

**Subject:** Dean's Update  
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CFAES Community,

The internal search processes for Professor and Chair of the Department of Plant Pathology and Professor and Chair of the Department of Food Science and Technology have begun. The search committees have been identified and the position descriptions will be available soon. Information about these searches can be found at: <https://cfaes.osu.edu/people/leadership-searches>. For questions about administrative searches, please reach out to Senior Associate Dean Tracy Kitchel (.2).

Congratulations to Iresha Jayasinghe in SENR, and Solomon Garner in ACEL on receiving the Graduate School's 2023 Graduate Associate Leadership Award! The Graduate Associate Leadership Award (GALA) is Ohio State's recognition of the exceptional leadership provided by graduate students as leaders (on and off campus) while being an OSU graduate student (master's or doctoral).

Congratulations to our [28<sup>th</sup> annual Denman Undergraduate Research Forum](#) winners in CFAES! Cassidy Brozovich and Madison Kacica in FABE were winners in the Earth and Beyond category, Airianna McGuire in the Animal Sciences category, and Gabriella Gephart in the Health Under Microscope category.

Congratulations also to the winners of this year's [Edward F. Hayes Advanced Research Forum](#), which showcases innovative and exemplary research being conducted by graduate students and postdoctoral scholars.

The Office of Knowledge Enterprise is hosting a two-hour virtual workshop designed for early- to mid- career faculty interested in developing a concrete plan for their short-term and long-term research agenda on **April 18**. Rachel Kajfez, associate professor of engineering education in the College of Engineering will share her own experiences with research planning and provide practical steps for breaking down a long-term plan into smaller goals. The second hour, participants will have an opportunity to engage with a panel of faculty from across the university. Register [here](#) by 4/17.

I would like to introduce you to the new CFAES Undergraduate Student Council executive team for 2023-2024:

- President: Amber Zimpfer.31, Agribusiness/Accounting
- Vice President: John Kohler.228, Sustainable Plants Systems
- Treasurer: Jayden Evans.2873, Animal Science
- Secretary: Emily Hays.239, Animal Science
- Public Relations Chair: Aubrey Hoying.108, Agricultural Communication
- Social Chair: Alma Anzalone.26, Animal Science
- ENR At-Large Representative: Madeline French.789, Forestry, Fisheries, and Wildlife

We look forward to working with this wonderful group of leaders. A special thanks to our outgoing officer team as well:

- 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

I would also like to introduce you to our new GSAC Chair for 2023-2024, Camila Perdoncini Carvalho. GSAC will recruit and vote on their additional officers in the fall. A big thank you to our outgoing executive committee:

- Chair: Olivia Lang.556, Master's in Plant Health Management, Entomology (Wooster)
- Vice Chair (Columbus): Schelby Beach.240, MS, Agricultural Communication, Education, and Leadership (Columbus)
- Vice Chair (Wooster): Erick Martinez Rodriguez.2, MS, Entomology (Wooster)
- Records Administrator/ Treasurer: Akanksha Bhan.11, MAE, Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics (Columbus)
- Events Lead (Wooster): Camila Perdoncini Carvalho.1, PhD, Plant Pathology (Wooster)
- Events Lead (Columbus): Anmol Kaur Gill.686, MS, Food, Agricultural, and Biological Engineering

Sincerely,  
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