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ASHLEY M. BERGMAN NAMED 2024 DISTINGUISHED SENIOR AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ashley M. Bergman of Yorkshire, Ohio, has been named a 2024 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 23 award recipients exemplify the CFAES mission in areas such as academics and scholarship, research and innovation, service and involvement, and influence and leadership.”

Bergman is a food, agricultural and biological engineering major in the Department of Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering (FABE). She was nominated by college faculty and staff who felt that she personified the award’s attributes of academic, disciplinary, and professional excellence.

The Darke County native earned a spot on both the CFAES and College of Engineering dean’s lists each semester. She also completed three summer internships with Buckeye Ag Testing, Troy, Ohio; Cooper Farms Processing, St. Henry, Ohio; and The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc., North Canton, Ohio. In her internships, she worked as an agricultural research intern, engineering intern, and agriculture technician.

“Each of my internships were vastly different, so I was exposed to a wide variety of industry segments within agricultural engineering,” she said.

Her most enjoyable experiences related to club trips, discovering agriculture in other states, and the resulting friendships that were formed. She traveled to eight states: Utah, Iowa, Maryland, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, California, and Georgia.

Bergman’s greatest sense of accomplishment came from organizing and facilitating the Crops and Soils Club’s participation in the Chadwick Arboretum & Learning Gardens Plant Sale. As club president, she ordered pepper and tomato seeds and oversaw their planting in the greenhouse so they would be big enough in time for the plant sale. At the May sale, the club sold thousands of pepper and tomato seedlings, raising funds for the club.

Bergman’s extracurricular activities included leadership positions in the Crops and Soils Club and the Agricultural Systems Management Club. She served as a CFAES Ambassador, was a member of the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, Soil Science Society of America, and Marion Local Ag Ed Boosters.

Her award nominator wrote, “Ashley is passionate about agricultural engineering and always brings her full attention to coursework and projects. She is also president of the Ohio State Crops and Soil Club and represented the club at the annual meeting for the Students of Agronomy, Soil and Environmental Sciences

(SASES) in Salt Lake City. Additionally, she dedicated her capstone design experience to working with AgrAbility to assist farmers with low mobility.”

After graduation, Bergman will work as an associate crop production advisor for Mercer Landmark in their Central and Southern regions. “I work directly with customers to provide them products and services in the realms of seed, nutrients, crop protection, and precision agriculture,” she said.

A reception for the Distinguished Senior Award recipients and their families was held on Thursday, April 4, hosted by Ann Christy and Cathann A. Kress, Ohio State vice president for agricultural administration and CFAES dean. Meet the 23 outstanding students and learn more about each via a YouTube video release at go.osu.edu/CFAES2024DSA.

“Honoring the award recipients for their excellence will be a highlight for us this spring. These students have excelled and most certainly will continue to thrive in their future careers,” said Christy.

In autumn 2023, there were 2,224 undergraduate students in CFAES pursuing Bachelor of Science degrees in 21 majors. Learn more about CFAES academic programs at go.osu.edu/B4V2.



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