

PRESS RELEASE

SPENCER LOGAN NAMED 2023 DISTINGUISHED SENIOR AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

COLUMBUS, Ohio— Spencer D. Logan of Cortland, Ohio, has been named a 2023 Distinguished Senior at The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

“The Distinguished Senior Award is the most prestigious undergraduate award in CFAES and honors top graduating seniors on the Ohio State Columbus campus,” said Ann Christy, CFAES professor and associate dean for academic programs. “The 25 award recipients exemplify the CFAES mission in areas such as academics and scholarship, research and innovation, service and involvement, and influence and leadership.”

Logan, an agricultural systems management major in the Department of Food, Agricultural, and Biological Engineering (FABE), was nominated by college faculty and staff who felt that she personified the award’s attributes of academic, disciplinary, and professional excellence.

The Trumbull County resident began his undergraduate studies at the Agricultural Technical Institute on the CFAES Wooster campus. He received his associate of science degree before transferring to Columbus.

His FABE nominator wrote, “Spencer is a bright individual who embodies the holistic viewpoint needed of agricultural systems management. He has a strong agricultural background from working at various farms since 2015 and learning different skills, such as becoming a certified organic maple syrup producer and getting certified in anhydrous ammonia handling and safety. Through working in the field, he obtained the problem-solving skills needed to go beyond the classroom setting.”

Logan has been on the Dean’s List since starting at Ohio State and was also very active in the Agricultural Systems Management Club. He identified his most rewarding experience as two summer internships he completed in Eastern Montana with EGT, LLC. The company operates a grain terminal and exports wheat, corn, soybeans, and soybean meal through barge and rail to customers internationally.

EGT has a major interest in Bunge, a world leader in sourcing, processing, and supplying oilseed and grain products and ingredients. Logan worked for Bunge as an operations management intern in Sidney, Montana. “Working 80-100 hours a week, I had to learn how to make time for making dinner, doing laundry, and cleaning. It was a time where I had to grow up quickly and it was something that my employer said I did very well,” he said.

Working for a leading agribusiness and food company was exciting enough, but he also had the unique experience of traveling to the coast of Washington. “This is where the major exporters of grain are located that load ships for Pacific Rim countries,” he said. “It was very impressive and the operations manager of EGT, who is an Ohio State graduate, showed me all of the competitors who are located along the harbor. It was a great

experience to see how these large ships are loaded and controlled at the port.”

Logan’s capstone research project compared traditional platform scales used to weigh semi-trucks to a set of Intercomp Weigh-In-Motion scales. “By using these portable scales, farmers without a platform scale have a much cheaper option to record how much of a commodity is being stored or moved,” he said.

After graduation, Logan will start his career at Cargill as an operations management associate. He also hopes to continue helping with grain farming and raising stocker calves, with a goal of having his own cattle in the future.

A reception for the Distinguished Senior Award recipients and their families was held on Wednesday, March 22, hosted by Ann Christy and Cathann A. Kress, vice president for agricultural administration and CFAES dean. Meet the 25 outstanding students and learn more about each via a YouTube video release at go.osu.edu/CFAES2023DSA.

In autumn 2022, there were 2,248 undergraduate students in CFAES pursuing bachelor of science degrees in 22 majors. Learn more about CFAES academic programs at go.osu.edu/B4V2.



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