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CFAES Community,

I hope you had an enjoyable holiday season, and your new year is starting on a positive note. I am excited for the potential this year holds – from welcoming President Walter “Ted” Carter Jr. as he begins his tenure as the 17th president of The Ohio State University to breaking ground on our new Multispecies Animal Learning Center to our CFAES Awards and State of the College on April 5, 2024. The new year allows for opportunities to continue this important work, striving towards our strategic [collegewide goals](#) of Student-First Philosophy, Innovative Scholarship to Sustain Life, Capacity Building of Our People and Communities, Partner of Choice, and Resource Stewardship in a One-College Model.

I am pleased to announce that we have three candidates who have accepted the invitation for a finalist, on-campus interview for the School of Environment and Natural Resources Director position. Linked below are the application materials for each of the candidates. The candidates will each present a vision seminar during their visits, and time/location information will be shared as soon as it is available. We invite our CFAES community to attend the seminars or view the recordings and share feedback via the surveys that will be available for access through future Dean’s Updates.

- **January 24-27, 2024: Dr. Daowei Zhang**
 - [Daowei Zhang Application Materials.pdf](#)
 - Vision Seminar on January 25, time and location forthcoming
- **January 29- February 1, 2024: Dr. Jacob Kerby**
 - [Jacob Kerby Application Materials.pdf](#)
 - Vision Seminar on January 30, time and location forthcoming
- **February 4-7, 2024: Dr. Andrew Rypel**
 - [Andrew Rypel Application Materials.pdf](#)
 - Vision Seminar on February 5, time and location forthcoming

Thank you in advance for your engagement in this process and taking the time to provide feedback on each candidate. Please reach out to Senior Associate Dean Tracy Kitchel (.2) if you have any questions.

Join us for the 8th [National Day of Racial Healing](#) hosted by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. CFAES along with University Libraries is sponsoring a day of events on **January 16, 2024**. All are welcome. All events will be a hybrid format with in-person events taking place at the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center in Columbus along with Zoom. Events will be held from 7:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. For more information, please click [here](#).

Sincerely,
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