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CFAES Community,

As we look forward to commencement this weekend, I want to congratulate all our graduates on this accomplishment as well as thank all of you who helped them achieve this goal, especially during this challenging year. I look forward to celebrating with you up at CFAES Wooster on Saturday and in the Shoe on Sunday.

Due to changes to the 2020-21 academic calendar, there is more time between the end of spring finals and [commencement](#) this year. Commencement is May 9 and summer term begins May 13. With vaccinations on the rise, the university is planning to return to our traditional calendar in the coming academic year, with normal fall, winter and spring breaks. The [academic calendar](#) is posted on the registrar's website.

Congratulations to Dr. Jonathan Jacobs, assistant professor in plant pathology, who will be receiving the 2021 Hewitt and Hewitt Award from the American Phytopathological Society (APS). This national award recognizes a scientist within seven years of receiving a PhD who has made an outstanding and innovative contribution directed towards the control of plant disease. Dr. Jacobs is being recognized for substantially increasing our understanding of pathogenesis of plants by bacteria, development of novel diagnostic tools, and for developing improved approaches for visualizing bacterial activity with microscopy. [Read more.](#)

Welcome to our new Undergraduate Student Council and Graduate Student Advisory Committee leaders. - Undergraduate Student Council leaders include: Joe Gryboski.3, Animal Sciences; Lydia Krage.6, Sustainable Plant Systems; Matt Roth.641, Agricultural Education; Aleacia Laird.118, Plant Pathology; Jayden Black.929, Sustainable Plant Systems; and Arica Hamilton.1331, Agricultural Communication. Graduate Student Advisory Committee leaders include: April White.3598, Animal Sciences; Kameron Rinehart.228, ACEL; Caralee Shepard.240, Entomology; Holly Huellemeier.1, FABE; and Michelle Pham.457, Environmental Sciences. We look forward to working with all of you in the coming year – we also want to thank Hannah Maggard (UGSC), Chris Wiegman (GSAC) and all the outgoing officers for their leadership throughout this past year.

I also want to thank the DEI Action Council who recently forwarded their recommendations to me. I look forward to sharing their ideas and working together on these important issues.

Be well.
Dean Cathann Kress

Updates Include:

- Complete Mandatory Sexual Misconduct Prevention Education
- Host a DEI Webinar for your Department/Unit
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- Promotion and Tenure Discussion
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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](#). Any merit-eligible employee (staff and faculty) who does not complete the assigned course by **May 30, 2021**, may not be eligible if annual merit increases are available this year. Bargaining unit employees should follow their applicable collective bargaining agreements. Student employees, graduate associates and employees who are not eligible for merit increases may be subject to unit-specific consequences for non-completion.

CFAES Completion rate as of 5/4/2021:

- Overall: 73.63%
- Faculty & Staff: 78.84%
- Student Employees: 59.20%

Host a DEI Webinar for your Department/Unit

Did you know that in addition to offering monthly, open webinars, the [CFAES Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion](#) offers **in-house delivery of programs to any CFAES unit or department by request for FREE?** Available webinars address topics such as implicit bias, microaggressions, bystander intervention, power and privilege, inclusive hiring, and LGBTQ+ issues. If you are interested in hosting a program for members of your unit or department or would like more information, please contact Dr. Leo Taylor, Program Manager for Faculty and Staff Affairs at taylor.3408@osu.edu. Visit the DEI website for descriptions of [upcoming](#) and [past](#) programs to get a better idea about currently available topics. Suggestions for new programs/topics are always welcome!

You Can Be Vaccinated at The Union, Schott And Many Other Locations

The vaccination site in the Ohio Union, which was specifically established to serve students, faculty and staff, will continue operating through at least **Friday, May 7**, in the Performance Hall. The Union site is open from 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Appointments at the Union or at the Schottenstein Center can be scheduled through [MyChart](#) or by calling the Wexner Medical Center COVID-19 vaccine hotline at 614-688-VAXX;(614-688-8299). Information about these sites and many other vaccination locations throughout Ohio are listed on the [Safe and Healthy vaccination page](#).

Summer Tuition Assistance Enrollment Window New Requirements

New for summer 2021, applications will be required for faculty and staff tuition assistance. The enrollment window for summer semester 2021 ends May 14. Eligible faculty and staff can apply in Workday or with paper forms. Applications for dependent tuition assistance must also continue to be submitted each term. Starting summer 2021, both parents will be required to enroll in dependent tuition assistance to qualify for the 75% benefit. To receive dependent tuition benefits, the student must have a Social Security number on file with their university student record. See the HR website for more details. [Read more](#).

Promotion and Tenure Discussion

Register now for a [panel discussion on creating dossiers for promotion and tenure](#) to describe interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary scholarship and creative expression. The panel, which will take place from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, May 19**, will feature Helen Malone, vice provost for academic policy and faculty resources.

Applications Sought for Faculty Ombudsperson

Ohio State is launching a search to fill the vital role of faculty ombudsperson, who serves as an independent resource to assist faculty members. Applications are due Monday, May 17, 2021. For more information, visit the [OAA website](#).

Parking Upgrade/Downgrade Program

CampusParc will be taking upgrade/downgrade requests for the 2021-22 parking permit year until May 31. Faculty may request a downgrade to the Central Campus B permit. Staff may request an upgrade to the Central Campus A permit. Upgrades and downgrades will be awarded at random. The [Permit Comparison Tool](#) allows you to compare and review permit options. [Read more.](#)

Recovery Ally Training

Join the Student Wellness Center for Recovery Is Spoken Here trainings for faculty, staff and students. Our aim is to foster an environment where students in or seeking recovery from substance misuse feel accepted by their peers, are empowered to live genuinely, feel comfortable asking for help and are celebrated by the Ohio State community. [Read more.](#)

USAC Conversation on Diversity and Inclusion

University staff and administrators are invited to watch as the University Staff Advisory Committee hosts a diversity and inclusion conversation facilitated by James L. Moore, III, vice provost for Diversity and Inclusion and chief diversity officer. The event, scheduled for June 8 at 2 p.m., will provide an opportunity for staff and administrators to help create a more equitable, healthy, supportive and nurturing community. [Read more.](#)

MINDSTRONG Sessions Build Coping and Resiliency Skills

Find your light through the seven-session MINDSTRONG program offered by a CARES grant-funded partnership of the Office of the Chief Wellness Officer, Office of Student Life and College of Nursing. Open to undergraduate and graduate/professional students, you will learn coping and resiliency skills to help you reduce stress and anxiety now and beyond the pandemic. Sessions start on May 10. Register today. [Read more.](#)

Friends of Secrest Arboretum Spring Plant Sale

Shop [ONLINE](#) now through **Sunday, May 9th** for an exciting selection of new and noteworthy trees, shrubs and perennials. This year we are offering a number of "Secrest Superstars" chosen for their impressive performance. Safe, socially-distanced pickup times are scheduled at check out. Your purchase directly supports Secrest Arboretum programming, garden maintenance and improvement projects. Non-members can join Friends of Secrest for a 10% discount! More information at www.friendsofsecrest.com.

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