




Subject: Dean's Update
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CFAES Community,

Recently, several rooms in Howlett Hall on our Columbus campus, had their doors damaged in order to force entry. While reported losses were minimal, we want to take this opportunity to remind our faculty, staff and students to secure your rooms and valuables and report any unusual circumstances that you see in our buildings to OSU Police. Our CFAES Safety Team continues to audit and improve the security in our buildings, but we rely on our community to help ensure our buildings are safe.

As a reminder, tomorrow concludes the last of three on-campus interviews for the Associate Dean and Director of Academic Programs position. Linked below are the application materials for each of the three finalist candidates, as well as the seminar recording and feedback survey for each candidate. We invite our CFAES community to view the recordings and share feedback via the surveys.

- Dr. Lisa Abrams ( [Application Materials](#)), April 5-6, 2022
 - [View the recording](#) of Dr. Abrams' seminar.
 - Please use this [Qualtrics link](#) to provide your feedback by 5:00PM on April 18.
- Dr. Kimberly Barnes ( [Application Materials](#)), April 11-12, 2022
 - [View the recording](#) of Dr. Barnes' seminar.
 - Please use this [Qualtrics link](#) to provide your feedback by 5:00PM on April 18.
- Dr. Deb VanOverbeke ( [Application Materials](#)), April 14-15, 2022
 - [View the recording](#) of Dr. VanOverbeke's seminar.
 - Please use this [Qualtrics link](#) to provide your feedback by 5:00PM on April 18.

Thank you for your engagement in this process and taking the time to provide feedback on each candidate. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Congratulations to the following CFAES faculty and students who have earned the distinction of being awarded a Fulbright grant during the academic years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022:

- Fulbright Foreign Scholars
 - 2021-2022
 - *Juliana María García Chacón*, Colombia, Department of Food Science and Technology
 - *Jorge Mellado Carretero*, Spain, Department of Food Science and Technology
 - 2020-2021
 - *Abdelhadi Sabraoui*, Morocco, Department of Entomology
 - *Dibyakanta Seth*, India, Department of Food Science and Technology
- Fulbright Foreign Students
 - 2021-2022
 - *Marcos Gabriel Gimenez Diaz*, Paraguay, School of Environment and Natural Resources
 - 2020-2021
 - *Fitiavana Rajaonarivelo*, Madagascar, School of Environment and Natural Resources
 - *Lisa Shahin*, Jordan, School of Environment and Natural Resources
- Ohio State Faculty Fulbright Scholars
 - 2021-2022
 - *Matthew Kleinhenz*, Department of Horticulture and Crop Science, Award to Australia

- Ohio State Fulbright Students
 - 2021-2022
 - *Aaron Skinner, School of Environment and Natural Resources, Award to Colombia*

I would like to welcome our 2022-2023 CFAES Undergraduate Student Council Executive team – President: Aleacia Laird.118, Plant Pathology; Vice President: Morgan Meyer.1541, Agribusiness; Treasurer: Amber Zimpfer.31, Agribusiness/Accounting; Secretary: Madeline French.789, Forestry, Fisheries, and Wildlife; Public Relations Chair: Kamryn Kreis.27, Agribusiness/Agricultural Communication; Social Chair: Arica Hamilton.1331, Agricultural Communication; ENR At-Large Representative: Mariah Lashley.40, Environmental Science. Thank you to our outgoing officer team of President: Joe Gryboski.3, Animal Sciences; Vice President: Lydia Krage.6, Sustainable Plant Systems; Treasurer: Matt Roth.641, Agricultural Education; Secretary: Aleacia Laird.118, Plant Pathology; Public Relations Chair: Jayden Black.929, Sustainable Plant Systems; Social Chair: Arica Hamilton.1331, Agricultural Communication; ENR At-Large Representative: Mariah Lashley.40, Environmental Science. Undergraduate Student council also hosted a successful CFAES Olympics last Friday – I was glad to be able to join them at this event.

The Department of Animal Sciences and ATI recently hosted the 2022 All East Livestock Contest on the CFAES Wooster Campus. Congratulations to the CFAES team on their High Team Overall achievement. [Learn more.](#)

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Sincerely,
Dean Cathann Kress

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2022 State of the University Address

Save the date for President Johnson’s 2022 State of the University Address on April 21 at 4:15 p.m. The event will take place in conjunction with the University Senate’s regular meeting, and it will be livestreamed. [Read more.](#)

Report = Support Mandatory Training

As of April 12, the college is at 74.35%% overall completion for faculty, staff, and student employees. This year, **merit-eligible employees who do not complete Report=Support! by April 29, 2022, will not be eligible for annual merit increases that take effect September 2022.** Student employees, graduate associates and other employees who are not classified as merit-eligible may be subject to unit-specific consequences for non-completion. Bargaining unit employees should follow their applicable collective bargaining agreements. Don’t wait, log on and complete your training today!

To access the course:

- Log in to the BuckeyeLearn system at buckeyelearn.osu.edu with your Ohio State credentials.
- Then select the “My Transcript” button on the homepage and click the “Launch” button.

When you have completed a course, it will move to your completed transcript in BuckeyeLearn, which you can view by changing the “Active” button on the top of your transcript to “Completed.”

Buck-Eye View and CEARC

The Controlled Environment Agriculture Research Complex (CEARC), located on the Waterman Agricultural and Natural Resources Laboratory, is 75% complete. The facility, the first of its kind in the United States, consists of a head house, a research greenhouse and a production greenhouse. It will be a premier hub for research in the areas of horticulture and crop science, engineering and more. The facility is scheduled to open in September. [Read more.](#)

Free NACTA Annual Conference Registration for CFAES Faculty

Academic Programs is offering to pay the registration fee for the first 100 individuals who hold faculty appointments in CFAES that sign up to attend the 68th annual [North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture \(NACTA\) Conference](#). This year's conference is being hosted at CFAES Wooster from June 20th-23rd and can be attended either virtually or in-person.

If you are interested in attending the conference or if you have already registered to attend and would like for Academic Programs to reimburse the registration fee, please complete the form found at <https://go.osu.edu/nactaconference> by **May 15th**. Once the form is complete, a fiscal representative will reach out to you with more information on how to register and pay the registration fee in the coming weeks. Please contact Morgan Dailey (dailey.180@osu.edu) in the CFAES Academic Programs Office with any questions.

Earth Day Celebration and Earth Is Our Home Activities

OSU Extension is celebrating Earth Day this year with several activities and collaborations including offering a collection of six [4-H Earth Is Our Home Activities](#), partnering 4-H members with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources the week of April 22-24 at selected [Ohio State Parks](#), and collaborating with the Sustainability Institute as they host [Time to Act on Climate Change](#) at the Ohio Union on April 20 at 6 p.m. [Learn more.](#)

New Documentary Explores Water Access and Affordability in Ohio

A new documentary written and directed by Ramiro Berardo, associate professor in the School of Environment and Natural Resources is available to watch for free on YouTube. The documentary, *And Water for All*, debuted on World Water Day (March 22) at the Environmental Professionals Network breakfast program followed by a community screening at Studio 35 in Columbus, OH. Watch the film [here](#) and read more about the debut [here](#).

Reminder to Avoid Loss of Excess Vacation Carryover

Ohio State provides paid time off to support faculty and staff, and all offerings, eligibility and accrual are outlined in the Paid Time Off Policy. Accrued vacation time that is over the maximum carryover limit is eliminated on the employee's time off service date each year, not the end of the pay period. It is important to monitor your vacation time if you are close to the maximum carryover, as it cannot be retained until the end of the pay period. Please review the [HR website](#) and [policy](#) for additional information. [Read more.](#)

How Nature Impacts Your Wellness

Have you ever noticed after spending outside walking or working in your garden, that you feel calmer? That is no coincidence. Scientific studies prove that spending time in nature has mental, physical, and spiritual health benefits. By attending this 30-minute webinar, you will learn about the benefits of getting outside and the connection between nature and wellness. Presented by: Laura Stanton and Shari Gallup, Ohio State University Extension. Register today at: go.osu.edu/spring22webinars

Start Your Own Veggie Seeds This Spring

Seed starting is one of the most powerful tools in the toolbox of the vegetable grower. It allows you to grow not only what you want, but when you want it. Check out Growing Franklin for a bunch of seed starting

resources including quick and engaging videos and a recorded class showing you the tips and tricks that will make your spring and summer gardens their healthy best by starting your own seeds. [Read more.](#)

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