CFAES Community -

At our all-faculty meeting this week we announced our 2022-2023 Distinguished Professors of FAES. Our college awards this honorific title on a competitive basis to full professors who have excelled in teaching, research, or outreach/engagement, and whose work has demonstrated significant impact on their fields, students, college, University, and/or the public. Please join me in congratulating Dr. Rodriguez-Saona, Dr. Sudhir Sastry, and Dr. Brent Sohngen on this well-deserved honor.

As a reminder, we are in the midst of on-campus interviews for the Department of Agricultural, Environmental & Development Economics chair position. Linked below are the application materials for each of the two finalist candidates, as well as the seminar recording and feedback survey for the first candidate. We invite our CFAES community to attend the still upcoming seminar, view the recordings, and share feedback via the surveys.

- Dr. Alfonso Flores-Lagunes Application Materials, December 6-8, 2022
  - View the recording of Dr. Flores-Lagunes’ seminar.
  - Please use this Qualtrics to provide your feedback by 9:00AM on December 15.

- Dr. Amy Ando Application Materials, December 12-14, 2022
  - Vision Seminar on December 13, 9:00-10:00 a.m. in 250A Agricultural Administration Building or via Zoom.

Due to Kroger’s intent to end its pharmacy provider agreement at the end of 2022 with Express Scripts, Inc. (ESI), the pharmacy benefit manager for Ohio State, starting on January 1, 2023, any prescription that you or a covered family member has filled at a Kroger pharmacy will not be covered under our plan. Out of abundant concern for the inconvenience this network change may cause, Ohio State has negotiated with ESI to ensure additional opportunities for pharmacy network coverage. Beginning January 1, 2023, ESI will include CVS pharmacies in the preferred pharmacy network tier for our plan.

See hr.osu.edu/oe/prescription/ for the Prescription Drug Benefit Comparison Chart. To learn more about this change, including how to transfer your prescriptions, please visit: https://hr.osu.edu/news/2022/12/01/important-prescription-drug-benefit-update/

Nominations are now open for the 2023 CFAES Spirit of the Land-Grant Award. The purpose of this award is to recognize an individual or team who supports, exemplifies or creates opportunities that embody the land grant mission. The award celebrates the connection between our CFAES values and our land-grant DNA. Therefore, nominees should have a clear record of supporting, exemplifying or creating opportunities around one or more of the following land-grant DNA areas: Translational Research, Collaboration and Engagement, Students as Co-creators, Lifespan Learning and Future Perspective. The award is open to CFAES faculty, staff, graduate and undergraduate students, alumni and external partners (including partners across campus and outside of the university). Nominations are due January 23, 2023. For more information on the award and the nomination form, please visit: https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_431byEKhz5VX9bg

The university will close for the holidays on December 23rd and December 26th as well as for an Academic
Recess December 27-30th. CFAES Safety and Compliance would like to take this opportunity to remind our students, staff and faculty of the following safety and security highlights:

CFAES Columbus and Wooster Campuses
1. Please be sure to lock all building doors and secure all valuables if you intend to be away from campus.
2. Where possible, personnel should not work on campus, or in buildings, alone. If you must visit campus unaccompanied, please arrange for a verbal check-in via phone with a friend or coworker.
3. For facility-related requests in Columbus, contact FOD at 614-292-HELP. For facility-related requests in Wooster, please contact the Wooster Heat Plant at 330-263-3602.
4. If you see something suspicious or need Police assistance, contact 614-292-2121 for non-emergency issues or 911 for emergencies.
5. Please plan ahead if you have sensitive research or equipment that needs to be monitored during the extended closure.

CFAES Wooster Campus
1. Wooster Facilities will have staff checking buildings during the closure period. Staff will be checking for alarms and any obvious issues, they will not check every area of the building unless a condition necessitates this action.

If you have any specific safety concerns to highlight before the closure, please reach out to Seth Walker (walker.439) by December 14th. Thank you for your assistance and we wish you a safe and happy holiday season.

Sincerely,
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