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KYLIE J. RAMIREZ NAMED 2024 DISTINGUISHED SENIOR AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Kylie J. Ramirez of Killbuck, 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.”

Ramirez is an agricultural communication major in the Department of Agricultural Communication, Education, and Leadership (ACEL). She was nominated by college faculty and staff who felt that she personified the award’s attributes of academic, disciplinary, and professional excellence.

The first-generation college student spent her first two years at Ohio State ATI in Wooster where she received her associate degree. “Beginning my college career during the COVID-19 pandemic, there were times I wasn’t sure I was going to follow through,” she said. “My advisor, Joy Rumble, and other mentors on the Wooster campus, helped me see that agricultural communication is my passion, and I am so thankful I stuck with it.”

The Holmes County resident completed a summer internship with the Ohio Pork Council in New Albany and the Harvest Ridge Event Center in Millersburg. At the Pork Council, she created and implemented branded signage for the Ohio State Fair, coordinated volunteer groups for the fair’s Taste of Ohio Café, and developed content for social media and newsletters. At Harvest Ridge, she planned and organized event logistics, created pre-event plans for clients, and created and posted event promotional material.

Holbrook’s extracurricular activities included leadership positions in Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow; Alpha Sigma Upsilon Sorority; Alpha Zeta Partners; ATI Agricultural Communicators, Educators, and Leaders of Tomorrow; and ATI Hoof-N-Hide Club. Additional professional development activities included serving as a CFAES Ambassador, an Ohio State CFAES HOST, an Ohio State Homecoming Royal Buckeye, an Agriculture Future of America delegate, a Farm Credit Mid-America Scholar, and an AgHires College Ambassador.

“Every so often a student comes along that has a story you won’t soon forget. Kylie is one of those students. She has a developmentally disabled brother and created the Be You Livestock Show to give her brother and others experiences in agriculture,” said Annie Specht, associate professor of agricultural communication. “She has run the show for four years with 20 show exhibitors and 30 volunteers offering disabled youth in Holmes County and beyond the opportunity to show livestock without the investment of raising or caring for the livestock.”

Her passion for agriculture and the uniqueness of each individual is evident through this event. “She also takes this passion and acceptance for others into the classroom, as she is a strong advocate for others and provides

a welcoming presence felt by all,” said Rumble, assistant professor of agricultural communication at ATI in Wooster.

Outside of school, Ramirez runs her own photography business. After graduation, she hopes to work in college admissions or college communications.

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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