CFAES Community,

We began this week with the commemoration of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. As a continuation of celebrating the legacy of Dr. King, CFAES along with the Moritz College of Law co-sponsored a series of events for the W.K. Kellogg Foundation sponsored National Day of Racial Healing. Fundamental to this day is a clear understanding that racial healing is at the core of racial equity. For CFAES and Moritz, the theme of the day was “Reconciling the Past to Move Forward.” The day began with a panel addressing Racial Healing Through Agriculture. Panelists included, Representative Juanita Brent (D-12), a Ranking Member of the Ohio House Agriculture and Rural Development Committee; Dr. Julialynne Walker, JD, international food justice and agriculture advocate and founder of Bronzeville Growers Market and Bronzeville Agricademy; and August Taylor, Garden Manager for the Maroon Arts Group Box Park Garden and Communications and Outreach Associate at Ohio Ecological Food and Farming Association (OEFFA). The second session was a facilitated conversation on the James Baldwin film, “I am Not Your Negro” followed by another debrief and networking session. You can still view the national presentation which was recorded at https://healourcommunities.org/day-of-racial-healing/.

In my update last week, I shared 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. The search for the School of Environment and Natural Resources, Environmental and Natural Resources (ENR) Education, was inadvertently omitted from the list. Details about the process and resources to assist with faculty searches can be found on the Faculty and Staff Affairs Policies and Procedures website.

Be well.
Dean Cathann Kress

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CFAES Ground Transportation Log
As a reminder on January 1, 2022, CFAES implemented an updated “CFAES Ground Transportation Log” (previously known as “Mileage Log”). The updated log incorporates the University’s recent clarification related to mileage calculations when an employee has an approved “Flexible Work Arrangement” on file. Previous communications had an error in the link for the “CFAES Ground Transportation Log.”

- Correct Direct Link: https://cfaesfinance.osu.edu/travel-0/cfaes-ground-transportation-log
- The log can also be accessed from the “CFAES Finance” home page under “Travel” at: https://cfaesfinance.osu.edu/.
Using customer feedback, some fields on the log were also reformatted for improved data entry and customer use. The most current and edited version is identified by “Revised January 2022” in the upper right hand corner. This version is available using above links. It is requested customers use the “January 2022” version (and discard any previous versions they may have saved).

**2022 CFAES Student and Spirit Awards**
Nominations are now open for the 2022 CFAES Student and Spirit Awards. The four categories of awards include CFAES Student Awards, CFAES Service to Students Awards, CFAES Student Organization Awards, and CFAES Spirit of the Land Grant Award. Nominations are **due February 15, 2022**. All awards will be given at the 2022 Celebration of Students event on Thursday, April 14, 2022. Learn more and submit a nomination at: [go.osu.edu/studentspiritawards](go.osu.edu/studentspiritawards).

**Stone Lab Seeks Science Majors for 2022 Research Experience for Undergraduates Fellowship Program**
Stone Laboratory welcomes college undergraduates to apply for its 2022 Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Fellowship Program. Applications are due by February 25, 2022. Undergraduates from any U.S. college may apply for this competitive, comprehensive research opportunity. The students chosen will learn how to conduct scientific research in the field alongside top scientists. The program runs from June 6 through July 31, 2022. [Learn more.](#)

**The Sustainability Institute Announces Two Opportunities**
The Sustainability Institute is pleased to release two requests for proposals for FY22 funding opportunities to build capacity in sustainability and resilience research at the university. The Sustainability Research Seed Grant Program aims to support new interdisciplinary research teams that lay a foundation for convergence research. The Sustainability Proposal Development Grant Program will support teams of scholars from two or more distinct disciplines in the development of external funding proposals. [Read more.](#)

**Free Safety App for Ohio State Community**
Ohio State’s Department of Public Safety offers a free safety app for students, faculty and staff. Rave Guardian offers many benefits including faster delivery of Buckeye Alerts and Public Safety Notices via push-notifications. The app also allows users to select friends or family to follow them via GPS tracking as they travel on and around campus. The app serves as a virtual guardian with a timer based on your destination. Download inside the Ohio State app under the safety tab. [Read more.](#)

**Travel Office Hours 2022 (Monthly)**
Participants will review current travel updates (industry, system, policy or supplier information), observe demos of Workday travel processes and/or how to use travel suppliers for booking and ask questions regarding guidance for policy/system issues. [Read more.](#)

**Apply for the 2022 Leadership Awards**
Do you know an outstanding leader at Ohio State who should be recognized for their hard work? Then get ready to apply for the 2022 Student Life Leadership Awards. Over the past 62 years, Ohio State has recognized hundreds of students, advisors and organizations that demonstrate leadership, collaboration and a commitment to the university community. In addition to applications, many of our awards now accept nominations on behalf of deserving leaders. Please encourage students to apply, and nominate outstanding Buckeyes yourself. Applications close on Jan. 31 at 11:59 p.m. [Read more.](#)

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