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NOAH C. DAMERON NAMED 2024 DISTINGUISHED SENIOR AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Noah C. Dameron of Griswold, Connecticut, 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.”

Dameron is a food science and technology major in the Department of Food Science and Technology (FST). He was nominated by college faculty and staff who felt that he personified the award’s attributes of academic, disciplinary, and professional excellence.

The New London County native appeared on the dean’s list each semester and participated in two internships. The first was with Connecticut’s Mystic Cheese Company where he learned about cheese making, microbial detection, dairy processing, and food safety. Next, he was a food safety, quality, and regulatory intern with Ohio’s T. Marzetti where he worked on process improvement, quality control, and developing resources for the implementation of a food safety culture.

According to Dameron, the most rewarding experience of his undergraduate career was conducting research. “I learned the research process from food science professors Barbara Kowalczyk and Ahmed Yousef, who taught me how to design a research project, review academic literature, and implement research techniques,” he said. “My research focus has been on understanding the charitable food system and some of the food safety factors involved in it.”

At Ohio State, Dameron was involved with the Food Science Club, FST College Bowl, Food Waste Education and Outreach Club, and his Residence Hall Advisory and Community Council. He was also an active FST Peer Mentor, providing guidance and support to incoming students and mentees.

His biggest sense of success outside of the classroom was presenting his research proposal at the Center for Foodborne Illness, Research, and Prevention’s ThinkTank. “This event also allowed me to present my research interests to leaders in academia, government, and industry,” Dameron said. “I learned about problems facing the charitable food system, and saw how hard the volunteers work in order to help those in need. This experience has pushed me to continue to pursue my education in food safety and add a focus on public health.”

After graduation, Dameron plans to obtain a master’s degree in environmental science at Ohio State. “I will continue to explore the world of food safety and understand how the foods we eat and those offered in the charitable food system impact human health,” he said. “After I earn my master’s degree, I hope to work in

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the field of public health research and generate the data needed to provide positive improvements to the charitable food system and social programs like it.”

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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