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Subject: Dean's Update
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From: CFAES Office of the Vice President and Dean
To: cfaes-all@lists.osu.edu
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CFAES Community,

I hope you had a safe and enjoyable holiday. I am thankful to have each of you in our CFAES community and I hope to see many of you at our upcoming CFAES Holiday Open Houses. As a reminder, the open houses will take place on November 29th in Columbus and on December 1st in Wooster. If you haven't already, please RSVP at: <https://go.osu.edu/CFAESHolidayRSVP>. We will also be hosting a dessert reception for our Extension colleagues during the JCEP Meeting on December 4th.

The nomination window for the 2023-2024 College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences faculty and staff awards is open through **November 30, 2023**. Criteria and nomination requirements for all awards, past recipients, and the link to submit nominations can be found at <https://go.osu.edu/cfaesawardnominations>.

To reduce the cost of health care and earn the [2024 premium credit](#), benefit-eligible faculty and staff and their medically enrolled spouses will need to complete a verified biometric screening and the Personal Health and Well-being Assessment by December 31, 2023. Enrolled faculty and staff can earn a \$25/month premium credit, or up to \$40/month with an enrolled spouse. Learn [where to find the PHA](#) and the [ways to complete a biometric screening](#).

Ohio State's [Lifestyle Spending Account \(LSA\)](#) reimburses employees up to \$125 quarterly for eligible expenses related to health, fitness, family, emotional and social wellness. The fourth quarter ends December 31. Employees have until January 15 to submit reimbursement request documentation for eligible expenses incurred October 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023. Unused LSA funds do not carry over to the following quarter.

The Student Evaluation of Instruction (SEI) is now available for full-term classes and opens Dec. 30 for second session classes. Notifications were emailed to instructors with active SEIs. Students can complete evaluations in Carmen, the Ohio State App or BuckeyeLink. Instructors should remind students of the importance of SEIs as this often leads to higher response rates. SEIs close Dec. 7 at 11:59 p.m. or the day after a grade is posted for the student; whichever comes first. [Read more.](#)

Please see below for a "Town Hall for Envisioning School of Computing" shared on behalf of the College of Engineering.

Sincerely,
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Town Hall for Envisioning School of Computing

You are invited to a Town Hall on Wednesday, December 6th, at 11am. During this event, a pan-university Working Group will share their report on Envisioning Computing at Ohio State, seek your comments and address any questions you may have about a proposed School of Computing. The Town Hall will be held as a virtual 1-hour session. To register for the event, use this link: <https://osu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJArc-utrjMuE9CCHOLa0CiqTU9WNvVKMU2v>

Similar Town Halls are being hosted with other colleges separately on November 30th, December 1st, 4th, and 5th; should you prefer to join one of those, please let Ingrid Rivera (at rivera.5@osu.edu) know.