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CFAES Community –

As we finish out another week of the semester, I am reminded how grateful I am to be back to our traditions and back in person. Earlier this week, I toured Molly Caren as we make final preparations for this year's [Farm Science Review](#). We have a robust program planned and are appreciative of the leadership provided by Sam Custer, Nick Zachrich, Matt Sullivan, Nate Douridas and the entire team. Yesterday, I was at our CFAES Wooster campus celebrating the new home of our [Service Testing And Research Laboratory](#) (STAR) which is a research oriented analytical laboratory with the purpose of providing inorganic chemical analysis needed by researchers. If you're at CFAES Wooster, stop by and see lab manager, Sunny Park in the new spot in Hayden Hall. We also welcomed many partners and prospective students connected to our [partnership with Kubota](#) led by Kris Boone and Robby Frutchey. To get to the session, we were able to use the new walkway which now connects the ATI side of CFAES Wooster right to the new Science Building. It's a great addition to our campus and its connections.

Congratulations to Dr. Ahmed E. Yousef, in our department of Food Science and Technology for being [named the college's Virginia Hutchinson Bazler and Frank E. Bazler Chair in Food Science](#). We are grateful for the Bazler's support to create this endowed chair position for CFAES and excited to welcome Dr. Yousef to this position.

And finally, this weekend our Columbus campus will be full of Buckeyes coming for the home football opener. As many celebrate the day and the return of a much-loved tradition, I hope we also reflect on the 20-year anniversary of the September 11, 2021 terrorist attacks, and remember the lives lost and the courage, strength and commitment of those who responded to the tragic events.

Be well.
Dean Cathann Kress

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Vaccine Updates

The university shared more information with students, faculty, and staff last week about the vaccination requirement. There are lots of perspectives about our vaccine mandate and we encourage everyone to continue to check the [Safe and Healthy Buckeyes website](#) for additional information. There are extensive FAQs associated with the vaccination requirement and the exemption process.

- Students can continue to utilize the [My BuckMD](#) health portal, and those who have already reported their vaccination information do not need to re-submit it.

- Faculty and staff should report their status through the [Employee Reporting Form](#), even if they previously have shared their vaccination information with the university through other means.

Dates and deadlines:

- **9/1:** Portal opened to begin entering vaccination information or request an exemption
- **9/17:** Deadline to submit COVID-19 exemption requests to ensure that all requests can be reviewed prior to the Oct. 15 deadline
- **10/15:** Deadline to report at least your first vaccine dose or obtain an approved exemption.
- **11/15:** Deadline to complete second dose of vaccine (for those having a two-dose vaccine).

[Walk-in appointments are available on campus](#), and there are [Wexner Medical Center locations around central Ohio](#) and even more at [retail locations throughout the state](#).

Paid Time Off Policy Reminder

Ohio State provides paid and unpaid time off to support faculty and staff, including paid vacation, sick, parental, jury duty/court appearance, organ donation and other time off options. All paid time off offerings, eligibility and accrual are outlined in the Paid Time Off Policy. Vacation accrual in excess of the maximum carryover is eliminated on the employee's time off service date each year, not the end of the pay period. Please review the [HR website](#) and [policy](#) for additional information. [Read more.](#)

CFAES Awards: Call for Nominations

The CFAES Awards call for nominations is now open. The [CFAES Awards webpage](#) includes a grid outlining each award and criteria, a link to the Qualtrics nomination portal (see on website: Click Here to Nominate) and a link for additional nomination information for the Office of Research and Graduate Education awards. Note that some awards restrict to one nomination per TIU (department/school) or college unit. Award nominations are **due November 1, 2021**.

Questions about the process of submitting nominations can be directed to Michelle Anderson (.3484), Administrative Associate for Faculty and Staff Affairs. Questions about award areas and criteria can be addressed to the CFAES office that is sponsoring and coordinating the award (see <https://go.osu.edu/cfaesawardnominations> for that list of awards and coordinating offices).

Pelotonia Fundraising Continues until October 31

Help us meet our college goal to fundraise \$5,000 this year. We are already 72% of the way there... and every little bit counts! You can still donate to individual riders or the [CFAES Sustains Life](#) team. [CFAES Pelotonia magnets](#) can be purchased for only \$5 to contribute to our fundraising total. Show your CFAES pride! They look great on your car, decorating your office cabinets, and your refrigerator at home. They even make a fun gift! To order magnets, contact [Amy Glaze.41](#) and include how many you'd like. You can arrange in person pickup from Columbus or Wooster campus, or we can mail them if it would be easier.

Trauma Informed Teaching & Advising

As students, staff, and faculty navigate the new normal in a post-pandemic environment, we need to be aware that students will be returning to campus having experienced some kind of trauma. **Shed Siliman, Instructional Consultant from the Drake Institute for Teaching and Learning** will present a workshop on how we can provide learning and advising environments that are understanding and supportive and that consider where students are with regard to their ability to learn and process information. Join us **Monday September 13, 2021 from 3:00-4:30** on the CFAES Wooster Campus, Skou 206. **Please RSVP by Friday September 10** by clicking <https://ati.osu.edu/traumaRSVP>. *If you are concerned about attending in-person due to COVID, or you require an accommodation such as live captioning or interpretation to participate in this event, **please contact Lisa Dicus at dicus.18@osu.edu**.

Affordable Learning Exchange Seeks Grant Proposals

Instructors who want to transform their courses using open and affordable course materials may submit grant

proposals to the Affordable Learning Exchange (ALX) beginning **Friday, Sept. 10**. Any course at The Ohio State University is eligible for consideration, from small seminars to large, multi-section general education courses. [Learn more about grant opportunities and apply before October 8.](#)

Home Football Saturdays – CABS Service, Travel Impacts

On home football Saturdays, CABS routes (including paratransit and on-demand service) are suspended six hours before kickoff until two hours after the end of the game. This year, due to construction, the free football shuttle will provide service between the Carmack 1 parking lot and the Herrick Drive Transit Hub, from six hours before kickoff until one hour after the game. Motorists should plan ahead, allow additional travel time and follow the directions of traffic officials. [Read more.](#)

Upcoming University Events

- At 2 p.m. **Friday (Sept. 10)**, [Calling In: Turning Discomfort into Generative Moments](#) will discuss how to channel uncomfortable moments in class into productive conversations; tactics for redirecting and anchoring lessons; and how to plan for such moments.
- At noon **Monday (Sept. 13)**, [Peer Feedback for Health Sciences](#) provides in-depth understanding of best practices in providing peer review and for teaching the principles of peer feedback.

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