

# Press Release

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## Garrett Named 2019 Distinguished Senior at The Ohio State University

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Anna Garrett of Cincinnati 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 professor and associate dean for academic programs.

Garrett, an animal sciences major from Hamilton 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. Recipients are our future innovators and leaders who have already made an impact within the academic environment at this university and beyond," Neal said.

"Anna is the picture of a well-rounded student who has made the most of her undergraduate time," wrote her nominator, Mariette Benage, student success coordinator in the Department of Animal Sciences. "Her passion for animal welfare has driven the experiences she's chosen while at Ohio State, and her two independent research projects through the College of Veterinary Medicine demonstrate her forward thinking as an innovator, wanting to make an impact in the industry."

Through her honors research projects, she first studied the impact Goddard's Law has on animal cruelty cases, then aided in the construction of behavior ethograms in dairy cattle chronic pain research.

Garrett has been heavily involved in the animal welfare judging team where she researches welfare issues, production practices, and ethical considerations before evaluating welfare scenarios, providing reasons that defend her choices. She's been very successful on the team, winning the annual Intercollegiate Animal Welfare Judging/Assessment Contest in 2017 and placing in the top three in 2018.

"She is a stellar student, has a tremendous work ethic, and automatically becomes the leader in group projects. Outside the classroom, Anna has a passion for serving others," Benage noted.

As a member of the Animal Science Community Alliance (ASCA), Garrett has served as a teaching assistant and mentor and has been very involved in leading the Science Club at Cristo Rey High School, a college preparatory school for low-income minority students. This biweekly commitment gives her the opportunity to show the students support and to

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encourage them to pursue their love for science.

Garrett has also made an impact through the OSU Animal Welfare and Behavior Club. Taking on leadership roles as its secretary and vice president has allowed her to create professional development activities for members of the club and the community. After a life-altering trip to South Africa, she joined the CFAES Voyagers team to advocate for international experiences.

As a departmental recruiter for the Department of Animal Sciences, Garrett's passion for animal science and OSU is evident as she provides tours to prospective students, leads hands-on events, and communicates with admitted students through emails, postcards, online chats, and phone calls.

After graduation, Garrett plans to pursue an Ohio State master's of public health degree with a specialization in veterinary forensic science before continuing on to veterinary school.

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