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Haerr Named 2019 Distinguished Senior at The Ohio State University

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Justin Scott Haerr of Springfield, 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 professor and associate dean for academic programs.

Haerr, an agricultural systems management major from Clark 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."

Dewey Mann, lecturer in the Department of Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering and Haerr's nominator, wrote, "Justin grew up on a grain farm in west central Ohio. Like many of our students from small farm towns, he was unsure about moving to a larger city. Through his research and campus visits, Justin found a small community in which he felt he could thrive, the agricultural systems management (ASM) program."

Through his time as president and vice-president of the ASM Club and as a CFAES ambassador, he has engaged with a large number of students in the college and in other academic majors.

Haerr said majoring in agricultural systems management and being involved in CFAES was his opportunity to "have a Cheers-like college experience, a place you wanted to go 'where everybody knows your name.'"

As a leader in the ASM Club, Haerr improved upon fundraising efforts, which helped to fund student travel through, the ASM Club to the Grain Elevator and Processing Society's annual conventions, Precision Planting and 360 Yield Center's annual winter conferences.

Haerr also engaged with the agricultural systems management curriculum as an undergraduate teaching assistant for two upper-level courses during his senior year.

"Academically, Justin describes finding agricultural systems management to be the perfect fit for his aspirations after college and more. Every course in the curriculum, he says, is like a building block to the next step," Mann said.

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After graduation, Haerr plans to return to his family's grain operation to handle the crop production portion of the farm. He also sees an agronomic consulting business in his future thanks to some of the courses he took.

"I'll officially become a certified crop adviser and be able to help out local corn, soybean, and wheat growers with agronomic insight," he said. "Writing fertilizer and seeding prescriptions, analyzing and evaluating production practices, soil and tissue sampling, and aerial imagery all have intrigued me to do some crop/farm consulting sometime in the future."

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