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CFAES Community –

We hosted several tours of our Waterman Agricultural and Natural Resources Laboratory where we were able to share an overview of our broad portfolio of work and our vision for Waterman with university and industry partners, including our new provost, Melissa Gilliam. A specialty roof system from the Netherlands was recently delivered and installed at the Controlled Environment Food Production Research Complex (CEFPRC). The project is almost halfway complete with all structures now enclosed in preparation for winter weather conditions. The CEFPRC is scheduled to open September 2022. [Read more.](#)

The search process for Professor and Director of the School of Environment and Natural Resources has begun. The search committee has been identified and the position description will be available soon. We invite all of our CFAES community to share the position description within your networks once it is available. Information about this search can be found at: <https://cfaes.osu.edu/people/leadership-searches>. For questions about administrative searches, please reach out to Senior Associate Dean Tracy Kitchel (.2).

Congratulations to Shannon Washburn, professor and chair of the Department of Agricultural Communication, Education, and Leadership (ACEL) on being named the CFAES Sanford G. Price and Isabelle P. Barbee Chair in Teaching, Advising, and Learning. [Learn more.](#)

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Linda Saif and Dr. Mo Saif for being selected as inaugural Fellows of the Conference of Research Workers in Animals Diseases (CRWAD). The CRWAD (<https://crwad.org/>) organization was established in 1920 and brings together people every year to discuss and share the recent advances in animal diseases research.

Be well.  
Dean Cathann Kress

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### **Open Enrollment for 2022 Benefits**

Open Enrollment for 2022 benefits started Nov. 1 and ends Nov. 15. Open Enrollment is the annual opportunity to assess your benefits and make sure they will continue to meet your needs for the coming year. Visit [hr.osu.edu/oe/webinars](https://hr.osu.edu/oe/webinars) for information on Open Enrollment webinars and recorded presentations. [Read more.](#)

### **DEI Noteworthy Dates**

In accordance with our Principles of Community, CFAES is striving to build and maintain a college-wide culture that is accepting and respectful of all faculty, staff, and students. You can [review our Principles of Community](#) and share them with others. This month we recognize several important historical moments in our country's diversity, equity and inclusion efforts:

- **Native American/American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month** - every year on November 1, Native American Heritage Month is celebrated to honor the remarkable Native Americans who have contributed to improving the character of the nation. This month is also referred to as the American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month. [Learn more.](#) The OSU Student Life Multicultural Center has a variety of programs for Native American History Month. [Learn more.](#)
- **Veterans Day** is celebrated on November 11 - the theme for 2021 is centered on the centennial commemoration of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Located at Arlington National Cemetery, the Tomb was initially dedicated by the Army on Armistice Day, November 11, 1921, with the burial of an unknown service member from World War I. Over the past century, additional unknowns have been buried at the Tomb, and the site has become a people's memorial that inspires reflection on service, valor, sacrifice and mourning.
- **Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR)** is an annual observance on November 20 that honors the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence. [Learn more.](#)

#### **Last Day to Make Your Buckeyes for Charity Pledge**

Buckeyes for Charity is your opportunity to support statewide nonprofit organizations by choosing a cause important to you and giving via credit card, cash, check or payroll deduction. Choose from more than 850 Ohio nonprofit organizations that support causes such as housing, food security, health services, animal welfare, education, advocacy programs or the environment. The campaign ends today (Nov. 5). Any donation will make an impact and together we are Caring for Ohioans. [Read more.](#)

#### **Zoom's Update Policy to Begin Next Year**

We previously shared that beginning November 1, you would be prompted to update your Zoom app when joining a meeting if the app was more than 9 months old. While it is still important to keep your Zoom app up to date, this policy change will take effect at a later date. Based on customer feedback and the upcoming holiday season, Zoom has decided to delay this change until 2022. [Learn more.](#)

#### **Play Your Way Through the Holidays**

Join OSU Extension for a fall email wellness challenge. From Nov. 15 to Dec. 26, receive two email messages a week with tips and encouragement to stay well during the holiday season. New this year: the opportunity to play Bingo throughout the challenge and optional wellness webinars that complement and build on challenge content. [Read more.](#)

#### **Subaward Office Hours**

The Office of Sponsored Programs is now offering open office hours on Thursdays, 1:30-2:30 for questions and assistance with subawards under sponsored projects. Laurie Rosenberg, Senior SPO/Subaward Administrator and Phillip Baum, Grants Operation Center Lead will be available to answer questions about the overall subaward process, including invoicing; initiating new supplier contracts and amending existing supplier contracts in Workday; as well as identify subaward resources and provide guidance in selecting the correct subrecipient in Workday. Questions submitted through the Qualtrics survey will be addressed first in the Zoom office hours and additional questions will be answered as time permits. [Register for a session.](#) [Link to Zoom session](#) (Zoom link is the same for each session). Links to Qualtrics surveys to submit questions in advance:

- [November 4](#)
- [November 18](#)
- [December 2](#)

- [December 9](#)

### **2022 Borlaug CAST Communication Award**

Nominations are now open for the 2022 Borlaug CAST Communication Award, an honor that recognizes professionals actively working in the agricultural, environmental, or food sectors who are promoting agricultural science in the public policy arena. [Learn more and download the nomination packet here.](#)

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