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CAITLYN M. TASNEY NAMED 2024 DISTINGUISHED SENIOR AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Caitlyn M. Tasney of Columbus, 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.”

Tasney is a professional golf management major in the Department of Horticulture and Crop Science (HCS). She was nominated by college faculty and staff who felt that she personified the award’s attributes of academic, disciplinary, and professional excellence.

The Franklin County resident transferred to Ohio State from Northern Kentucky University, where she played collegiate golf. Since 2021, she interned at the New Albany Country Club (NACC), completing five semesters there. Her first NACC internship was working outside operations before she worked her way inside, assisting golf professionals with running golf tournaments, golf shop merchandising, helping with junior golf programs, and teaching private lessons.

“Before working at NACC, I had never been a part of tournament operations, so getting to see the ins and outs of that was very unique to me,” she said. “When I wasn’t at NACC, I was working at the PGA Superstore. The most challenging part of working at my internship and the store, while also being in classes, was just time management.”

According to Chris Walsh, director of Ohio State’s PGM program, Tasney excelled in the PGM-specific golf classes, which are connected to the golf industry and the material she will be tested on to reach her goal of becoming a Professional Golfers’ Association of America (PGA) member.

“Working full time and paying my own way through college, I wasn’t able to participate in too many extracurriculars,” Tasney said. “But I was able to help the PGM program with tours, meeting prospective students, and answering their questions. I found it important to support the program that I am in because they have done so much for me, and it only feels right to give back.”

“Caitlyn is an excellent golfer and participated in our weekly golf tournaments put on by the PGM program. We host a total of nine golf tournaments at Ohio State’s Golf Club, and three on our PGA Tour golf simulator in Howlett Hall,” said Tim Kerr, assistant director of the Ohio State program. “Due to her excellent golf skills and her tournament participation, Caitlyn has already passed the PGA’s Playing Ability Test, which is the student’s first step towards becoming a member of the PGA.”

After graduation, Tasney will work at New Albany Country Club, New Albany, Ohio as an assistant golf professional. “Caitlyn’s hard work and excellent customer service helped her secure this well-deserved position to begin her career in the golf industry,” Walsh 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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