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CFAES Community,

CFAES recently lost a member of our community who had a significant impact on our college. In 1968, Dr. Robert Warmbrod joined The Ohio State University as Professor in the Department of Agricultural Education. He chaired the Department of Agricultural Education from 1978 to 1986; served as Acting Associate Dean of the College of Agriculture in 1989; and as Acting Vice President for Agricultural Administration and Dean of the College of Agriculture from 1989 to 1991. Dr. Warmbrod made significant impacts on the college, agricultural education and in the lives of his students and colleagues. Additional details of Dr. Warmbrod's life can be found here: <https://www.schoedinger.com/obituaries/James-Warmbrod/#!/Obituary>

I am pleased to announce that we have three candidates who have accepted the invitation for a finalist, on-campus interview for the Associate Dean for Academic Programs position. Linked below are the application materials for each of the candidates. Please review the materials and hold the following dates:

- Dr. Lisa Abrams ([Application Materials](#)), April 5-6, 2022
 - **Vision Seminar, April 5, 1:30-2:30pm;** International Room, Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center; *Reception to follow from 2:30-3:00pm.*
- Dr. Kimberly Barnes ([Application Materials](#)), April 11-12, 2022
 - **Vision Seminar, April 11, 10:30-11:30am;** International Room, Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center; *Reception to follow from 11:30-12:00pm.*
- Dr. Deb VanOverbeke ([Application Materials](#)), April 14-15, 2022
 - **Vision Seminar, April 11, 11:00am-12:00pm;** International Room, Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center; *Reception to follow from 12:00-12:30pm.*

Each candidate will present a vision seminar during the visit. As soon as the timing and location details are available, that information will also be shared. We invite our CFAES community to attend the seminars and share feedback via the surveys that will be available for access through future Dean's Updates.

Thank you in advance for your engagement in this process and taking the time to provide feedback on each candidate. Please reach out to Senior Associate Dean Tracy Kitchel (.2) if you have any questions.

In a new post on "Academic Voices: A Provost's Blog," Provost Melissa Gilliam explains how Ohio State collaborates to improve lives and advance communities and how our academic community is deepening these internal and external partnerships to generate positive impact across the state. She also mentioned our college and OSU Extension's purpose and impact across the state. [Read more.](#)

Sincerely,
Dean Cathann Kress

Update Includes:

- Congratulations to our CFAES community members on their achievements!
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Congratulations to our CFAES community members on their achievements!

- Please join me in congratulating the CFAES winners in the 27th annual Denman Undergraduate Research Forum: Animal Sciences major Amber Cleggett; Entomology major Camden Dezes; and Environmental Science major Kathryn Zic. [Learn more.](#)
- Ellia La Ph.D. candidate in Food Science Technology recently received the [Graduate Associate Leadership Award \(GALA\)](#), Ohio State's recognition of the exceptional leadership provided by graduate students as leaders (on and off campus) while being an OSU graduate (master's or doctoral) student, and Jai Tiarks from the School of Environment and Natural Resources (advisor: Suzanne Gray) recently received the [Graduate Associate Teaching Award \(GATA\)](#), Ohio State's highest recognition of the exceptional teaching provided by graduate students serving as Graduate Teaching Associates. Please join me in congratulating Ellia and Jai.
- Thanks to Gwynn Stewart's leadership Noble County won the BEST Community Development Project, from Appalachian Partnership, Ohio Southeast, and Appalachian Growth Capital. [Learn more.](#)
- Congratulations to the CFAES 2022 Outreach and Engagement Award recipients Franklin County Extension, Scott Hardy, and Rebecca Wade-Mdivanian. The awards honor faculty, staff, students and community partners for outstanding achievement in producing engaged scholarship and community impact. [Read more.](#)
- Fifteen teams have been awarded a total of nearly \$750,000 in funding in the second year of the [President's Research Excellence](#) (PRE) Accelerator Grant program. Each grant of up to \$50,000 is designated for small teams formed to pursue curiosity-driven, novel, high-risk and high-reward research. Congratulations to the following CFAES Faculty who are on teams receiving funding: David Mackey, Peter Piermarini (Lead PI), Sarah Short (Lead PI), Ryan Winston, and Guo-Liang Wang (Lead PI). Learn more about the [chosen projects](#).
- Congratulations to Dr. Sathya Gopalakrishnan on receiving The Ohio State University Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching. The award recognizes recipients for their excellence in teaching and is sponsored by the Alumni Association, University Advancement and The Office of Academic Affairs. Recipients are also inducted into the Academy of Teaching at Ohio State. [Learn more.](#)

CFAES Celebration of Students Event – April 14, 2022

The CFAES Celebration of Students event will be held on Thursday, April 14 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. in the Archie Griffin Ballroom at the Ohio Union. [Register by March 30, 2022.](#)

Free NACTA Annual Conference Registration for CFAES Faculty

Academic Programs is offering to pay the registration fee for the first 100 individuals who hold faculty appointments in CFAES that sign up to attend the 68th annual [North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture \(NACTA\) Conference](#). This year's conference is being hosted at CFAES Wooster from June 20th-23rd and can be attended either virtually or in-person.

If you are interested in attending the conference or if you have already registered to attend and would like for Academic Programs to reimburse the registration fee, please complete the form found at <https://go.osu.edu/nactaconference> by **May 15th**. Once the form is complete, a fiscal representative will reach out to you with more information on how to register and pay the registration fee in the coming weeks. Please contact Morgan Dailey (dailey.180@osu.edu) in the CFAES Academic Programs Office with any questions.

Report = Support Mandatory Training

As of March 22, the college is at 65.02% overall completion for faculty, staff, and student employees. This year, **merit-eligible employees who do not complete Report=Support! by April 29, 2022, will not be eligible for annual merit increases that take effect September 2022.** Student employees, graduate associates and other employees who are not classified as merit-eligible may be subject to unit-specific consequences for non-completion. Bargaining unit employees should follow their applicable collective bargaining agreements. Don't wait, log on and complete your training today!

To access the course:

- Log in to the BuckeyeLearn system at buckeyelearn.osu.edu with your Ohio State credentials.
- Then select the "My Transcript" button on the homepage and click the "Launch" button.

When you have completed a course, it will move to your completed transcript in BuckeyeLearn, which you can view by changing the "Active" button on the top of your transcript to "Completed."

New Email Security Features Added to Outlook

New email security enhancements are now available in Outlook. Email warning banners will appear on messages sent from outside of the university. Additionally, the email attachment file type block list has been updated to further protect from cyberthreats. [Read more.](#)

Enrollment Window for Tuition Assistance Opens for Summer Semester

Applications for [tuition assistance benefits](#) must be submitted each term, and the enrollment window for summer semester is March 21 to May 13. Eligible faculty and staff can apply in [Workday](#) (recommended) or with paper forms for [dependent tuition assistance](#) and [faculty and staff tuition assistance](#). To receive dependent tuition assistance, students must have a Social Security number on file with their university student record. To add a Social Security number, use the [change of record form](#) on the [Registrar's website](#). The university requires dual parent enrollment in dependent tuition assistance when both parents are eligible Ohio State employees. [Read more.](#)

Patterson Lecture with President Johnson

President Kristina M. Johnson will deliver the 2022 James F. Patterson Land-Grant University Lecture on April 12. The lecture annually features a prominent figure to speak to the range of challenges facing land-grant institutions in the 21st century and beyond. Limited in-person seating is available. The event will be livestreamed. [Read more.](#)

Celebrate Ohio State's Researchers and Innovators on April 13

When seekers, creators, visionaries and scholars connect refusing to yield to those who say it can't be done, a better, more hopeful and vibrant future emerges. The Research and Innovation Showcase celebrates those unsatisfied with the status quo and inspires more to wonder, inquire and discover new knowledge. Please plan to virtually join the Enterprise for Research, Innovation and Knowledge for this annual event on **Wednesday, April 13, from noon to 1:15 p.m.** The showcase is a catalyst for potential partnerships, empowering research, innovation and the entrepreneurial spirit to thrive. [Learn more](#) or [RSVP](#) to receive viewing instructions sent to your email prior to the event.

#bakersforUkraine Webinar and Fundraiser

On Tuesday, **March 29th**, from noon-1:30pm EST, the [Ohio State Department of Comparative Studies](#) will host a webinar panel discussion – in support of the global Instagram fundraising effort #bakersforUkraine – of Canadian-British artist and filmmaker [Zev Robinson](#)'s documentary *Real Bread Bakers*. [Slow Food Columbus](#) Chapter Leader [Dr. Mark Anthony Arceño](#) will be moderating the panel, which will include Mr. Robinson; Andrew Whitley of [Scotland the Bread](#); Dr. Nadezhda Savova-Grigorova of [Bread Houses Networks](#); Dr. Larysa Stepanova of the [Ohio State Department of Slavic and East European Languages and Cultures](#); and Philip Kopatz of ["Ukraine Unlocked"](#). Of additional note, this event is co-hosted by the [Ohio State Center for Slavic](#),

[East European and Eurasian Studies](#). The webinar will begin with an initial discussion of *Real Bread Bakers*, which will then serve as a context for a larger discussion on the knock-on effects of the war in Ukraine. [Funds raised through viewing the documentary](#) in association with this panel discussion event will be evenly distributed among organizations identified by the co-hosts of the global fundraising campaign #bakersforUkraine. Additional information may be found on the event page here: <https://zevrobinsongumroad.com/l/RealBreadBakersUkraine>. Any questions may be directed to Mark Anthony at arceno.1@osu.edu.

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