

Press Release

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Lee Named 2019 Distinguished Senior at The Ohio State University

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Jenna Lee of Marysville, 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.

Lee, a food, agricultural and biological engineering major from Union 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."

Margaret Kalcic, assistant professor in the Department of Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering and one of Lee's nominators, wrote, "Jenna worked as a student research assistant in our precision agriculture program. Her core research has revolved around existing digital agriculture apps and tools in order to help farmers determine which technologies are most useful to their operations."

In this position, she has traveled throughout Ohio and nationally to represent Ohio State Precision Agriculture and Digital Agriculture at various extension programs and conferences.

"During these trips, Jenna has been able to engage with some of the brightest minds in industry and other research units," said Andrew Klopfenstein, senior research associate engineer and another nominator. "In turn, she has been able to share what she has learned with farmers across Ohio in order to improve their operations."

Lee also took on a lead role in the compilation of the 2018 eFields On-Farm Research Report, a publication that more than doubled in size from 2017 and compiles research from across the state of Ohio.

Lee has been involved in the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE), CFAES Ambassadors, the Ohio State Society of Women Engineers, the Ohio State Agribusiness Club, and Ohio State Welcome Leaders.

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As a leader and officer in the ASABE Club, Lee spearheaded the opportunity to host the ASABE Midwest Regional Rally, bringing clubs from across the Midwest to Columbus for a weekend of professional and academic development.

After graduation, Lee plans to either work in an industry role that connects farmers and engineers for the betterment of digital and precision agriculture or pursue graduate school in precision agriculture.

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