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CFAES Community –

We continue to monitor the COVID-19 surge and will adapt our strategy as needed throughout the semester. Please visit the [Safe and Healthy Buckeyes](#) website for updates on Ohio State's COVID-19 response and take advantage of the [mental health resources](#) on the site.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Brian Roe on being selected as a 2022 Agricultural and Applied Economics Association ([AAEA](#)) Fellow, the association's highest honor. Roe is the Fred N. VanBuren Professor of Farm Management in the Department of Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics. [Learn more.](#)

We are excited to share that we have faculty searches approved for the 2021-2022 academic year and all are moving forward in various stages of the CFAES faculty search and hiring process. These searches include:

- Agricultural Communication, Education, and Leadership
 - Agricultural Communication
- Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics
 - Regional Economics
- Animal Sciences
 - positions forthcoming
- Entomology
 - Forest Entomology
 - Turfgrass Health (split with Plant Pathology)
- School of Environment and Natural Resources
 - Ecological Forestry and Restoration
- Extension
 - Field Specialist, Agronomic Systems
 - Field Specialist, Carbon
- Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering
 - Agricultural Water Management
 - Agricultural Systems Management, Professional Practice
 - Construction Systems Management, Professional Practice
 - Watershed Modeling
- Horticulture and Crop Science
 - Plant Biology and Director of the Ornamental Plant Germplasm Center
 - Sustainable Greenhouse Nursery Systems
 - Sustainable Turfgrass Systems
 - Urban Food Systems Horticulturist
 - Plant Bioengineering and Synthetic Biology

Details about the process and resources to assist with faculty searches can be found on the [Faculty and Staff Affairs Policies and Procedures website](#). For more information about an individual search, please contact the TIU. General questions about faculty searches can be directed to Senior Associate Dean Tracy Kitchel (.2).

Be well.

Dean Cathann Kress

Update Includes:

- Reminder: CFAES Family Scholarship Applications Due by February 15
- Planned Network Maintenance Jan. 16
- Save the Date National Day of Racial Healing January 18, 2022
- Share Your Input: Campus Workplace Assessment
- EPN Hosts Discussion of Sustainable Investing
- Nominate a Commencement Speaker

Reminder: CFAES Family Scholarship Applications Due by February 15

Applications for the CFAES Family Scholarship - open to spouses and dependent children of CFAES faculty and staff are **due by February 15, 2022**. Applications can be submitted via [the CFAES online scholarship application](#) regardless of if the applicant is/will be a CFAES student or not. Please review the [detailed criteria and application instructions](#) carefully. If you have questions about the scholarship process, please reach out to Michelle Anderson, Administrative Associate for Faculty and Staff Affairs, at anderson.3484@osu.edu.

Planned Network Maintenance Jan. 16

The Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) will be performing network maintenance on Sunday, January 16, between midnight and 3 a.m. This planned maintenance will affect network connectivity at [several buildings and locations](#). Questions regarding this planned maintenance should be directed to the [IT Service Desk](#). Please reference change number CHG0073698. This change and other planned maintenance at Ohio State can be found on the [System Status](#) page.

Save the Date National Day of Racial Healing January 18, 2022

Please mark **January 18, 2022**, on your calendars. CFAES will be partnering with the Moritz College of Law to host a series of webinars to commemorate the [National Day of Racial Healing](#). This will be our second year participating in this event. The National Day of Racial Healing was started by the [Kellogg Foundation](#) in 2017. Like last year, you are welcome to participate in all the sessions or one or two as your schedule permits. The agenda and additional information can be found at: <https://cfaesdei.osu.edu/webinars-and-other-events/national-day-racial-healing>.

Share Your Input: Campus Workplace Assessment

The university is evaluating the autumn semester reactivation and collecting input from campus faculty, staff and student employees to help Ohio State analyze current workforce trends and gather insight as the flexible work policy and practices are reviewed. Provide your feedback through this survey. The deadline to participate has been extended until Jan. 31. Requested input focuses on work arrangements, challenges, comfortability, and concerns. Thank you for sharing your experience and perspective. [Read more.](#)

EPN Hosts Discussion of Sustainable Investing

Join the Environmental Professionals Network (EPN) on Jan. 18 for “Sustainable Investing: Decarbonizing portfolios and financing green development” and grow your understanding of leading-edge financial approaches corporations, philanthropists, independent investors and financial institutions are taking to evaluate sustainability funds, assess climate change risks, improve sustainable investing and measure their impact. [Read more.](#)

Nominate a Commencement Speaker

The Commencement Speaker Advisory Committee seeks assistance in identifying future graduation speakers. Students, faculty and staff may nominate candidates via the nomination portal. Speaker criteria and nomination process information are available at the link below. All are encouraged to engage in this proud tradition and nominate speakers to inspire graduates, families, faculty, and guests. Nominations must be submitted by January 31 to be considered. [Read more.](#)

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