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CFAES Community,

This week, I traveled with several members of our CFAES Leadership to the Wayne County Fair. We met with several 4-H youth, Wayne County Commissioners, and Fair Board Members. Thank you to Doug Foxx, Melinda Hill, Haley Zynda and Frank Becker for their coordination, hospitality and sharing their expertise on the impacts of CFAES and OSU Extension on the Wayne County community.

Next week, I hope you can join us for the 59th annual [Farm Science Review](#) held September 21–23 at our Molly Caren Agricultural Center. There will be more than 100 educational sessions, including “Ask the Expert” talks; 600 exhibits; the most comprehensive field crop demonstrations in the United States; a career exploration fair; and immersive virtual reality videos of agricultural activities. Thank you to all those involved for their hard work preparing for the show. COVID-19 safety measures include spacing exhibitors and equipment further apart to allow for physical distancing, hand sanitizing stations are available across the show site, face masks are recommended and will be on site for those who need them, visitors who are ill are encouraged to stay home and plan to join us next year. For safety guidance and protocols related to COVID-19 at Farm Science Review, please visit [fsr.osu.edu/visitors/safety-guidelines-related-covid-19](https://fsr.osu.edu/visitors/safety-guidelines-related-covid-19).

Congratulations to both our Columbus and CFAES Wooster campuses for being recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation as 2020 Tree Campus Higher Education Institutions. To obtain this distinction, five core standards for effective campus forest management were met including establishment of a tree advisory committee, evidence of a campus tree care plan, dedicated annual expenditures for its campus tree program, an Arbor Day observance, and the sponsorship of student service-learning projects.

Be well.

Dean Cathann Kress

Updates include:

- Act now to complete the COVID-19 vaccine requirement
- Education for Citizenship
- Grant Opportunities for Staff
- Register for Rejuvenate and Renew
- Don't Wait to Schedule your Screening Appointment

### **Act now to complete the COVID-19 vaccine requirement**

You should have received an email if the university has not received your response to the university's COVID-19 vaccination requirement. Please note that **even if you have reported your information before**, you must re-submit your vaccination information through the [Employee Health Record form](#) and include documentation. You also can use this system to confirm whether your COVID-19 vaccination information or exemption request has been received. The deadlines are Oct. 15 for at least the first shot and Nov. 15 for a second shot (for two-dose vaccines). The deadline to request an exemption is Sept. 17. [Read more.](#)

### **Education for Citizenship**

There are several Education for Citizenship events planned this semester. Details on events and registration

information is available on the [Education for Citizenship events page](#). All faculty and academic units are encouraged to send events and programs that align with the Education for Citizenship initiative to [Sara Childers](#) in the Office of Diversity and Inclusion for possible inclusion on the web page.

### **Grant Opportunities for Staff**

Applications are due **September 30** for two new grants available for university staff:

- The Outreach and Engagement Community Programs and Events Grant provides staff the opportunity to create and implement community engaged programs.
- The Outreach and Engagement Professional Development Grant provides staff funding to further their career growth and development.

Grants are for a maximum of \$500. See the [Office of Outreach and Engagement website](#) for more information.

### **Register for Rejuvenate and Renew**

Back by popular demand! The Office of the Chief Wellness Officer is pleased to announce registration is open for Rejuvenate and Renew: Part V of the Stay Calm and Well Webinar Series. The latest edition takes a new direction focusing on strategies and best practices to help you feel rejuvenated and refreshed after a difficult 18 months. Earn 2,000 YP4H points by attending five out of six sessions and completing the post-evaluation surveys. The sessions take place Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. starting Sept. 29. [Read more.](#)

### **Don't Wait to Schedule your Screening Appointment**

To reduce your cost for health care and earn the [2022 premium credit](#), complete a verified biometric screening and the Personal Health and Well-being Assessment by Dec. 31. To ensure you complete the screening requirement by the end of the year, don't wait to schedule an appointment on campus or with your primary care provider. If you are working on campus, screening appointments are available and new appointments are added daily. [Read more.](#)

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