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CFAES Community -

What a great celebration this week for the 30th Anniversary of our Ohio State South Centers. South Centers, located in Piketon, provides research and educational support to community leaders, educators, entrepreneurs, and the general public. Through their research and extension programs they promote, develop, and support innovative and profitable enterprises by integrating research and education with an overall goal to sustain the farm, forest, and water resources in southern Ohio. Congratulations to the South Centers team, under the leadership of Tom Worley on 30 years of success, innovation and partnership. If you'd like to learn more about how you could connect with South Centers, visit their website: <https://southcenters.osu.edu/home>.

We also kicked off our new CFAES STARS (Strategic Alignment for Research Success) Program, a new initiative to identify and develop the next generation of research leaders among early and mid-career tenure track faculty within CFAES. The goal of the STARS Program is to propel emerging research leaders to take their research programs to a higher and more collaborative level. The program will provide participants with the information, skills, and connections they need to assemble and lead large-scale teams in the pursuit of major extramural funding.

And finally, congratulations to Brian Roe, who will serve as a co-principal investigator on a \$15 million NSF grant along with four colleagues from American University, Johns Hopkins University, Morgan State University, and the Rochester Institute of Technology. The project, [Multiscale RECIPES for Sustainable Food Systems](#), officially kicks off on Oct. 1. RECIPES is short for Resilient, Equitable, and Circular Innovations With Partnership and Education Synergies.

Be well.
Dean Cathann Kress

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Knowledge Exchange Announces Carbon Central

For anyone navigating carbon markets or assisting Ohio producers, the Knowledge Exchange has gathered the latest research, links, and information from the college on [Carbon Central](#). The new web page includes links to CFAES web pages, terminology, videos, a handout, and carbon market websites from Ohio commodity partners. If you have content to add to Carbon Central, please email kx@osu.edu.

CFAES Time & Change Webinar Series: Happy Homecoming Week with Dean Kress and Guests

Join us Tuesday, **October 5 from 10-11 a.m.** during Ohio State's Homecoming week for a webinar hosted by CFAES Dean Cathann A. Kress and the leaders of CFAES Alumni Society, Student Council, Faculty Advisory Council, and Staff Advisory Council! Connect with fellow CFAES students, colleagues, and alumni and learn more about what's happening on campus and beyond in our CFAES community. [Register today.](#)

63rd Annual Alumni Awards Ceremony

Please join The Ohio State University Alumni Association Board of Directors for the 63rd annual Alumni Awards Ceremony on **Thursday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m.** This interactive virtual event will allow you to celebrate our 2021 honorees, including CFAES Alumna Sally J. Rockey, PhD (BS, Zoology, 1980; MS, Entomology, 1982; PhD, Entomology, 1985) who will be receiving the 2021 Alumni Medalist Award. [Register here.](#)

A Conversation with Black Farmers and Educators

Join the Environmental Professionals Network (EPN) on **October 12** to learn from Black farmers, and about opportunities and challenges that exist for growing and enhancing connections to the land through agriculture and other regenerative land and community practices, including for youth of color. In addition, leaders from Ohio's two land grant institutions, Central State and Ohio State, will share about their efforts through Extension, engineering, and agricultural sciences to improve opportunities for Black farmers in Ohio. [Register now.](#)

2021 Farmershare by Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow

OSU ACT will once again be hosting **Farmer's Share** this year on **October 21st, 2021, from 3-6 p.m.** on the **Wexner Plaza**. We are excited for an in-person event again this year and want to extend the invitation to all CFAES students, faculty, and staff for our university-wide agricultural literacy experience. This immersive event will feature several CFAES student organizations and partners and will bring elements of agriculture and the farm right to central campus. For any questions or more information, contact ACT President, Joanna Frankenberg at frankenberg.12@osu.edu. For updates, follow @osu_act on Instagram for more exciting details!

STEP EXPO Reviewers

The Second-year Transformational Experience Program (STEP) is hosting its bi-annual **Dr. Javaune Adams-Gaston STEP Expo** across the week of November 1. It will feature ten one-hour sessions during which you'll have the opportunity to engage with students about their STEP Signature Project. We invite you to consider volunteering to serve as a STEP Expo Reviewer for one or more of these virtual sessions. Serving as a reviewer simply means you'll be assigned a handful of students to visit and interact with about their project—there is no formal evaluative component. If you're interested in volunteering, you can submit your availability [here](#) and the STEP team will follow-up with additional details. Please feel free to forward this opportunity to others in your units/departments who may have an interest in joining an expo session as a reviewer. Contact step@osu.edu with any questions.

Outreach and Engagement Staff Grants

The Office of Outreach and Engagement is offering two new grants for university staff. The Outreach and Engagement community programs and event grants provide staff with the opportunity to create and implement community-engaged programs, while the Outreach and Engagement Professional Development grant provides staff funding to further career growth and development. Both grants are for a maximum of \$500 and applications are due **Sept. 30**. [Read more.](#)

Internal Grants Program Graduate & Undergraduate Competitions – Request for Proposals Now Available!

The CFAES Office for Research & Graduate Education is pleased to announce the [Internal Grants Program \(IGP\) for Graduate and Undergraduate](#) students:

- Graduate Student Request for Proposals - [View](#)
- Undergraduate Student Request for Proposals – [View](#)

Know students who may be interested in learning more? Share this opportunity to join an information session designed to introduce students to the different programs, eligibility requirements, submission portal, and application and review processes. They will also have an opportunity to ask questions.

- Tuesday, November 9 from 10:30-11:30 AM – [Register Now](#)
- Wednesday, November 10 from 1:00-2:00 PM – [Register Now](#)
- Monday, November 15 from 10:30-11:30 AM – [Register Now](#)

Graduate proposals will be due **Wednesday, December 15, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.** Undergraduate proposals will be due **Friday, December 17, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.** Please direct all questions to CFAES-IGP@osu.edu or visit go.osu.edu/cfaes-igp for more information.

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