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CFAES Community,

This past weekend, we celebrated commencement with our graduating students. Their accomplishments are a testament to their determination and to the support of an entire community focused on their success. Though we wish the weather would have been better, it was great to celebrate in person at CFAES Wooster and in the Shoe in Columbus. Thank you to everyone who made these events a success.

When summer classes start Wednesday, the CFAES community should continue to follow the protocols listed on [Safe and Healthy Buckeyes website](#), including wearing masks and maintaining physical distancing. Most guidelines from spring semester remain in place, although [events and gatherings](#) are now permitted if organizers follow the appropriate approval process.

As we continue planning for return to offices/campuses, we know faculty and staff whose offices reside on the Columbus and CFAES Wooster campuses may be wondering about expectations around telework and returning to the office. Faculty generally know what teaching will look like in the fall and for our Extension offices on the Statewide Campus, a planning process/expectation for statewide campus staff is in place for the summer. Unless you have talked about a change with your supervisor, we aren't expecting major shifts in the amount of telework versus being in the office this summer. We won't ask employees to suddenly change from their current schedule to being in the office full time. We expect additional guidance soon from the Office of Human Resources for managers and employees. Once that information is available, we will ask unit heads to have a general plan in place by July 1 for teams/individual staff for implementing in mid-August.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Sathya Gopalakrishnan and Dr. Caryn Filson on their recent university awards. Dr. Sathya Gopalakrishnan, associate professor in the Department of Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics, was selected to receive a 2021 President and Provost's Award for Distinguished Faculty Service. This award recognizes exemplary service at the university level and, this year, Sathya is one of three faculty members to be chosen for this honor. Dr. Caryn Filson, assistant professor in the Department of Agricultural Communication, Education, and Leadership, was selected to receive a 2021 Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching. This award annually recognizes no more than 10 faculty members for their teaching excellence.

I would also like to congratulate Dr. Emily Buck, associate professor in the Department of Agricultural Communication, Education, and Leadership on her selection to the Big Ten Academic Alliance Academic Leadership Program. She is one of six OSU Fellows selected for this prestigious recognition.

My executive assistant, Lynette Arner, has accepted a position with the Office of the President. Her last day with CFAES is Friday, May 14. All inquiries and scheduling requests for me should now be sent to cfaesdean@osu.edu and my interim executive assistant, Sarah DeVilbiss, or chief of staff, Lori Bowman, will respond accordingly. We appreciate all Lynette has done during her time with CFAES and look forward to continuing to work with her in her new role.

Be well.
Dean Cathann Kress

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Search for Professor and Chair of the Department of Animal Sciences

The search for Professor and Chair of the Department of Animal Sciences is moving forward with a virtual interview process for the finalist candidates. We invite our CFAES community to attend the candidates' seminars at the below times or view the recordings. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask the candidates questions during the seminars, and after the interviews, there will be opportunities to share feedback. For questions about administrative searches, please reach out to Senior Associate Dean Tracy Kitchel (.2).

- Erdogan Memili ([CV](#)) **May 7, 9:00-10:00 a.m.**
 - [View the recording](#) of Dr. Memili's seminar.
 - Please use this [Qualtrics link](#) to provide your feedback by May 18.
- Paul Kononoff ([CV](#)) **May 11, 10:30-11:30 a.m.**
 - [View the recording](#) of Dr. Kononoff's seminar.
 - Please use this [Qualtrics link](#) to provide your feedback by May 18.
- Sid Thakur ([CV](#)) **May 14, 9:00-10:00 a.m.** [Join the Zoom webinar.](#)

Nominations Sought for Faculty Trustee

The Board of Trustees is seeking a faculty member to serve a two-year term on the newly created Research, Innovation & Strategic Partnerships committee. Nominations are due by Friday, May 21. Learn more [about the opportunity](#).

'Keep Teaching' Resources are Moving

Resources that had been available on the Keep Teaching website have moved to the new [Teaching and Learning Resource Center](#). This hub of resources draws from partners across campus, including the [Drake Institute for Teaching and Learning](#).

The Second Pandemic: Understanding and Challenging the Rise in Anti-Asian Racism in the Wake of COVID-19

Monday, May 17th, 12:00-2:00PM via Zoom. [Register Here](#).

"The Second Pandemic: Understanding and Challenging the Rise in Anti-Asian Racism in the Wake of COVID-19" will address how racism against Asian communities is manifesting during the pandemic. Discussion during this webinar will include an overview of how anti-Asian racism has resurfaced since the pandemic, the history Asian Americans have with racial oppression, and bystander intervention strategies for self-advocacy and for others to use to stand in solidarity with Asian communities.

Presenters:

- Sophia Antoun (she/her), Program Specialist, Office of Diversity and Inclusion
- Leo Taylor (he/him), Program Manager for Faculty and Staff Affairs, Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences
- Lena Tenney (they/them), Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer, College of Pharmacy

Complete Mandatory Sexual Misconduct Prevention Education

All CFAES faculty, staff and student employees must complete Report = Support! training by **May 30, 2021**. Everyone plays a key role in keeping Ohio State safe, and it's important to know how to identify, disrupt and report sexual misconduct. As soon as you can, please view your BuckeyeLearn transcript at buckeyelearn.osu.edu to complete the requirement. [Read more](#). This year, any merit-eligible employee who does not complete the course by **May 30, 2021**, will not be eligible for an annual merit increase. Student employees, graduate associates and employees who are not eligible for merit increases may be subject to unit-specific consequences for non-completion. Bargaining unit employees should follow their applicable collective bargaining agreements.

Town Halls for Human Resources Leader Search

A virtual town hall will be held from **12-1 p.m. today, May 12**, to gather input on the search for Ohio State's next senior vice president of talent, culture and human resources. This session will include remarks by search committee chair Anne Garcia, senior vice president and general counsel, followed by a discussion about the work environment and the desired qualifications of the next leader. [Read more](#).

Paper and Bytes: Managing Ohio State Records

As a public institution, Ohio State must comply with laws governing public records. On May 19, 9-11 a.m., join an online instructor-led webinar that educates participants about university policies, legal requirements and best practices concerning the retention, management, and disposition of records. You will also learn practical tips and techniques for managing email and organizing electronic records. Paper and Bytes is provided in partnership by University Libraries and the Office of Human Resources. [Read more](#).

Other Upcoming University Events

- Starting at 9 a.m. **next Monday (May 17)**, a [Carmen Common Sense Cohort](#) will guide instructors through the best practices of using Carmen, with an eye toward enhancing student learning. This cohort is facilitated by Clinical Associate Professor Nicole Kraft from the School of Communication and will meet through May 20.
- At 10:30 a.m. **next Wednesday (May 19)**, [Integrating Student iPads into Your Course](#) will share examples of the ways in which iPads can bolster course components and support student learning, engagement and digital fluency. Participants do not need to own or use an iPad to attend this workshop.
- At noon **next Thursday (May 20)**, an [Information Literacy](#) workshop will explore strategies instructors can use to clarify student expectations and common misunderstandings around research and inquiry-based assignments.

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