CFAES Community,

As President Johnson started her tenure last week, CFAES was honored to be her first college visit on Friday, September 4. It was a pleasure to welcome her to our Waterman Agricultural and Natural Resources Laboratory and for her to learn more about our work we all do across our three campuses. President Johnson and I met with members of our faculty and graduate and undergraduate students from across our units in the Kunz-Brundige Franklin County Extension Building. Following our discussions, President Johnson toured Waterman and learned more about our breadth and depth. She talked with the students at the Community Supported Agriculture Farm (and bought a share), observed SENR students in their ENR 5362 - Wildlife Ecology Methods completing a basic wildlife survey, HCS students in HCS 3100 were wrapping up their Introduction to Agronomy class in the tent, the Buckeye Dairy Club and Waterman Dairy Student Employees also greeted her, and she was able to view a number of ongoing research projects, including the work of our World Food Prize Laureate for 2020, Dr. Rattan Lal.

Throughout the visit, we were able to share our tremendous assets and resources, and showcase the variety of work within our college’s portfolio, as
well as the significant impact this work has on human health and sustainability.

We are delighted to welcome President Johnson. I’m confident her visit to the cornerstone college is likely one of the most unique visits she will have. Below are a few images I wanted to share with you.

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