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CFAES Community,

Beginning **Monday, May 10** and continuing forward, people density in research and creative expression (R&CE) activities can be up to 100%, PROVIDED that campus physical distancing requirements are maintained and all other university and CFAES guidance for activities on campus are followed, including physical distancing, wearing masks and appropriate hand hygiene. These measures and other university guidance can be found on the [Safe and Healthy Buckeyes](#) website. For laboratory and greenhouse work, the increase in people density is an update of the continuation of Stage 5 in the research reopening process in place since August 2020. For field work, please see this [guidance distributed in March](#). Please contact Gary Pierzynski.3 with questions.

During the 26th Annual Denman Undergraduate Research Forum last week, the following CFAES students listed below with their faculty mentor were recognized as winners in their category:

- Animal and Insect Sciences
 - Cameron White, Department of Animal Sciences, mentor Sheila Jacobi;
 - Caleb Rykaczewski, Department of Animal Sciences, mentor Alvario Garcia Guerra;
- Environment and Climate Services
 - Madeline Reuschling, School of Environment and Natural Resources, mentor Matt Davies

To learn more, visit: <https://u.osu.edu/26thdenmanforum/>. Please join me in congratulating them on their achievements.

Congratulations to those in our CFAES community who have earned the distinction of being awarded Fulbright grants. During the academic years **2019-2020** and **2020-2021**, CFAES has been home to an impressive number of Fulbright recipients.

Visiting Fulbright Scholars

- 2020-2021
 - *Abdelhadi Sabraoui*, Morocco, Department of Entomology
 - Dibyakanta Seth, India, Department of Food Science and Technology
- 2019-2020
 - *Jiraporn Inthasan*, Thailand, School of Environment and Natural Resources
 - *Vladimir Ivezic*, Croatia, Carbon Management and Sequestration Center
 - *Kevin McDonnell*, Ireland, Department of Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering
 - *Karabi Pathak*, India, Carbon Management and Sequestration Center
 - *Mark Graeme Trotter*, Australia, Department of Animal Sciences

Visiting Fulbright Fellows

- 2020-2021
 - *Fitiavana Rajaonarivelo*, Madagascar, School of Environment and Natural Resources
 - *Lisa Shahin*, Jordan, School of Environment and Natural Resources
- 2019-2020
 - *Ashly Dyck*, Canada, School of Environment and Natural Resources
 - *Alejandro Pittaluga*, Uruguay, Department of Animal Sciences
 - *Martina Vásquez Miranda*, Argentina, School of Environment and Natural Resources

- *Fides Angeli Zaulda*, Philippines, Department of Plant Pathology
Ohio State Fulbright Students
 - 2019-2020
 - *Maria Fredericks*, School of Environment and Natural Resources, Award to Colombia

Planning is well underway for an autumn semester of engaged classroom learning, thriving student activities and community events that bring us together. Read the [university-wide message that President Johnson and Provost McPheron shared](#) Friday for the latest updates. Read details about plans for autumn on the [Safe and Healthy Buckeyes webpage](#).

Protecting yourself from COVID-19 also will help the entire university community, because a high vaccination rate will increase our flexibility in reactivating campus activity during the coming months. The university has set aside appointments for students, faculty and staff through the [Wexner Medical Center](#) (schedule through [MyChart](#) or call 614-688-VAXX (8299)). Visit the [Ohio Department of Health website](#) to see appointments at more than 1,300 other locations across Ohio.




Be well.
Dean Cathann Kress

Updates Include:

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- Student Evaluation of Instruction (SEI) Now Open
- 2021 Ohio State Fulbright Program Week
- Digital Flagship for Instructors: Understanding Ohio State's iPad Initiative
- Chadwick Arboretum Arbor Day Celebration
- Volunteers Needed for the CFAES Wooster/Ohio State ATI Graduation Celebration on Saturday, May 8, from 10:00am – 1:00pm.

Search for Professor and Chair of the Department Horticulture and Crop Science (HCS)

The virtual interviews with finalist candidates for Professor and Chair of the Department of Horticulture and Crop Science (HCS) wrapped up on April 13. Please be sure to **share your feedback on the candidates by 5:00PM on April 15**. If you were unable to watch the seminars live, we invite you to view the recordings linked below. For questions about administrative searches, please reach out to Senior Associate Dean Tracy Kitchel (.2).

- **Doug Karcher** ( [CV](#))
 - [View the recording of Dr. Karcher's seminar.](#)
 - Please use this [Qualtrics link](#) to provide your feedback.
- **Ernesto Méndez** ( [CV](#))
 - [View the recording of Dr. Mendez's seminar.](#)
 - Please use this [Qualtrics link](#) to provide your feedback.
- **Chad Lee** ( [CV](#))
 - [View the recording of Dr. Lee's seminar.](#)
 - Please use this [Qualtrics link](#) to provide your feedback.

Reminder: 2021 Virtual Celebration of Students Program

The 2021 virtual Celebration of Students Program will be held on **April 15 at 7:00 p.m.** via the CFAES YouTube Channel. Register for the event at https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9sEdOtVHihYbFl4.

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 a.m.**
- 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 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**
- CFAES Wooster Virtual Discussion Forum: Wednesday, **April 28 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

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

Avoid Tax-Related Identity Theft

Tax day is normally April 15, but with the stress many of us have experienced over the last year, even the IRS is giving Americans a break – by [extending the filing deadline to May 17\(link is external\)](#). Cybercriminals, however, will not offer us any such kindness. Recently, several Ohio State students were targeted by an IRS impersonation phishing lure. The attacker used several triggering words like “expired,” “as soon as possible,” and “copy of your identification” to prompt action by potential victims. [Learn more](#).

Keep Teaching Site Migration

The content developed for the Ohio State [Keep Teaching](#) website is moving to a more prominent home within the [Teaching and Learning Resource Center](#). By mid-May 2021, links to keepteaching.osu.edu and its subpages will redirect to specific pages within teaching.resources.osu.edu. You can learn more at the IT@OSU site: <https://it.osu.edu/news/2021/04/05/contents-keep-teaching-site-moving-permanent-home>.

Syllabus Statements Now Visible Through CarmenCanvas

A new menu item in CarmenCanvas courses highlights academic policies and sample syllabus statements. This [Academic Policies link](#) will direct instructors and students to a webpage that lists policies that are typically found in the syllabus. Instructors are encouraged to make students aware of this feature, which will appear in all their courses. Instructors also can copy and paste policies from the website directly into their syllabi.

Student Evaluation of Instruction (SEI) Now Open

The Student Evaluation of Instruction (SEI) is now available for full-term classes and opens April 18 for second session classes. Notifications were emailed to instructors with active SEIs. Students can complete evaluations in Carmen, the OSU Mobile app or BuckeyeLink. Instructors should remind students of the importance of SEIs as this often leads to higher response rates. SEIs close at **11:59 p.m. on April 25** or the day after a grade is posted for the student; whichever comes first. [Read more](#).

2021 Ohio State Fulbright Program Week

Each year the Office of International Affairs, the [Graduate School](#) and the [Undergraduate Fellowship Office](#) combine efforts to provide a full week of events, including information sessions, workshops and panels, to inform [faculty](#), [graduate](#) and [undergraduate students](#) about the opportunities available through the Fulbright and Fulbright-Hays programs. All Ohio State faculty, professionals, graduate and undergraduate students are welcome to participate in [Fulbright Week](#). All sessions are virtual in 2021. [Read more](#).

Digital Flagship for Instructors: Understanding Ohio State's iPad Initiative

Why do so many students have iPads at Ohio State, and how can you incorporate students' iPads in your

teaching? Join the Office of Distance Education and eLearning (ODEE) from **10-11:30 a.m. April 16** for an online workshop on Ohio State's one-to-one device initiative, Digital Flagship. Knowing what students can do with their iPads opens up new avenues for student engagement in your courses. [Read more.](#)

Chadwick Arboretum Arbor Day Celebration

Chadwick Arboretum invites you to **kick-off Arbor Day 2021 with author Akiva Silver of *Trees of Power* on Friday, April 29 at 6:00 p.m.** Akiva will be speaking about his book, his tree nursery in Spencer, NY, and his work with restoring the American Chestnut. [Learn more and register here.](#)

Then, celebrate Arbor Day 2021 with us during our annual **Arbor Day Awards Ceremony on Friday, April 30th at 10:00 a.m.** The OSU Arbor Day celebration features the dedication of newly planted trees, serves as a time to renew OSU's commitment to the Tree Campus USA Certification, and presents several awards. It's a great time to celebrate the efforts of several *campus and community members*, including Former First Lady of Ohio Hope Taft, Associate Dean of CFAES Operations Dr. Graham Cochran, and 16 others! [Learn more and register.](#)

Volunteers Needed for the CFAES Wooster/Ohio State ATI Graduation Celebration on Saturday, May 8, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

We are asking EVERYONE to line Garrison Circle wearing their scarlet and gray and cheer for the graduates as they go by. Check out this [video of what is planned!](#)

Are you available to help with some specific duties? [2021 Graduation Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

Note: Most options are broken into two shifts but you are welcome to sign up for more than one! All attendees must wear masks during the entire event and follow social distancing guidelines specified by the University <https://safeandhealthy.osu.edu/events>.

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