

**Subject:** Dean's Update  
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CFAES Community –

Support the 72nd Annual OSU Poultry Science Club Turkey Sale by ordering a free range, antibiotic free, vegetable fed turkey from *Bowman & Landes Turkeys* of Dayton, OH. **All orders must be received by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>.** To order online visit: [OSU Poultry Science Club's 72nd Annual Turkey Sale \(google.com\)](#). To Order by mail or email: [use this form](#). **Turkey Pick Up** will be at the Animal Science Building (Columbus), Outside of Room 117 on **Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>** from 1:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. or **Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Please use the entrance between Food Science and Animal Science Building. Payment can be made in cash, Venmo, or check in full at pickup. **Credit cards are not accepted.** Checks can be made payable to Poultry Science Club at OSU.

Staff are encouraged to save the date to join President Johnson at the All-Staff Wellness Event on **Friday, November 4 from 8:00-10:00 a.m.** This free event is hosted by USAC in collaboration with the Office of the Chief Wellness Officer to emphasize our University's commitment to employee health, wellness and general well-being. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn more about the health and wellness programs, services and programs available to them as Ohio State employees. Attend in-person at the RPAC or virtually via a live stream. Attendees (both in-person and virtual) are eligible to win PulseCash (within Your Plan for Health) and gift cards to local restaurants and retailers. Registration is required by **November 2**. Visit [go.osu.edu/staffwellness2022](http://go.osu.edu/staffwellness2022) to register.

To reduce the cost of health care and earn the [2023 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, 2022. Enrolled faculty and staff can earn a \$25/month premium credit, or up to \$40/month with an enrolled spouse. [Learn about the ways to complete a biometric screening.](#)

Last month, I shared an update on our [CFAES Facilities Master Plan and key facilities project](#). The fall colors are bringing a beautiful reminder of the seasonal changes and for this update we will focus on significant improvements on the CFAES Wooster campus this summer, and over the coming weeks.

If you have noticed more activity around the campus core this semester, that is the direct result of adding 4 more classrooms for ATI course instruction. Two in the Shisler conference center, one in Fisher, and one in the CFAES Wooster Administration Building. Additionally, 9-holes of disc golf were installed between the arboretum and the ATI housing complex.

Completed Projects: The Selby Hall elevator modernization project (\$447,545) was completed, including work to the shaft over the summer and the team worked through the week with no electricity. Selby Hall also had some major ventilation work completed. Gourley Greenhouse had an upgrade to facilitate the work of Entomology studies as well as fixes to the shade cloth. Installation of a new seed storage facility in the basement of Williams Hall headhouse is essentially complete with final State inspections remaining (\$500,000).

New Projects: Construction is about to start on new signage for the Madison Ave. Entry and at the corner of Secrest and Madison. This project was started in 2016 to improve campus identification and to remove the

outdated and broken display in the current entry signage. The total for both projects is \$500,000 and will be completed by mid-February.

Secondly, we are in the final stages of abatement and will begin to demolish the old men's dorm as well as the house that was damaged during the June 14<sup>th</sup> storm.

Another major addition to the campus will be the new art piece that is planned for the CFAES Wooster Science Building. This is part of a State of Ohio requirement that a percentage of the total cost of construction be set aside for art. Installation is in progress on the West side of the Science Building.

Construction continues at the Heat Plant for the replacement of the main boiler serving most of the buildings on the north side of campus. This new boiler is being assembled piece by piece onsite in the original boiler room. The total project budget is \$9,000,000 with completion expected by late spring 2023.

We also ordered a new swine finishing facility to be placed at the Grace Drake Swine Area (construction budget \$955,600); the Snyder Farm Boiler replacement for the grain drying facility (\$199,798), and the Wooster National Greenhouse HVAC (ATI, \$322,259).

Projects ready to go out to bid include: Improvements for the Krauss Research and Teaching Dairy (construction budget of \$1,605,000) with GDAL Dairy bid as an alternate; and the USDA build out of lab 305 in the New Science building which is projected to bid in early November (construction budget of \$500,000).

- Projects under review to identify best solutions include: Repairs to the Poultry facility to improve controls of the rooms; and replacement of the Gourley coolers and seed storage.

In the coming weeks, we plan to provide updates for the Columbus campus projects. If you have questions or would like more information on these projects, please reach out to Dr. Graham Cochran, associate dean for operations at [cochran.99@osu.edu](mailto:cochran.99@osu.edu).

Sincerely,  
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