

Subject: Dean's Update
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CFAES Community,

Last week was an extraordinary week – it started with several of our faculty, in a room full of students, surprising Dr. Sathya Gopalakrishnan as she was recognized with the [Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching](#). Later that day several of us welcomed representatives from Bob Evans Farms for a tour and to thank them for 50 years of consecutive giving to our college. And Wednesday evening, we came together to recognize our [2022 Distinguished Seniors](#) – an incredible group of students representing excellence and accomplishment.

On Thursday, we began our day with the [CFAES Awards](#), celebrating accomplishments of faculty and staff across the college and awarding our [2021-2022 Distinguished Professors](#) of FAES. We then came together for the [State of the College](#), which tells our story of persistence, courage, discovery, and hope for the future. Even with a very challenging year, the people of this college are truly impressive, including working across the university to offer the [Grow Kindness Project](#), offering free succulent plants to members of the university community. Thank you to everyone involved in CFAES who helped make this uplifting initiative possible.

Last week, all 34 majors representing six degrees impacted by the new General Education program were submitted to and reviewed by the University Council on Academic Affairs. I am happy to report that all 34 have been approved – this reflects over two years of work that required a huge collaborative effort from the faculty, staff and students of our college. We met the deadlines set before the COVID-19 pandemic and the academic units continued this work during changing environments, and great demands on their time. We are proud of everyone who met the challenge and didn't give up!

Similarly, the review of all promotion and tenure cases have been completed at the college level and cases requiring review at the university level have progressed forward. Thank you to the College Promotion and Tenure Committee for the time and effort spent on this very important process. We look forward to receiving notification of the completion of the university review in the coming weeks.

Congratulations to the Department of Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering on their graduate program recently ranking 10th among its peers within American universities according to the *U.S. News & World Report* 2023 edition of America's Best Graduate Schools. [Read more.](#)

As a reminder, 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 note, the date on the third candidate's seminar was incorrect in the update last week, and has been corrected. The candidates will each present a vision seminar at the times noted below. We invite our CFAES community to attend the seminars or view the recordings and share feedback via the surveys that will be available for access through future Dean's Updates.

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

4-H Center or [Join via Zoom](#); Reception to follow from 11:30-12:00pm.

- Dr. Deb VanOverbeke ([PDF Application Materials](#)), April 14-15, 2022
 - **Vision Seminar, April 14, 11:00am-12:00pm**; International Room, Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center or [Join via Zoom](#); Reception to follow from 12:00-12:30pm.

Thank you in advance for your engagement in this process and taking the time to provide feedback on each candidate. We want your input and feedback as we move forward with this position. Please reach out to Senior Associate Dean Tracy Kitchel (.2) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Dean Cathann Kress

Update Includes:

- Virtual Workshop on Nominations of Faculty for Major External Awards
- Celebration of Students Week - Volunteer Assistance
- 2023-2024 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program_Core Competition – Now Open
- First Ohio 4-H SPARK EXPO to be Held June 16-18
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- Sixty Years of Peace Corps at Ohio State: Honoring the Past, Preparing for the Future
- Application open for 2022-23 Engagement Grants
- Apply now for Outreach and Engagement Staff Grants

Virtual Workshop on Nominations of Faculty for Major External Awards

The Office of Knowledge Enterprise Task Force for Awards and Nominations is working to assist faculty and university leadership in facilitating successful nominations of university faculty for highly prestigious external awards. We will offer a workshop on **Thursday April 14, 2:00-3:00 PM** via Zoom. This workshop will provide information and advice on nomination strategies, and is targeted to deans, department chairs, and awards committee chairs. Please forward this invitation to anyone you think might benefit. Please register [here](#). Questions should be sent to OKEFacultyExternalAwards@osu.edu. Workshop materials will be provided to registrants and will be made available upon request after the workshop.

Celebration of Students Week - Volunteer Assistance

Join us in recognizing our students during Celebration of Students Week - April 11-15, 2022. We will have events and activities throughout the week and we are looking for volunteers to help on **Tuesday, April 12th** and **Wednesday, April 13th** in **Columbus** and **Wooster**. Both of these days provide free activities for students - help us pass out giveaway items on Tuesday or assist with therapy dogs and a planting activity on Wednesday.

The purpose of this programming is to support all students in CFAES. All events and activities will be available on a first come, first served basis. Students will be asked to sign-in when they receive giveaway items.

We encourage CFAES leadership to attend, and meet students as well as fellow faculty, and staff. [Sign-up here to help](#). Questions can be sent to Jill Arnett.179@osu.edu.

The Celebration of Students program will be held on April 14th. Today is the last day to register at: go.osu.edu/CFAESCOS. Questions can be sent to Renee Fawcett.78@osu.edu.

2023-2024 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program_Core Competition – Now Open

The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program offers awards for U.S. citizens to teach, research, and conduct professional projects in more than 130 countries. University faculty and administrators, as well as professionals, artists, journalists, scientists, lawyers, and many others, can join the more than 400,000 Fulbrighters who have come

away with enhanced skills, new connections and greater mutual understanding. Interested faculty and professionals are encouraged to visit the [Catalog of Awards](#) to learn about opportunities. Fulbright opportunities range from a few months to a full year and many awards offer [flexible](#) durations. The **application deadline for most awards is September 15, 2022.**

Ohio State will hold its **Annual Fulbright Week April 4-8, 2022.** This initiative is co-organized by the Office of International Affairs and the Undergraduate Fellowship Office and offers a week of events acknowledging past Fulbright and Fulbright-Hays recipients, hosting workshops, information sessions and open houses designed to inform potential Ohio State faculty, undergraduate and graduate student applicants about the opportunities available through the Fulbright U.S. Student and Scholar and Fulbright-Hays programs. All faculty, professionals and students are welcome to participate in a myriad of [Fulbright Week 2022 activities](#).

First Ohio 4-H SPARK EXPO to be Held June 16-18

The 4-H Spark EXPO (Exploring Pathway Opportunities) is an exciting NEW opportunity for youth who have completed the eighth grade at the conclusion of the 2021-2022 school year. Three days of fun and learning with activities to explore a variety of career and educational opportunities in sessions created just for SPARK EXPO attendees at Ohio State's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. Attendees will also get the chance to develop valuable skills, make new friends, and fuel individual growth! They'll get the first glimpse of the premiere college and career readiness program, Ohio 4-H Pathways to the Future.

Pre-registration is now available at go.osu.edu/sparkexporeg until April 15. To learn more visit go.osu.edu/4hsparkexpo or contact Margo Long, Program Manager, Ohio 4-H Workforce Development and Pathways at long.1632@osu.edu.

ACT Sticker Sale Now Accepting Orders

"The OSU Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow Chapter is now hosting the annual [ACT Sticker Sale](#). Stickers are Ohio State, agriculture & Ohio- related. Sales, made on Google Forms & paid through Venmo, will close [April 15th](#). Sticker proceeds will go toward ACT chapter functions & events, such as philanthropy work, Night for Young Professionals and Farmer's Share. Support ACT & place your order here: <https://forms.gle/3LB3JCQbHZ1zKv637>

Sixty Years of Peace Corps at Ohio State: Honoring the Past, Preparing for the Future

Ohio State is hosting two events offering students, faculty and staff an opportunity to discuss internationalization, civic engagement and global citizenship – and our path forward in these spaces. On April 6, Alana DeJoseph, producer and director of "A Towering Task: The Story of the Peace Corps," will visit campus for a film screening event and discussion centered around global citizenship. On April 7, a captivating event and panel will focus on the experiences and insights of returned Peace Corps volunteers spanning six decades. Both events include refreshments and are free to attend. [Read more.](#)

Application open for 2022-23 Engagement Grants

The Office of Outreach and Engagement is seeking applications from faculty and/or faculty-led teams, and university staff that hold PI status, for the 2022-23 Engagement Grants. Grants will be awarded up to \$20,000 to support development of impact reports for programs, performances or exhibits; development of a public policy document or impact report; development or implementation of a program, performance, exhibition, or initiative; or enhance or expand a program that extends community access to the university. Application deadline is April 15. [Read more.](#)

Apply now for Outreach and Engagement Staff Grants

The Office of Outreach and Engagement is offering two grant opportunities for university staff: Outreach and Engagement Professional Development Grants and Outreach and Engagement Community Programs and Events Grants. Both grants are for a maximum of \$500. Applications due April 22. [Read more.](#)

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