

PRESS RELEASE

TIMOTHY M. SULLIVAN NAMED 2024 DISTINGUISHED SENIOR AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Timothy M. Sullivan of London, 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.”

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

The Franklin County resident held leadership positions in the Agricultural Systems Management Club and the Crops and Soils Club. He is an active member of the Agri-Business Club and the Grove City Church of the Nazarene.

Sullivan said his most rewarding student experiences came from the tight-knit community of CFAES clubs. “These student organizations take regular trips where members are exposed to agriculture beyond their community, leading to a greater network of peers and understanding of broader agricultural concepts,” he said. “These trips have taken me to Pennsylvania, Maryland, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Texas, and California.”

He also completed three internships: one in research and development with FMC in Rochelle, Illinois; a second in agronomy operations with Sunrise Cooperative, South Charleston, Ohio; and a third as a commercial sales intern with Corteva/Pioneer in Ohio.

“With FMC, I witnessed the latest in pesticide research and assisted in the testing of new chemicals for farmers’ crop protection increases. My time at Sunrise Cooperative led to beneficial conversations with growers at the farm gate, diving deep into the problems many are facing today,” he said. “At Corteva/Pioneer, I led the charge on Ohio’s Soybean Yield Contest, leading several growers in trials and pushing them to the next level in crop production.”

Sullivan had work experiences at Circle S Farms in Grove City, and the Molly Caren Agricultural Center in London. Circle S is the Sullivan family farm where corn, soybeans, pumpkins, and sunflowers are grown. “We are a multigenerational agritourism farm that continues to welcome the public each year to educate and provide entertainment,” he said.

He also worked closely with his mentor and father, Matthew Sullivan, superintendent of Molly Caren

Agricultural Center, where Farm Science Review is held yearly. “Farm Science Review was one of the reasons I came to Ohio State. It opened the door to several connections within the industry with the vast number of exhibitors, as well as Extension educators.”

After graduation, Sullivan will work for Pioneer Seed as an associate territory manager. “This is a development program to train to be a territory manager,” he said. “I will also continue to work with my family to grow our agritourism farm and grain operation.”

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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