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CFAES Community -

Best wishes for the coming semester and year. In our college, we sustain life through the persistent efforts of each one of you. To share appreciation for all that you do on behalf of our college, each of you will be receiving a CFAES lapel pin in the coming days. Pins will be sent to offices for distribution. Though we were unable to hold a large in-person holiday gathering this year, these pins represent our community and the work we do together to fulfill our purpose, we sustain life.

As we continue to monitor the COVID 19 pandemic, we strongly encourage all faculty and staff who can work remotely to do so through January 7th. Extension employees should follow Extension and local guidance. Per the provost, OSU plans to start classes and educational programs in-person next week. It is also possible that guidance could change as the semester gets underway or other conditions change, we appreciate your continued flexibility as we receive additional information. Please consult with your unit lead, chair or director for specific questions or unique circumstances and continue to visit safeandhealthy.osu.edu for the most up-to-date university guidance.

The search processes for the Professor and Director of the School of Environment and Natural Resources and the Associate Dean and Director of Academic Programs are moving forward. The position descriptions and direct links to the Workday postings are now available at: <https://cfaes.osu.edu/people/leadership-searches>. We invite all of our CFAES community to share the position descriptions within your networks. For questions about administrative searches, please reach out to Senior Associate Dean Tracy Kitchel (.2).

Congratulations to the following 2021-2022 Presidential Fellows: Taylor Klass, Plant Pathology (Advisor: Jonathan Jacobs), and Rafael Quijada Landaverde, Agricultural Communication, Education, and Leadership (Advisor: Mary Rodriguez). The Presidential Fellowship is the most prestigious award given by the Graduate School to recognize the outstanding scholarly accomplishments and potential of graduate students entering the final phase of their dissertation research or terminal degree project. [Read more.](#)

Congratulations to Jeffrey Kast, who was recently announced as a finalist for the 2022 class of the Sea Grant John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship program. Kast is a Ph.D. candidate in SENR studying agricultural conservation practices in Lake Erie's western basin. [Read more.](#)

Be well.
Dean Cathann Kress

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New “CFAES Ground Transportation Log”

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.

On the day of travel...

- If an **approved** “Flexible Work Arrangement” is on file then miles for a **daily commute to headquarters are not deducted**. Employees must certify/indicate on the log the existence of the approved “Flexible Work Arrangement.”
- If there is **not an approved** “Flexible Work Arrangement” on file, then miles for a **daily commute to headquarters must be deducted**.

Guiding Principles:

- It is highly recommended the updated “CFAES Ground Transportation Log” be used beginning January 1, 2022. Previous versions of mileage logs do not require employees to certify an approved “Flexible Work Arrangement”.
- If an older version of a log is submitted after January 1, 2022, the employee may be contacted to edit the Expense Report (ER) to include certification of a “Flexible Work Arrangement.” This editing will delay reimbursement processing.
- By February 1, 2022, it’s expected all travelers within CFAES will convert to the “CFAES Ground Transportation Log” and older versions no longer submitted for reimbursement.

Learn more and download the log [here](#).

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.

2022 CFAES Alumni Awards

After receiving numerous nominations and deliberating for weeks, the CFAES Alumni Society Board has announced the [2022 CFAES Alumni Award honorees](#). Please join us in congratulating the honorees and thanking them for all they do for the college and the community. Recipients will be honored at the CFAES Alumni Awards Luncheon on Saturday, March 5, 2022. If you know someone who should be considered for a future Alumni Award, nominations for 2023 are now open. [Click here to nominate a deserving alum](#).

CFAES FY21 Research in Review Infographic

The CFAES Office for Research and Graduate Education has released the fiscal year 2021 Research in Review Infographic. The Research in Review highlights CFAES research expenditures, submissions, awards, and projects taking place over the course of the past fiscal year. The infographic has been released annually since 2017 as a summation of the accomplishments of the researchers working in our college. Questions regarding any data listed in the infographic can be directed to Lori [Kaser.37](#). [Read more](#).

Celebrate Ohio State’s Commitment to Plant Health

From early classroom teaching to research discoveries and technological advances of today, the exhibition *Protecting Plants, People and the World* examines the connections between plant health, humans and the environment. Explore the exhibition beginning February 5, 2022 in the Thompson Library Gallery

(1858 Neil Avenue, Columbus campus). [Read more.](#)

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. Our tentative agenda is below. Like last year, you are welcome to participate in all the sessions or one or two as your schedule permits. Stay tuned for additional information. Tentative agenda for the day:

- 9:00-10:30 Session 1
- 10:45-11:15 Hangout 1 topic TBD
- 11:30-1:00 Session 2
- 1:15-1:45 Hangout 2 Topic TBD
- 2:00-3:30 Session 3

CFAES 2022 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Speaker Series – Save the Dates!

The CFAES Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion will be hosting a [speaker series](#) throughout 2022. Featured speakers come from diverse fields and will highlight DEI issues that appeal to a broad audience. Please save the dates so you can join us for all events which will take place on Zoom from 12:00pm-1:15pm EST on the third Thursday in designated months. Each session will involve a presentation followed by Q&A. More information can be found at: <https://cfaesdei.osu.edu/webinars-and-other-events/dei-speaker-series>. To receive direct communications about upcoming DEI programs, please [sign up for the monthly CFAES DEI Newsletter](#). A list of all upcoming CFAES Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion webinars can be found [here](#).

ORIP Applications Now Open

The 2022 OSU Research Internship Program (ORIP) on the Wooster campus is currently accepting [student and faculty mentor applications](#). The program is managed centrally through the CFAES Office for Research and Graduate Education, and coordinated by Faculty Advisor, Michelle Jones, Professor (HCS). This year's program will run from May 9 to July 18, 2022.

- Student Applications Due: February 28, 2022
- Faculty Mentor Applications Due: February 28, 2022

ORIP provides research experiences for high school students and undergraduates. Students must be 18 years of age by May 1st to participate. The goal of this program is to expand research opportunities to area students and to enhance their interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics by inculcating critical thinking skills through rigorous laboratory and field-based research experiences, seminars, group discussions, and symposia. Selected students will receive stipends and certificates indicating their participation in the program. Student participants will also build a network of peers, scientists, and experiences that will set them apart from others for college applications and future career opportunities. Please direct questions to [Alexis Didinger.2](#). [Apply now.](#)

Research & Graduate Education Seminar Series

The complete 2022 R&GE Seminar Series schedule is now available. This series of webinars provides educational opportunities every month during the academic year to our CFAES research community. Topics include budgeting basics, finding and managing international funding opportunities, technology commercialization, and many others. If you have questions, comments, or ideas for a new session, please contact [Alexis Didinger.2](#). Upcoming Sessions include:

- [Budgeting Basics](#) - This session will provide an overview of the expenses most commonly requested in grant applications. We will also discuss critical issues associated with developing budgets including direct costs, allowable costs, and budget justifications. Please join us for this informative session. January 11, 2022 | 12:00-1:00 PM | [Register now](#).
- [Finding and Managing International Funding Opportunities](#) - In this session Dr. Luis Canas will share some tips on finding international opportunities and discuss key aspects of managing internationally funded grants. Topics will include budget differences to pay attention to; the process of working with overseas partners and subawards; and how to maintain good communication with OSP, your department, and related offices to make sure your project functions seamlessly. January 25, 2022 | 12:00-1:00 PM | [Register now](#).

View all upcoming sessions [here](#).

Apply now for the University Outreach and Engagement Awards

Ohio State is seeking nominations of programs, scholars and practitioners for the 2022 University Outreach and Engagement Awards, which honor faculty, staff, students and community partners for outstanding achievement in producing engaged scholarship and community impact. Awards will be given in three categories: High Impact Program, Community Engaged Scholar and Community Engaged Practitioner (for staff). The deadline to apply is January 7, 2022. [Read more and apply here](#).

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