

# Press Release

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

COLUMBUS, Ohio -- Emily Winson of Port Clinton, 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.

Winson, an animal sciences major from Ottawa 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."

Mariette Benage, student success coordinator in the Department of Animal Sciences and Winson's nominator, wrote, "Emily truly represents the three pillars of the land grant mission: education, research and extension. Education is a true passion for this Health Science Scholars student. She enjoys learning for the sake of learning, and savors the opportunity to foster a learning environment among her peers."

Winson served as an undergraduate teaching assistant for both the Animal Biosciences Laboratory and the Introduction to Animal Sciences Laboratory. Passionate about building community, she is a member of the Animal Sciences Community Alliance (ASCA) where she was involved in multiple facets of the organization, helped to plan Back2School Bash for nearly 1,000 CFAES students, staff, faculty, and administrators, and mentored/recruited high school students.

"Emily has been an instrumental member of ASCA and led engaging hands-on activities for a science club at Cristo Rey Columbus High School, a college preparatory school for low-income minority students. She has led the club in dissecting sheep hearts, creating a genetically diverse population via gummy bears, and electromyography competitions just to name a few," Benage noted.

Winson also mentored potential Cristo Rey first-generation college students through the college application process while helping them understand special programs and scholarships they're eligible for to make their collegiate experience more affordable.

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As a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority, she served as a recruitment guide for two years and assisted with membership and retention for the Panhellenic Community. Additionally, Winson rode on the OSU Hunt Seat Equestrian Team for two years, participated in BuckeyeThon, was a member of the Health Sciences Scholars Program, worked with Habitat For Humanity in Birmingham, Alabama, and studied abroad on the European Dairy Industry trip.

She also completed three internship experiences, one of which was at the Center for Courageous Kids in Kentucky where she worked as a counselor for campers battling serious illnesses or handicaps.

Winson also found time to be involved in research. As a research assistant in a poultry gut health and immunology laboratory, she researched ways to better the health of commercial broiler chickens. Her project has been submitted to a journal for publication, and she presented her research at the International Poultry Scientific Forum which will give her an opportunity to graduate with research distinction.

Upon graduation, Winson plans to run from San Francisco to Boston with a group of 20 college-aged students to raise money and awareness for young adults with cancer for the Ulman Foundation. The trip will last 49 days and Winson has pledged to raise \$4,500 for the cause. In Fall 2019, she will begin her first year at The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

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