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## CFAES News

**April 2, 2021**

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### **Columbus Campus Students Resume Twice Weekly Testing Beginning April 5**

Beginning April 5, Columbus campus students who live on-campus, attend in-person classes, visit campus for any reason or interact with other students and campus community members must schedule and complete two COVID-19 tests each week. Requirements for regional testing students have not changed. By increasing testing now, with cases still relatively low, we can prevent another rapid rise of cases. Ohio State's on-site testing lab has [significantly increased capacity this semester](#). [Read more](#).

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### **Schedule Your Vaccine Appointment As Soon As Possible**

Everyone is encouraged to watch Dr. Andrew Thomas, chief clinical officer (CCO) for The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, answer frequently asked questions about the COVID-19 vaccines in this [new video](#). Students, faculty and staff can [sign up now](#) on the Wexner Medical Center website or one of the [thousands of locations, big and small, across the state](#). Check back often for open slots – they are frequently updated. The quickest path back to normality relies on all of us getting vaccinated as soon as possible. [Read more](#).

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### **Watch the State of Academic Affairs**

Executive Vice President and Provost Bruce A. McPheron celebrated the academic community's accomplishments and highlighted how our focus on our strategy and values has supported — and will continue to support — powerful outcomes for our university in the 2021 State of Academic Affairs speech. If you missed the address, the [video](#) and [transcript](#) are available online.

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### **ACEL names 2021 Distinguished Seniors**

The Department of Agricultural Communication, Education, and Leadership

(ACEL) has named 14 students to the third class of ACEL Distinguished Seniors in 2021. These students were selected by the faculty and staff of the Department for their excellence both in and out of the classroom. [Learn more.](#)

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### **CFAES Wooster Campus Analog Phone System Retirement**

Along with the Columbus campus university analog phone system retirement, OCIO will also be completing the CFAES Wooster campus analog phone system retirement within the next 90 days. Standard telephone users have all moved to the new telecommunication platform Skype for Business. If you are only responsible for your own phone and have already moved to Skype for Business, no further action is required. However, remaining analog lines will be handled in one of following ways:

- Removed from service – no longer needed / out-of-date
- Moved to Skype for Business – phones using extension(s) numbers will get new numbers
- Moved to new Digital Fax Service
- Keep analog – for specialized equipment only - SensaPhones, Argus Systems, Viking Devices, minus 80 Freezers that dial out, etc.

Any analog lines remaining & not resolved from the above work by April 30th will be removed in preparation to retire the legacy in May. If you believe you have an existing analog phone line that has been missed, please contact OCIO Voice Switch Engineer Ted [Revard.1@osu.edu](mailto:Revard.1@osu.edu) for assistance, as any analog lines that we do not have final decisions on will be turned off.

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### **Ohio State Agriscience Education Seniors Complete Student Teaching Around Ohio**

Each year the Department of Agricultural Communication, Education and Leadership (ACEL) sends students to high schools around the state for 12 weeks to gain real world experience in the classroom. This year, 22 agricultural education programs welcomed student teachers who are seniors in the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) and agriscience education majors. [Learn more.](#)



## **Cooperation between CFAES and the Universidad del Valle de Guatemala (UVG) Will Enhance Food Security**

The [Universidad del Valle de Guatemala \(UVG\)](#) and CFAES have signed a five-year, renewable Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). CFAES's [Department of Food Science and Technology \(FST\)](#) is already active in Guatemala via the PESAR program. The development of the MOU was a result of a meeting with stakeholders that was conducted during a site visit from the OSU team (including Dr. Barbara Kowalczyk and five graduate students) for the PESAR project. PESAR seeks to determine risk factors for mycotoxin exposure by conducting surveys of maize-handling practices as well as estimating levels of mycotoxins in maize, tortillas, and biological samples in Guatemala. [Learn more.](#)

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## **Team recognized for Outstanding Regional Collaboration**

The North Central Region Water Network's (NCRWN) Algal Bloom Action Team receives the Outstanding Regional Collaboration Achievement Award from The Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals (ANREP). The [Algal Bloom Action Team](#) won the award for organizing and hosting a three-day research symposium in January 2021. [Read more.](#)

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## **National Nutrition Month Reminds Us to Eat Healthy**

Healthy eating is necessary for optimal health and well-being. During National Nutrition Month and all year long, create a healthy eating plan. Eat five fruits and vegetables a day. Consume healthy snacks, such as a small handful of nuts. Bake, grill or broil food instead of frying it. Eat foods higher in unsaturated fat, such as vegetable oils, avocado and fish. This wellness tip was brought to you by University Chief Wellness Officer Bernadette Melnyk. [Read more.](#)

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## **Join an Exploratory Research Group**

Collaborating with other campus units and programs, the Sustainability Institute aims to support researchers from across the university in growing collaborative, interdisciplinary teams focused on sustainability or resilience topics. A new

initiative, Exploratory Research Groups (ERGs), will support early-stage, exploratory research and creative expression on a range of faculty-determined topics. [Read more.](#)

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### **Faculty Volunteers Needed for Speaker's Panel to Address Mental Health**

May is mental health awareness month and we are seeking faculty volunteers to serve on a four or five-person virtual speaker's panel to discuss mental health. The target audience will be graduate students. The goal of this program is to reduce stigma associated with mental health challenges such as depression and anxiety and encourage students to seek help, when needed. To accomplish this goal we are seeking a diverse group of faculty volunteers who are willing to speak openly about their personal experiences with mental health challenges (faculty from any department at Ohio State). If you would like to be considered as a panelist, please submit your information [here](#). If you have questions, please contact Dr. Leo Taylor(.3408).

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### **2021 Distinguished Senior Award Celebration**

Please join us on **Wednesday, April 7, at 7 p.m.** EDT as we recognize the 25 recipients of the 2021 CFAES Distinguished Senior Award. Watch the celebration at: [go.osu.edu/CFAES2021DSA](https://go.osu.edu/CFAES2021DSA). The CFAES Distinguished Senior Award honors academic, disciplinary, and professional excellence in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. It is the most prestigious undergraduate award in CFAES, recognizing our top graduating seniors each year from each of the academic units on the Columbus campus. For questions about this event, please contact R. Warren Flood, [flood.13@osu.edu](mailto:flood.13@osu.edu).

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### **Virtual 26th Annual Denman Undergraduate Research Forum**

The Annual Denman Undergraduate Research Forum will take place next week, **April 5-9, 2021**. The Forum will be as a series of Zoom webinars allowing students to present their research to reviewers and the campus community. More details, as well as the links to register for the sessions can be found at on the Denman website: <https://u.osu.edu/26thdenmanforum/>, with categories ranging from Animal and Insect Sciences to Social Justice and Activism.

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### **Addressing Inequities in STEM Education**

On **April 7**, the seminar series Our Inclusive Path Forward: Addressing Inequities in STEM Education presents a talk about leveraging an interdisciplinary, multi-institutional faculty learning community to advance equity and inclusion by Jordon Gerton, director of the Utah Pathways to STEM

Initiative, director of the Center for Science and Mathematics Education and associate professor of physics and astronomy at the University of Utah. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in this important conversation and other upcoming events in the seminar series. [Read more.](#)

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### **Spring monthly gardening update**

April is full bore spring growing time. How is your garden growing? Join Growing Franklin on **Thursday, April 8 at 6:00 p.m.** as they visit the Greenway Community Garden and the Growing and Growth Collective to talk what is in harvest, what bugs are on the way, what to plant now, what to expect for our late spring weather and a look to summer. [Read more.](#)

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### **Celebration of Research Week – LIVE Q&A with Dr. Rattan Lal**

Join us for a LIVE Q&A Session with Dr. Rattan Lal, 2020 World Food Prize Laureate, as part of the [Annual Research Conference Awards Ceremony](#) during the 2021 [Celebration of Research Week](#). The conversation will be an opportunity to hear from Dr. Lal and ask him questions regarding his career and research. This session will take place virtually on **Thursday, April 8, from 1:00 – 1:30 pm.** [Register now.](#)

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### **Hope Walks Here**

Help prevent suicide and promote a campus culture of care at Ohio State by supporting this year's spring virtual Out of the Darkness Campus Walk. This event, a partnership between the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Ohio Chapter and Ohio State Suicide Prevention Program, will take place **April 9-11**. The walk is a journey of remembrance, hope, healing and support, and is an opportunity to unite as a campus and community. Ohio State alumni, staff, faculty, students and their friends and family (even pets) may participate. Register online. [Read more.](#)

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### **InFACT Linkage and Leverage Grants**

The Initiative for Food and AgriCultural Transformation (InFACT) invites you to submit proposals for our Linkage and Leverage seed grant program. Teams of faculty, staff, students and external partners may apply. There are three cycles for proposal submission during the 2020-21 academic year. Spring cycle proposals are due **April 9.** [Read more.](#)

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### **Call for Faculty and Staff Participation in Celebration of Students Week (April 12 – April 16)**

Join us in recognizing all of our amazing and resilient CFAES students students during Celebration of Students week **April 12 – April 16.** We encourage you to

download the Zoom background and the Facebook frame from the [Celebration of Students website](#) (or below) to use during the special week and take a minute to remind students of all the wonderful things they have accomplished, and that we appreciate them!

Selfie balloon displays will be located around the Columbus and Wooster campuses as part of this celebration. Stop by to take a picture and tag #CFAESselfiespot when you share it on social media. Displays will be in the following locations:

**Columbus:** Kottman Hall, Parker Food Science, Animal Sciences, Agricultural Administration, and Agricultural Engineering

**Wooster:** Skou Hall, Halterman Hall, Applewood Village (Community Room), and Science Building

[Download the Zoom Background](#) (click and then save on your computer)

[Download the FaceBook Frame](#) (click and then save on your computer)

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### **Application Open for Engagement Impact Grants**

The Office of Outreach and Engagement is seeking applications from faculty and/or faculty-led teams for the 2021 Engagement Impact Grants. Grants will be awarded at a maximum amount of \$10,000 to support development of impact reports for programs, performances or exhibits; development of a public policy document or report; or support for team to develop a grant proposal or finalize a manuscript for publication submission. Application deadline is **April 15, 2021**. For more information: <https://engage.osu.edu/outreach-and-engagement-grant-opportunities>

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### **2021 Research and Innovation Showcase**

Register for the virtual 2021 Research and Innovation Showcase on **April 15 at noon**. The annual celebration will include remarks from Grace Wang, new executive vice president for research, innovation and knowledge enterprise, about achievements and plans moving forward. Researchers will share inspiring spotlight talks, with the event culminating in the awarding of Ohio State's Innovators of the Year. [Read more.](#)

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### **Ohio State Compost Drop-off Program**

The KNOW Food Waste Team in partnership with Ohio State's Zero Waste team at Facilities Operations and Development (FOD), is launching the **Ohio State Compost Drop-Off Program** to support Ohio State's resource stewardship goal of achieving zero waste by 2025 by diverting 90% of waste away from landfills. The goal of this program is to provide Buckeyes easy

access to compost food waste generated at home and drop it off on campus at a subsidized rate. As a program participant, you will be provided with a bucket and compostable liners to collect your household compostable waste, which can then be dropped off at FOD's drop-off site at 2560 Kenny Rd. on campus on any day of the week. Even better, you will be able to drop recyclable materials at the site as well. Sign up before **April 15** and receive a 1-month trial period with FREE liners! For more program details and to sign up, please visit: <http://org.osu.edu/knowfoodwaste/composting/pilot-program/>

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### **Apply for funding through the President's Research Excellence Program**

The President's Research Excellence program provides seed support for cross- and interdisciplinary research that have the potential to attract external funding. Two types of awards are available: Accelerator awards (**due 4/19**) for small teams formed to pursue curiosity-driven, novel, high-risk and high-reward research and Catalyst awards (**due 6/19**) for large teams to pursue large-scale, high-impact research. <https://research.osu.edu/initiatives/presidents-research-excellence-program/>

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### **EPN Signature Earth Day Event - April 21, 2021: Take Flight!**

The Environmental Professionals Network (EPN) at The Ohio State University is partnering with TEDxOhioStateUniversitySalon and Monarch Joint Venture, for their annual signature Earth Day celebration on **April 21, 2021**. **Take Flight!** is an Earth Day celebration of local and global efforts to protect and restore the monarch butterfly. Join this virtual celebration and find out how you can help to restore monarch habitat. To learn more about this virtual celebration and to register, visit [go.osu.edu/epnapr21](http://go.osu.edu/epnapr21)

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### **CFAES Draft Master Plan and Virtual Forums**

You are invited to attend a webinar presentation on the CFAES Master Plan and two virtual forum discussions about CFAES facilities. Input from you is essential to ensure the plan represents the many individuals who make up the college. Learn more about the background of the [CFAES Master Plan](#).

### **Webinar Presentation of the Draft CFAES Master Plan**

Wednesday, April 21 from 10:00 – 11:00 am

During this session, the Design Team will present an overview of the

recommendations for all of our CFAES campuses. It will be recorded and posted online afterwards.

### **Comment Portal**

Following the webinar, we will post a link where comments can be submitted online. The portal will be open from April 21 through May 5.

### **Waterman Virtual Discussion Forum**

Tuesday, April 27 from 10:00am – 11:00am

This session will include a more in-depth presentation about the future of Waterman facilities and a facilitated, interactive discussion.

### **CFAES Wooster Virtual Discussion Forum**

Wednesday, April 28 from 10:00am – 11:00am

This session will include a more in-depth presentation about the future of the CFAES Wooster campus and a facilitated, interactive discussion.

[RSVP for Webinar Presentation and Virtual Forums](#). **Zoom links will be provided after registration.**

\*If you require an accommodation such as live captioning or interpretation, please contact Lisa Corbin at [Corbin.184@osu.edu](mailto:Corbin.184@osu.edu). Requests made 10 days prior to the event will allow time to arrange accommodations, but every effort will be made to meet requests made after that date.

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### **Online, Instructor-led OneDrive Training**

Prepare to transition from BuckeyeBox to OneDrive by joining an online, instructor-led class about OneDrive or Teams in April. Classes are free and will continue to be offered throughout the calendar year. Recordings of past sessions also are available online. Visit [here](#).

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### **The Economics of US Forests as a Natural Climate Solution**

Is agriculture a compliment or substitute for forest sequestration and how does it affect communities on a local scale? "[The Economics of US Forests as a Natural Climate Solution](#)" is a free, joint webinar on **April 29<sup>th</sup>** between The Ohio State University and other leading research institutions, and will cover policy context, land-use change and silvicultural investments. [Read more](#).

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### **2021 Ohio Sea Grant and Stone Laboratory Spring Program**

The 2021 Ohio Sea Grant and Stone Laboratory Spring Program will be held **virtually on Friday April 30<sup>th</sup> from 3-5:00 p.m.** The event is free, but registration is required to receive login information.



Director Chris Winslow will provide program updates. Attendees will also hear from a student in Stone Lab's Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Scholarship Program, as well as from a Friends of Stone Lab (FOSL) donor.

[Register here.](#)

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## **OSU Leadership Center Workshops**

### **April 8**

#### **Leading From Wherever You Are Change, For Better or Worse?**

You may be seen as a leader in your team, even if you don't have leader in your job title. In addition to influence, leaders need to build positive relationships with others at all levels of the organization. Leading your boss is being aware of what is important to her/him, and helping to achieve the goals of your team. It's easy when you have a strong relationship with your boss and much harder when you don't. You gain the respect of those you supervise when you coach and guide them to being their best. Helping to build your peers, and building a relationship of trust a way to lead sideways. Join us on April 8<sup>th</sup> for this workshop, to learn more, [click here](#).

### **April 14**

#### **Vampires in the Workplace**

How can you identify an emotional vampire? They are the kind of co-worker who can drain the energy and morale of everyone they encounter. Their toxic behavior can range from subtle comments to full blown drams. It is important to learn how to keep her/his negativity from affecting how you work and your attitude. Join Beth Flynn of the OSU Leadership Center for the Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup> workshop. To register or for more information [click here](#).

### **April 16**

#### **FRF: Inclusive Leadership**

What does it mean to be an "inclusive" leader? How do you make sure that your employees and co-workers feel like they are valued and treated equitably? Being an inclusive leader involves leveraging the talents and skills of your team in ways that recognize and honor the unique perspectives and experiences of a diverse workforce. Join us on April 16<sup>th</sup>, [click here](#) for more information.

### **April 20**

#### **Leadership Institute**

Effective Coaching and Emotional Intelligence: Building Individual and Organizational Capacity. Understanding and applying the dynamics of emotional intelligence and increasing one's capacity as a coach, will be a distinguishing characteristic of successful individuals, teams, and organizations of successful individuals, teams in the future. Strengthening your leadership capacity will help you to more effectively lead within your organization. Join the OSU Leadership on April 20 for the first workshop of this leadership series, facilitated by Jeff King. For more information, or to register, [click here](#).

## **April 29**

### **Leadership Compass**

How well do you know yourself? Self-awareness is essential to being a good leader. When you understand who you are; your talents, beliefs, and skills, you are better prepared to not only lead yourself, but others too. The Compass is based on the Native American Indian tradition of the Medicine Wheel or the Four-Fold Way. Join the OSU Leadership Center for this April 29<sup>th</sup> workshop. Beth Flynn is facilitating this workshop. To register, please [click here](#).

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### **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.

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### **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](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.

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### **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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### **Submit content to CFAES News**

CFAES News content requests should be emailed to Lora Vest [vest.62@osu.edu](mailto:vest.62@osu.edu). Please include a brief statement of importance of the content for faculty and staff.

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