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CFAES Community,

The Office of Academic Affairs has approved another 10 faculty positions through the [RAISE \(Race, Inclusion and Social Equity\) initiative](#). CFAES received approval for the proposal "OSU Urban Extension: Equitable Engagement for Equitable Opportunity." In total, the university has now identified half of the 50 research positions to be created through RAISE, five of which will join our CFAES community.

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Congratulations to our 2022 research [award recipients](#) and [poster competition winners](#). I'd like to give a special thank you to everyone who made the CFAES Annual Research Poster Competition possible - over 100 poster presenters, 60 judges, and countless supporters. Many of our leadership, including department chairs and directors, were able to share in the excitement learning about CFAES research.




Dr. Yael Vodovotz's was featured as a spotlight speaker at the Research and Innovation showcase on Wednesday, April 13. You can listen to her talk "[From Mars to Monkeys: Innovation through Collaboration](#)" [here](#).


Congratulations to alum Dr. Daniel K. Wims, Alabama A&M University's 12th president. Dr. Wims earned his M.S. from The Ohio State University in 1989 in Agricultural Extension and Education. [Learn more](#).

Enrico Bonello, professor in the Department of Plant Pathology in the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, has been awarded a 2022-2023 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program research award to Sweden to study the "development of advanced phenotyping tools for the management of lethal, invasive alien tree pathogens (IATPs) in Sweden." [Read more](#). Congratulations Enrico!

The work of Gwynn Stewart, community development, with the Ohio State University Extension in Noble County along with a county collaborative of local public officials and private business has attained an investment from JobsOhio of more than \$4.8 million to create a new industrial park in Noble County. [Learn more](#). Congratulations to Gwynn and team on this great achievement.

As a reminder, we are in the midst of on-campus interviews for the School of Environment and Natural Resources (SENR) Director position. Linked below are the application materials for each of the four finalist candidates, as well as the seminar recording and feedback survey for the first two candidates. We invite our CFAES community to attend the still upcoming seminars, view the recordings, and share feedback via the surveys.

- Dr. Timothy Haab  [Application Materials](#), April 25-26, 2022
 - [View the recording](#) of Dr. Haab's seminar. (Due to technical difficulties, sound begins at minute 13.)
 - Please use this [Qualtrics link](#) to provide your feedback by 5:00PM on May 11.
- Dr. Stuart Ludsin  [Application Materials](#), April 28-29, 2022
 - [View the recording](#) of Dr. Ludsin's seminar.
 - Please use this [Qualtrics link](#) to provide your feedback by 5:00PM on May 11.
- Dr. Michael Nelson  [Application Materials](#), May 3-4, 2022

- Vision Seminar May 3, 11:00am – 12:00pm in Kottman Hall 103 or [Join via Zoom](#)
- Dr. Andréa Grottoli  [Application Materials](#), May 9-10, 2022
 - Vision Seminar **May 9, 9:15– 10:15am** in Kottman Hall 103 or [Join via Zoom](#) ***Please note the change in date and time.**

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. Please reach out to Senior Associate Dean Tracy Kitchel (.2) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Dean Cathann Kress

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Report = Support Mandatory Training

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."

Chadwick Arboretum and the Tree Advisory Committee's Arbor Day Celebration

Chadwick Arboretum invites you to celebrate Arbor Day 2022 with us during our annual Arbor Day Awards Ceremony on Friday, April 29th at 10:00 a.m. Since 1984, Chadwick Arboretum has hosted the dedication of newly planted trees, award presentations and serves as a time to renew OSU's commitment to the [Tree Campus USA Certification](#). This event takes place rain or shine under the Kottman Hall Patio. Convenient parking for \$2.50/hour is located at the Plumb Hall Parking Lot, next to Plumb Hall. [Learn more.](#)

ATI Greenhouse Mother's Day Plant Sale

The Ohio State ATI Greenhouse is having a Mother's Day Plant Sale Thursday, May 5 and Friday, May 6 from noon-6:00 p.m. The plant sale will include hanging baskets, bedding and vegetable flats, patio pots, annuals, perennials, and more. The ATI Greenhouse is located at 1328 Dover Road in Wooster. [Learn 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.

2022 National Collegiate Soils Contest

School of Environment and Natural Resources faculty member Brian Slater, along with the Ohio State Soils Team, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Ohio Department of Agriculture soil scientists hosted the 2022 National Collegiate Soils Contest on April 19 – 23, 2022.

More than 20 teams from across the United States competed in-person in Ohio after cancelling for two-years due to COVID-19. Contestants engaged in the description and classification of soils, and interpretation for various land uses. [Learn more.](#)

Nominations and Applications Sought for the Associate Vice Provost for the Drake Institute for Teaching and Learning

The Associate Vice Provost will provide innovative leadership to advance excellence, inclusion, and diversity in teaching, learning and assessment in all modalities across the university, and they will lead with a visionary approach to evidence-based faculty development, assessment, and instruction. The position is open to tenure-track and clinical/teaching/practice full professors.

[Read more.](#)

Student Loan Forgiveness Program Resource for Eligible Campus Employees

Ohio State has a new benefit to help alleviate strain and stressors related to student loan debt for eligible faculty and staff. As a public service employer, Ohio State employees may be eligible to apply for Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF). To help navigate the process and requirements, Ohio State employees and their immediate family members have access to [Savi](#), a resource that helps borrowers lower their payments and reduce student loan debt overall. There are various levels of services provided by SAVI at free or discounted rates for Ohio State employees. [Learn more.](#)

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