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CFAES Community,

We are excited to announce the 2023 class of CFAES Distinguished Senior Award Recipients. The Distinguished Senior Award honors top graduating seniors and is the most prestigious undergraduate award in CFAES. Awards will be presented to 25 seniors in March. [Learn more.](#)

The Enterprise for Research, Innovation and Knowledge recently announced that Ohio State set a new record with \$1.38 billion in annual research expenditures. In addition, CFAES was one of eight colleges that saw a 20 percent increase or more in expenditures from FY21 to FY22. [Learn more.](#)

We invite you to help us 'Come Together' to celebrate the students of CFAES and the academic year during our 2023 Celebration of Students. Please help us encourage students to participate in the following free events for CFAES students with food, giveaways, and community: Giveaway Day, Graduating Student Celebration, CFAES Olympics, and Carnival Night. More details can be found here and a full schedule of all CFAES celebrations can be found here: <https://go.osu.edu/cos23>

In mid-February, employees who cover a spouse or dependent on Ohio State's medical plan will receive an annual form via mail and email to confirm other medical coverage they may have. The form is returned to Trustmark, Ohio State's claims administrator. A response is required, even if your dependent does not have other coverage. Failure to provide the information will result in delayed claim payments. Log into the Trustmark website to complete the form or ask a question. [Read more.](#)

Thank you to our OSU Extension professionals who have been on the ground supporting our Buckeyes and the communities affected by the train derailment in East Palestine and the CFAES department members who have also provided expertise. Many community members and families in the area had to evacuate after the incident on February 3 and with lingering safety concerns, some have not been able to return to their homes, and we want to offer research, support, and assistance. You can also help by [supporting the Buckeyes Helping Buckeyes fund](#) so that together we can provide necessary resources to alumni in need. If you have been impacted by this event, you can [apply for support](#) from your caring Ohio State community. Buckeye Nation stands strong as we champion each other in good times and bad.

Sincerely,
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