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CFAES Community,

As we begin the new academic year, I would like to take a moment to thank all of you for your service and dedication to our college. Your work is essential to carrying out our teaching, research, and Extension missions. I hope this summer you were able to take a moment to enjoy the outdoors, recharge, and spend time with friends and family.

This fall, you may notice all the additional new students excited for their opportunity to join our college. Although we won't have final numbers for another few weeks, we are happy to report that enrollment is up on both our Columbus and CFAES Wooster campuses. We invite you to help us welcome students to the Columbus campus at the Back 2 School Bash on Thursday, August 29. If you are available, please sign up to volunteer here: [Volunteer Sign Up.xlsx](#).

We also have several new faculty members within the college. Some are new to CFAES and others are transitioning to new faculty roles after years within the college – we look forward to welcoming each of them and we hope you'll take a few minutes to get to know them and welcome them:

<https://cfaesfacultyandstaff.osu.edu/news/get-know-our-new-cfaes-faculty-5>

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Osvaldo Campanella on his reappointment as the Carl E. Haas Chair in Food Industries within the CFAES Department of Food Science and Technology, effective June 1, 2024, through June 30, 2029, pending Ohio State Board of Trustees approval. Established July 11, 1980, by Mr. Haas, industry, alumni, and friends, income from the endowment provides salary and program support for an individual who provides leadership in the food industries.

In July, we wished Lori Kaser, the Associate Director for the CFAES Office for Research and Graduate Education (R&GE), a happy retirement after 15 years of service. Effective August 26, David Mackie will assume the role of Associate Director. David will be responsible for coordinating pre- and post-award functions, as well as compliance management for the college, and overseeing daily operations within R&GE that drive sponsored programs management and research administration. In the interim, should you need assistance, please contact Branden Ritter.1410 with inquiries regarding Hatch projects or multi-state travel. For all other matters, contact Pam Schlegel.33, Shannon Hollis.69, or Gary Pierzynski.3.

CFAES Infrastructure Updates

Efforts to refresh our infrastructure continue across our CFAES campuses. This construction is a vital step for the college as we continue implementing the CFAES Master Plan and aligning our strategic efforts, to ensure a clear focus on the stewardship of the spaces that support our teaching, research, Extension, and outreach.

On our statewide campus, tornado recovery work continues at our Molly Caren Agricultural Center, where Farm Science Review will be held as scheduled September 17-19, learn more [here](#). New siding,

roof, and parking lot improvements are also taking place at the Mahoning County Extension Office. At CFAES Wooster, a new modular swine finishing facility will open soon at the Grace Drake Ag. Lab., and a major renovation of Gourley Hall coolers and freezers is underway.

On the Columbus Campus, construction on the tunnels at the corner of Fyffe Road and Woody Hayes Drive, will improve water and steam. Reconstruction of the Plumb Hall parking lot will be next, and then one of the largest infrastructure projects we've planned for in recent history: an entirely new CFAES interdepartmental building that will replace Plumb Hall.

The new building will be approximately 90,000-square-feet and become home to research space, teaching labs, classrooms, community hubs, and collaboration spaces. A feasibility study is still underway, and the full concept for the future building will be released later this fall. Along Woody Hayes Drive, multiple modes of transportation will be accommodated by adding a bus shelter and dedicated bus lane, which will improve access across the Columbus campus including Carmenton and Waterman.

Work at Waterman Agricultural and Natural Resources Laboratory, the CFAES innovation district, also continues. The Board of Trustees approved a \$1 million Ohio State Energy Partners project to provide utility services to the new Waterman Dairy at their May meeting. Construction officially started the week of June 8 on the MALC and new dairy at Waterman, which are set to open in 2025. For those interested in following the construction progress, visit the live camera feed here: <https://waterman.osu.edu/places-and-spaces/MALC>

If you have any questions regarding infrastructure, please reach out to Graham Cochran (cochran.99@osu.edu), Associate Dean for Operations.

Sincerely,
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