CFAES Community,

As we wrap up the academic year, I want to share my appreciation and congratulations to everyone – we managed through one of the toughest years. Our community’s response to the pandemic has been extraordinary due to the perseverance, resilience, and dedication of our faculty, staff, and students.

The end of the semester can be stressful for everyone in normal times, but we are all dealing with additional stressors this year. Throughout the year we’ve sought to be mindful about the wellness of our students and colleagues, and we need to remain thoughtful as we wrap-up these final days. Please encourage anyone who needs assistance to take advantage of resources such as the Counseling and Consultation Service (for students), Employee Assistance Center, the Safe and Healthy wellness page and Racial Justice Resources.

Be well.
Dean Cathann Kress

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Search for Professor and Chair of the Department of Animal Sciences
The search for Professor and Chair of the Department of Animal Sciences is moving forward with a virtual interview process for the finalist candidates. We invite our CFAES community to attend the candidates’ seminars at the below times. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask the candidates questions during the seminars, and after the interviews, there will be opportunities to share feedback. For questions about administrative searches, please reach out to Senior Associate Dean Tracy Kitchel (.2).

- Erdogan Memili (CV) May 7, 9:00-10:00 a.m. Join the Zoom webinar.
- Paul Kononoff (CV) May 11, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Join the Zoom webinar.
- Sid Thakur (CV) May 14, 9:00-10:00 a.m. Join the Zoom webinar.

Complete Mandatory Sexual Misconduct Prevention Education
All CFAES faculty, staff and student employees must complete Report = Support! training by May 30, 2021. Everyone plays a key role in keeping Ohio State safe, and it’s important to know how to identify, disrupt and report sexual misconduct. As soon as you can, please view your BuckeyeLearn transcript at buckeyelearn.osu.edu to complete the requirement. Read more. Any merit-eligible employee (staff and faculty) who does not complete the assigned course by May 30, 2021, may not be eligible if annual merit increases are available this year. Bargaining unit employees should follow their applicable collective
bargaining agreements. Student employees, graduate associates and employees who are not eligible for merit increases may be subject to unit-specific consequences for non-completion.

CFAES Completion rate as of 4/28/2021:
Overall Completion – 67.14%
Faculty & Staff – 73.61%
Students – 50.69%

COVID-19 Vaccine Location Now Open at The Ohio Union
A vaccine site for students, faculty and staff is now open in the Performance Hall on the first floor of the Ohio Union. This site will operate Monday through Friday from 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m. through at least May 7. Appointments can be scheduled through MyChart or by calling the Wexner Medical Center COVID-19 vaccine hotline at 614-688-VAXX (614-688-8299). Read more.

Guiding Students to Wellness Workshop
Join the Student Wellness Center for Guiding Students to Wellness, a 2.5 hour workshop (10 minute break in the middle) designed specifically for Ohio State faculty, staff and graduate/professional students. Participants will learn the skills to effectively guide students to wellness through active listening, motivational interviewing, goal-setting and best-referral practices. Register online. Read more.

Inclusive Excellence in Hiring
This 75-minute virtual training on Thursday, May 6th, 2:00-3:15PM provides an overview of best practices for recruiting a diverse candidate pool. Although this program primarily focuses on faculty searches, much of the content applies also to staff searches. Participants will examine the role that various forms of implicit bias can play in screening applicants and identify ways that intersecting social identities create an unlevel competitive job market. Strategies for targeted recruitment of historically underrepresented minority applicants will be addressed. CFAES requires that all individuals serving on a search committee complete this training every 2 years. Register here.

Chadwick Arboretum’s 34th Annual: Spring Plant Sale
Central Ohio’s Largest Two-Day Plant Sale: Friday, May 14: 12:00p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 15: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Over 10,000 curated selections of new and unusual perennials and annuals, native Ohio plants, heirloom and organic vegetables, garden accessory vendors, and much more will be found at the Chadwick Arboretum & Learning Gardens annual Spring Plant Sale and Auction Fundraiser. Learn more.

CFAES Library & Student Success Center (SSC) May Break Hours
The CFAES Library & SSC will remain open to the public 10am-4pm until Friday, April 30. The hours for the May break are as follows:
- Monday, May 3 – Wednesday, May 5: 10 am-2pm
- Thursday, May 6 – Tuesday, May 11: Closed
The Library will reopen for the summer on Wednesday, May 12. Current information about all library hours is available from https://library.osu.edu/locations.

Requesting Technology for New Employees
Beginning July 1, 2021, you must use the Technology Roll Off/ Roll On Request Item in ServiceNow. This form submits information directly to the IT Service Desk about technology needs. The Roll-On portion of the form should be used by anyone who is responsible for technology needs for new employees. This includes their workstation (monitor, keyboard, mouse), file share and print share access. You can also request a delivery date/time. These requests should be submitted as far in advance of a start date as possible to ensure equipment is delivered on time. The Roll Off portion of the form notifies the IT Service Desk to pick up equipment for employees who are leaving their position and/or no longer need their current equipment,
as well as remove their enterprise system access. This also notifies the OCIO to stop billing on the technology that is rolling off. Both forms help to keep technology data in Service Now up-to-date and accurate. Learn how to use the Technology Roll Off/Roll On Request Item.

CABS Summer Service Begins
The Campus Area Bus Service (CABS) summer service begins May 3, when most CABS routes run reduced service Monday to Friday and no service overnight, weekends or university holidays. The College Road closure beginning May 10 will detour multiple routes to High Street. Read more.

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