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CFAES Community,

Welcome to another academic year! As we begin the Autumn semester, I have been reflecting on the exciting summer we've had across the college – with the announcement of our new partnership in support of the [Starlab commercial space station](#), hosting our first [Ohio 4-H Spark EXPO](#), and our new partnerships with [University of Rio Grande and Rio Grande Community College](#) and [Wilberforce University](#). This summer, the new [eBarns](#) was launched and is dedicated to advancing production agriculture using field-scale and applied research. Chris Simons made the national news for his work in the sensory lab on [brand name products vs. generic store brands](#). Using a combination of drones and machine learning, researchers developed a [method for determining crop health](#) and used it to create a new tool that may aid future farmers. Our faculty also received several grants for work on supporting Ohio's cut flower industry, an assessment of public support for cougar restoration, next-generation diagnostics and surveillance for Ohio specialty crops and developing botanical-derived chemical tools for controlling mosquito vectors, just to name a few. Thank you also to our many faculty, staff, and students who leveraged their expert knowledge to support the hundreds of educational opportunities and competitions at the Ohio State Fair.

We are looking forward to the [Back 2 School Bash](#) next Thursday, September 1 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. and the 60th [Farm Science Review](#) is set for Sept. 20–22 at the Molly Caren Agricultural Center, and will focus on “Embracing Time and Change.”

I am pleased to announce the recipients of the 2022 CFAES Family Scholarships. Our Columbus, CFAES Wooster, and Statewide CFAES Family Scholarship recipients were selected from a pool of over 25 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 report that their decisions were not easy. We congratulate the following 2022 recipients:

- Columbus Campus
 - Annika Anderson, daughter of Mike Anderson, Horticulture and Crop Science
 - Lauren Preston, daughter of Patricia Raridan Preston, CFAES Advancement
- CFAES Wooster Campus
 - Oneli Basnagala, daughter of Uttara Samarakoon Basnagala, OSU Agricultural Technical Institute
 - Hayden Michel, son of Fred Michel, Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering
- Statewide Campus
 - Allie Carter, daughter of Shannon Carter, OSU Extension, Fairfield County
 - Tristan McGuire, son of Becky McGuire, OSU Extension, Williams County

Pictures of the recipients can be found at: <https://cfaesfacultyandstaff.osu.edu/news/2022-cfaes-family-scholarship-recipients>

The original CFAES Family Scholarship was established for CFAES Wooster campus faculty and staff through a donation from James and Yvonne Brown. Inspired by the CFAES Wooster Campus Family Scholarship, two additional CFAES family scholarships (Columbus Campus and Statewide Campus) were created by donations from employees and others through the OSU Campus Campaign. All three awards provide educational assistance to eligible spouses or dependent children of CFAES employees.

We're pleased to welcome several new faculty to CFAES. We hope you'll take a few minutes to get to know them and welcome them to our CFAES community: <https://cfaesfacultyandstaff.osu.edu/news/get-know-our-new-cfaes-faculty-1>

We also welcome the following to new leadership roles within the college:

- Eric Toman, Interim Director of the CFAES School of Environment and Natural Resources
- Ann Christy, Interim Associate Dean and Director for Academic Programs
- Martha Belury, Interim Chair of the CFAES Department of Food Science and Technology

The search process for Professor and Chair of the Department of Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics has begun. The search committee has been identified and the position description will be available soon. We invite all of our CFAES community to share the position description within your networks once it is available. Information about this search 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).

Wishing you all success during the upcoming academic year!

Sincerely,
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