

## PRESS RELEASE

# ELIZABETH STRINE NAMED 2023 DISTINGUISHED SENIOR AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Elizabeth M. “Libby” Strine of Caledonia, 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.”

Strine is a community leadership major in the Department of Agricultural Communication, Education, and Leadership (ACEL). She was nominated by faculty and staff who felt that she personified the award’s attributes of academic, disciplinary, and professional excellence.

The Marion County resident shared that her most valuable learning experience was her study abroad trip to Trinidad and Tobago. “Along with several other CFAES students, I traveled to the islands over Christmas break and was able to learn from and along with community members and agriculturalists in those countries,” she said. “We toured farmland, helped to plant community gardens at a local elementary school, and spent time at the University of West Indies learning about their sustainability and urban gardening efforts. The opportunity to be completely engaged in a culture entirely different from how I grew up was priceless.”

Closer to home, Strine got her greatest sense of accomplishment from four different internships. First, she worked as the communications intern for the Ohio Cattleman’s Association in Marysville, Ohio, before working as an agricultural loan intern for AgCredit, based out of Tiffin, Ohio.

The following summer, she provided marketing support to Heritage Cooperative, Delaware Ohio. “I had several opportunities to visit farms and store locations throughout the state,” she said. Most recently, she served on the sponsor relations team at Nationwide as a communications intern, supporting agricultural initiatives within the company and providing marketing collateral to Nationwide’s nine Farm Bureau partners.

Her internship experiences allowed Strine to develop and practice skills to serve the agricultural community in a professional role. “My internships demonstrated the importance of advocating for agriculture and gave me opportunities to communicate the hard work, selflessness, and pride that individuals in production agriculture have, as well as the larger organizations and businesses that support them,” Strine said. “I have published feature articles, created social media campaigns, provided photography for magazine and online publications, and designed digital and print advertisements shared nationally.”

In addition to being on the Dean's List each semester, she will graduate with minors in communications and non-profit management. Strine also was a member and held leadership roles in Sigma Alpha Professional Sorority and Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow. "I supported community service events to provide tie blankets to Nationwide Children's hospital, supported the Buckeye Food Alliance food pantry through food drives, and contributed to care packages for military service members," Strine said. "I worked alongside an incredible team to coordinate two Farmers' Share events which highlights aspects of agriculture through interactive education opportunities for students throughout the university. In the last two years, we engaged 15 CFAES student organizations and several industry partners to support the event."

Strine is pursuing an internship with the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) advancement program, which prepares undergraduate and master's students to engage with academic advancement and development efforts. She also looks forward to "pursuing graduate school when I have a better understanding of existing opportunities as I gain more professional experience."

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](https://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](https://go.osu.edu/B4V2).



## **Elizabeth M. Strine**

**CALEDONIA, OH**

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP  
- COMMUNITY AND EXTENSION EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL COMMUNICATION,  
EDUCATION, AND LEADERSHIP

Photo available by sending a request to [flood.13@osu.edu](mailto:flood.13@osu.edu)

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

#### **WRITER(S)**

Sherrie R. Whaley  
[whaley.3@osu.edu](mailto:whaley.3@osu.edu)  
614-582-6111

#### **SOURCE(S):**

R. Warren Flood  
[flood.13@osu.edu](mailto:flood.13@osu.edu)  
614-247-6624

---

#### **2023 DISTINGUISHED SENIOR AWARD**



**THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY**  
COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL,  
AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

#### **Academic Programs**

100 Agricultural Administration  
2120 Fyffe Road | Columbus, OH 43210

614-292-6891 | [students.cfaes.ohio-state.edu](https://students.cfaes.ohio-state.edu)