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CFAES Community,

As summer starts to wind down, it's an exciting time for us. It's been great to welcome students back to our campuses and all the energy they bring with them. Come join the welcome for students at the Back to School Bash today from 4:00-7:00 on the Columbus Campus from the Fyffe Road turnaround to Coffey Road. We still have a lot of activity going on across our research stations and OSU Extension as well and are looking forward to the Farm Science Review.

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2023 CFAES Family Scholarships. Our Columbus, CFAES Wooster, and Statewide CFAES Family Scholarship recipients were selected from a pool of over 20 well-qualified student applicants from our CFAES family. The selection committee, including representatives from both the Faculty Advisory Council (FAC) and Staff Advisory Council (SAC), found merit in all applications, and they reported that their decisions were not easy. We congratulate the following 2023 recipients:

- Columbus Campus
  - Zachary Colombini, son of Michelle Colombini, CFAES Finance
- CFAES Wooster Campus
  - Jhon Fajardo Arguello, son of Maria Arguello-Blanco, Horticulture and Crop Science
- Statewide Campus
  - Kyla McCoy, daughter of Abby McCoy, OSU Extension, Sandusky County

Pictures of the recipients can be found at: <https://cfaesfacultyandstaff.osu.edu/news/2023-cfaes-family-scholarship-recipients>

We had some leadership transitions over the summer – and again a welcome to Dr. Amy Ando (Chair, AEDE) and Laura Alloway (Senior Director, CFAES Marketing & Communications). We also welcome Dr. Pierce Paul (Chair, Plant Pathology) and Dr. Martha Belury (Chair, FST) to their roles from their interim appointments, Dr. Tim Haab as Interim Director of SENR, and David Civittolo as Interim Associate Dean & Director, OSU Extension. The search process for Professor and Director of the School of Environment and Natural Resources has launched. The position description and link to

the Workday posting are now available at: <https://cfaes.osu.edu/people/leadership-searches>. We invite our CFAES community to share the position description within your networks. For questions about administrative searches, please reach out to Senior Associate Dean Tracy Kitchel (.2).

The nomination window for the 2023-2024 College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences faculty and staff awards is **open through November 30, 2023**. Criteria and nomination requirements for all awards, past recipients, and the link to submit nominations can be found at <https://go.osu.edu/cfaesawardnominations>.

Microsoft Teams Calling will be replacing our Skype for Business phone system at the university. The majority of CFAES will begin moving to Teams Calling on **November 8th and 15th, 2023** (county sites will be migrated separately). Additional communications regarding the migration of your university phone number from Skype for Business to Teams Calling will be forthcoming. Please visit the [Administrative Resource Center \(ARC\)](#) for training-related resources (once there, scroll to the "Job Aids" section, then find the "Teams Calling" section). If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Microsoft Teams Calling implementation, please contact the IT Service Desk by calling 614-514-4848, emailing [itservicedesk@osu.edu](mailto:itservicedesk@osu.edu), or using [Self Service](#).

Every September, CFAES hosts over 100,000 visitors from all over the United States and Canada, who come to see the latest technology and innovation in agricultural and natural resource industries at our Farm Science Review (FSR). FSR is one of the nation's premier agricultural expositions and the educational programs from Ohio State specialists are second to none in the agricultural exhibition world. The 2023 FSR will be held September 19-21 at our Molly Caren Agricultural Center in London, Ohio. Learn more at [fsr.osu.edu](http://fsr.osu.edu).

Sincerely,  
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