CFAES Community,

Last week, our 4-H program hosted Google and National 4-H Council on October 5 for a computer science event that included more than 50 youth from the William Adams Clovers CODE 4-H Club and the Let’s Get Better Together 4-H Club from Franklin County. The group shared their skills with Lt. Governor Jon Husted who asked them how they used technology in their daily lives and watched as they completed a coding activity led by Dr. Mark Light, Leader Ohio 4-H STEM & Digital Engagement Innovations. Ohio 4-H was selected by Google to showcase a $5 million gift to National 4-H Council, which will expand computer science programming throughout the country. Learn more.

As a reminder, on **Friday, October 14** from 10:00-11:30 CFAES Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Assistant Dean and Director, Dr. Kathy Lechman will share the results of the faculty and staff climate survey and focus groups with the college via Zoom. If you cannot participate at that time, the session will be recorded for later viewing. Once you register you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. To register click [here](#). Registration is required. Also, on **Thursday, October 20** from 2:00-3:00 Assistant Dean and Director, Dr. Kathy Lechman will present the findings from the departmental audits via Zoom. If you cannot participate at that time the session will be recorded for future viewing. To register click [here](#). Registration is required.

School of Environment and Natural Resources faculty Dr. Rattan Lal and Dr. Shoshanah Inwood are presenters at Food Tank 50 State Summit Tour "Nourishing America" on World Food Day, Oct. 16, 2022, in Columbus. The tour will take place over four years and is a regional partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations North America, International Fund for Agricultural Development, and the World Food Program USA. Learn more and register.

As we head into the middle of the semester, I’d like to remind everyone of the assistance and emotional support resources available to our faculty, staff, and students. Please encourage students in need of assistance or emotional support to reach out to the Office of Student Life’s Counseling and Consultation Service, or a CFAES embedded counselor. Students can also access the support and resources provided by the Student Wellness Center, the Student Advocacy Center, the Center for Belonging and Social Change and the Office of International Affairs. Faculty and staff in need of assistance can contact Ohio State’s Employee Assistance Program.

The university requires all students and employees to complete online sexual misconduct prevention education each academic year. Emails were sent Sept. 22 to notify the university community that Report=Support and U Got This!/U Got This 2!, are now available on BuckeyeLearn. This year, merit-eligible employees who do not complete Report=Support by **April 28, 2023**, will not be eligible for annual merit increases that take effect September 2023. Complete the training here.

Sincerely,
Dean Cathann Kress