

Press Release

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Barnes Named 2019 Distinguished Senior at The Ohio State University

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Emanuel “Manny” Barnes IV of Canal Winchester, Ohio has been named a 2019 Distinguished Senior at The Ohio State University’s College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

“The Distinguished Senior Award is the most prestigious undergraduate award in CFAES, recognizing the top graduating seniors from each of the academic units on the Columbus campus,” said Steven Neal, CFAES associate dean and director of academic programs.

Barnes, a construction systems management major from Franklin County, Ohio, will be honored at an on-campus awards dinner on March 27 where all 25 distinguished CFAES seniors will be recognized.

The CFAES Distinguished Senior Award honors academic, disciplinary and professional excellence.

“One of the hallmarks of our College is an emphasis on student success, and it is heartwarming to see it exemplified through the accomplishments of our students,” Neal said. “Recipients are our future innovators and leaders who have already made an impact within the academic environment at this university and beyond.”

Anastasia Britt, lecturer in the Department of Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering and Barnes’ nominator, wrote, “Manny is a true leader. As a senior in the construction systems management (CSM) program, president of the CSM Club, and a current member of the Army National Guard, he has truly epitomized the CFAES mission of influence and leadership.”

As a new student, Barnes immediately got involved in the CSM Club, attending events such as the mock interview nights, résumé reviews, mixers with the Industry Advisory Council, and more. He credits his path towards success to those interactions with leaders and mentors. However, beyond these successful events, the general meetings of the CSM Club were inconsistent and poorly attended.

Barnes sought to become a leader in the club in order to improve these areas, first serving as treasurer and now its current president. As president, Manny has brought consistency to the schedule of club meetings and has brought in more representatives from a wider variety of Columbus-area construction firms.

“Manny has been an active and visible president, growing CSM club participation by attending many lower-level classes to discuss club activities and benefits,” Britt said. “He’s made a personal impact on many, if not all, students enrolled in this major.”

Barnes was also part of an Ohio State team that competed in the Associated Builders and Contractors Convention. During the eight-week competition, team members created a project management plan for a mock project. The OSU team placed fourth out of 26 teams.

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An active guardsman in the Ohio Army National Guard, Barnes has also been a leader in the engagement of student veterans and serves as the Veterans Community Advocate for the college. In this role, he works to bring members of the military and veterans from across the college together to engage and support one another. Barnes hosted events to build community, such as a veteran's woodworking workshop before winter break.

Barnes also participated in four internships with three different construction companies. After graduation, he plans to work with Turner Construction Company as a virtual design and construction engineer.

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