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CFAES Community –

On Monday, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) announced [guidance](#) that would jeopardize the student visa status for international students not registered for in-person credits during autumn semester. Furthermore, it will cause major disruptions to our student's learning and research and have a devastating impact on our college.

While awaiting guidance from the Office of International Affairs (OIA), CFAES is working to find ways to address this issue for our international students. We are working with others at OSU and nationwide, to reach out to our congressional delegation and help them better understand the consequences of this guidance. To keep our faculty, staff and students safe and learning, we urge DHS SVEP to reconsider this guidance and allow flexibility for international students to participate in all forms of instruction, whether they be in-person, online, or hybrid. Our international students are valued members of our community who make significant contributions to our college, Ohio and the world.

Other updates include:

- Madden Awarded Honorary Membership in BSPP
- Faculty Advisory Council (FAC) Leadership Change
- Safe and Healthy Buckeyes website
- CFAES Principles of Community
- Office of Institutional Equity (OIE) Reporting

Be well.

Dean Cathann Kress

Madden Awarded Honorary Membership in the British Society for Plant Pathology (BSPP)

Dr. Larry Madden has been awarded honorary membership in the British Society for Plant Pathology (BSPP). Honorary membership is only awarded to one person per year. It is based on service to the profession and basic or applied research accomplishments. Dr. Madden is only the third American to be selected. This is a testament to Dr. Madden's career of pushing the frontiers of epidemiology, advising hundreds of students, and leading research and education at OSU. Please join me in congratulating Dr. Madden.

Faculty Advisory Council (FAC) Leadership Change

As of July 1, Dr. Fred Michel is the new Chair of FAC and Dianne Shoemaker will be Past Chair. Please join me in welcoming Dr. Michel to his new position and thanking Dianne for all she has done over the last year.

Safe and Healthy Buckeyes website

The university recently launched the [Safe and Healthy Buckeyes website](#) to support the Ohio State community as we prepare for on-campus operations. The site includes information and details related to physical distancing, campus readiness, classrooms, workspaces, housing, dining, personal protection and hygiene, mental health and wellness resources, travel and several other areas. The university will continue to evaluate recommendations based on evolving conditions, and the site will reflect any updates.

CFAES Principles of Community

We affirm our conviction that racism and inequality have no place in CFAES.

Our [CFAES Principles of Community](#) serve as a base for managing these actions. We all contribute to our community and our collective experience. I encourage you to download and post the principles, discuss them during meetings, share them with others, and most importantly, use them as a guide in all that we do to sustain life.

Office of Institutional Equity (OIE) Reporting

Our college take any and all reports of mistreatment or prejudice very seriously. Please report instances to the university's Office of Institutional Equity. OIE was created to coordinate the university's response to all complaints of harassment, discrimination, sexual misconduct, and retaliation in all of its programs. To learn more about your rights to be free from harassment and discrimination, to get assistance connecting with support resources, or to file a report, please contact OIE at:

- equity.osu.edu (see [report form](#))
- equity@osu.edu
- 614-247-5838 or TTY 614-688-8605

An anonymous concern may also be reported through EthicsPoint: ohio-state.ethicspoint.com.

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