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CFAES Community,

On Tuesday, we held the groundbreaking ceremony for our new Multispecies Animal Learning Center (MALC). The MALC will be a world-class facility that brings people and animals together for hands-on learning, engagement, and programming. It will support education for both Ohio State and K-12 students, as well as learners across the lifespan. The MALC is anticipated to open in Fall 2025 – preview the facility [here](#).

As a reminder, we are in the midst of on-campus interviews for the Director of the School of Environment and Natural Resources. Linked below are the application materials for each of the three finalist candidates, as well as the seminar recording and feedback survey for the first two candidates. We invite our CFAES community to attend the final seminar, view the recordings, and share feedback via the surveys.

- **January 24-27, 2024: Dr. Daowei Zhang**
 -  [Daowei Zhang Application Materials.pdf](#)
 - View the [recording of Dr. Zhang's seminar](#).
 - Please use this [Qualtrics survey](#) to provide your feedback by 4:00 p.m. on February 9.
- **January 29- February 1, 2024: Dr. Jacob Kerby**
 -  [Jacob Kerby Application Materials.pdf](#)
 - View the [recording of Dr. Kerby's seminar](#).
 - Please use this [Qualtrics survey](#) to provide your feedback by 4:00 p.m. on February 9.
- **February 4-7, 2024: Dr. Andrew Rypel**
 -  [Andrew Rypel Application Materials.pdf](#)
 - Vision Seminar February 5, 1:00-2:00 p.m. in Kottman Hall 103 or [via Zoom](#).

Thank you for your engagement in this process. Please reach out to Senior Associate Dean Tracy Kitchel (.2) if you have any questions.

Ever wondered how the Farm Bill affects our food and agricultural landscape? The Farm Bill, a substantial legislative package passed by the federal government every few years, impacts how funds are allocated for various crucial aspects of agriculture, nutrition, conservation efforts, natural resource protection, and support systems across the nation. To delve deeper into this vital legislation and its implications, we invite you to join us at our upcoming event, the 2024 CFAES Farm Bill Summit, on **February 23 from 1 – 3:30 p.m.** at the Fawcett Center. Engage in discussions led by CFAES and industry experts, unravel the complexities, and understand how this bill shapes the future of farming and related industries. This summit offers a unique opportunity to gain insights, network with others in the industry, and comprehend the far-reaching impact of the Farm Bill on our agricultural ecosystem. [Learn more and](#)

[register.](#)

Sincerely,
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