most importantly, use them as a guide in all that we do to sustain life.

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