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CFAES Community,

On Monday, January 18, we will observe and celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Offices will be closed, and no classes will be held in recognition of the civil rights leader. I encourage you to join fellow Buckeyes in honoring Dr. King's legacy by participating in events and activities that celebrate his legacy. A list of university events is available [here](#).

On Tuesday, January 19, our college is joining the [W.K. Kellogg Foundation's National Day of Racial Healing](#). There will be a facilitated discussion of the movie [13th](#) from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Participants are asked to [view](#) the film ahead of the discussion. A presentation on *The Inner Work of Racial Justice* will take place from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. followed by panel discussion on Racial Healing from 1:15 - 2:45 p.m. The culminating event at 3:00 p.m. will be viewing the live stream of the W. K. Kellogg Foundation National Day of Racial Healing. Registration is required. For more information, visit: <https://equityandinclusion.cfaes.ohio-state.edu/webinars-and-other-events/cfaes-national-day-racial-healing>.

Next week, there will be several days of important and historic events for our community and our country, I encourage you to review and consider our [CFAES Principles of Community](#) which are an important reminder of what we stand for as a college.

For those with questions about testing, I encourage you to check the [Safe and Healthy website section on testing](#), which is regularly updated. Individuals who are tested as part of the voluntary testing program on the Columbus campus, and not part of the selected employee testing, are required to self-quarantine and may not return to campus for school, work or other community activities until their test result is available.

We have implemented a weekly voluntary testing program at CFAES Wooster and regularly send specific updates to faculty, staff, and students on the CFAES Wooster campus with those details.

Be well.

Dean Cathann Kress

Updates include:

- Tharp Street closed at Herrick Drive
- University Senate Election Process for Faculty Senators
- Spring 2021 Foods for Health Seed Grants
- Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Program

#### **Tharp Street closed at Herrick Drive**

Beginning Jan. 15 through autumn 2022, Tharp Street will be closed at Herrick Drive. The map shows preferred routes for animal delivery. Anticipate traffic delays. [Read more.](#)

#### **University Senate Election Process for Faculty Senators**

The University Senate has launched its 2021 election process for faculty senators. CFAES has three vacancies. **Nominations will be accepted until Thursday, February 5**, and the elections in each college will run from February 8 through February 12.

We encourage you to participate in this process by nominating yourself or another colleague to stand for election. Please email names of nominees to [senate@osu.edu](mailto:senate@osu.edu).

Why participate? Election to the Senate is the most direct way to use your faculty expertise to influence university decisions. Our system of shared governance ensures a faculty voice in all aspects of university administration, particularly through the Senate committees that deliberate and advise on important university issues.

When elected, faculty senators accept a three-year term of service. They join administrative, student and staff senators at monthly meetings of the Senate, presided over by the University President. In this way, faculty senators have an opportunity to meet and work with colleagues from across the university. Faculty senators attend meetings of Faculty Council to deliberate on issues related to faculty life on campus and they are invited to serve on one of the 19 Senate committees. See <http://senate.osu.edu/> for a list of committees and their current members, as well as a directory of current Senators. If you have questions regarding these elections, please contact [Ben Givens](#).

### **Spring 2021 Foods for Health Seed Grants**

Foods for Health (FFH) is Ohio State's premier initiative for interdisciplinary research that defines the health impacts of food using modern technology and informatic approaches. FFH is currently seeking proposals from the Ohio State research community for our spring 2021 award cycle. Proposals are expected to support the vision and mission of FFH, foster new collaborations, encourage exploration into novel areas of research and enable the generation of data needed for successful extramural grant applications. [Read more.](#)

### **Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Program**

Feeling stressed? The Mindfulness Clinic in the Psychological Services Center at the Department of Psychology is offering a free 8-week Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) intervention starting Feb. 15. Classes will be conducted via Zoom by doctoral students in clinical psychology and will be supervised by Dr. Ruchika Prakash. Read more online or contact 614-292-2345 or by [email](#). [Read more.](#)

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