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CFAES Community,

I'm pleased to share that Extension-supporting renewal levies in Brown, Coshocton, Monroe, and Morrow counties have passed. This success highlights the vital role that OSU Extension plays in our communities, and I want to extend my sincere thanks to our staff in these counties as well as our colleagues across the state. Your dedication strengthens the county Extension presence that our communities rely on, helping us fulfill our land-grant mission.

I hope you were able to watch President Carter's Investiture ceremony. He mentioned our college in his remarks several times and shared his vision to make The Ohio State University the model for the future of higher education - "Excellence is not the destination, it's the expectation." If you have not yet watched his investiture, the recording can be found [here](#).

Open Enrollment for 2025 benefits **ends today, Nov. 15, at 11:59 p.m.** This is your annual opportunity to make changes to 2025 benefit elections. Full-time and part-time faculty and staff in regular, term or seasonal or full-time temporary positions can use Workday. Other employees need to use [paper or PDF forms](#) to enroll. A recorded webinar about plan details is on the [Open Enrollment website](#). Don't forget to click "I accept" and "Submit" to complete enrollment. View your benefit summary in Workday and save it for your records.

The enrollment window for [Ohio State's Tuition Assistance](#) benefit for the Spring 2025 semester is Nov. 18, 2024 to Jan. 10, 2025. Ohio State employees can combine opportunities that support their own professional and educational goals, as well as their families' goals. Employees must submit an application each term in [Workday](#).

Along with the CFAES Faculty Advisory Council, and Staff Advisory Council, I would like to invite you to attend a holiday open house on Dec. 6 (Secrest Welcome Center – CFAES Wooster Campus) or Dec. 9 (Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center – Columbus). We will also host a dessert reception for Extension professionals during their conference on Dec. 10. Please RSVP for one of these events [here](#).

Sincerely,
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