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Cody is proud to have graduated with an Associate of Science degree in Agriscience Education from Ohio State ATI. Cody credits his education as his greatest accomplishment. Attending The Ohio State University and graduating with two degrees was unimaginable when he started school, as Cody began kindergarten with a learning disability and speech impairment. Cody graduated high school as valedictorian and entered higher education as a first-generation college student. Because of perseverance, passion, and persistence Cody has achieved great milestones during his education.

Cody is proud to share that CFAES sparked his interest in traveling and exploring the world. From having the opportunity to travel to Alaska and to Ghana, Africa, he has broadened his understanding of the world around him, especially in the areas of agriculture and education. Cody has developed new ideas, thoughts, and perspectives, and expanded his global perspective overall.

Cody's academic honors include: Dean's List | Summa Cum Laude Honors Student | Global Studies Option | CFAES Internship Award | Outstanding Student Worker | Pat & Susie Whittington Teacher Education Scholarship | National Undergraduate Agricultural Education Scholarship | Outstanding First Year Student | Ohio State Leadership Award | Outstanding Middle School Volunteer.

Receiving the Outstanding Employee Award is recognition Cody is very pleased to have received. He takes a great deal of pride in his work because it has carved out a pathway for pursuing his personal and professional goals. Cody strives to serve others and make a positive impact on agriculture and education. He was honored to receive this award because it recognizes his passion and goals that he has for himself.

After graduation, Cody plans on pursuing a career where he can combine his interest and skills for agriscience education and agricultural systems management. He would like to pursue a teaching opportunity in an Ohio high school. Cody's long-term career goals include pursuing a master's degree in agricultural education and/or special education. In addition to a teaching career, Cody plans to continue to be actively involved with his family farm in Wyandot County.

While only able to select a single mentor to recognize officially during the awards ceremony, both Dr. Dewey Mann and Mr. Aaron Giorgi are two individuals that Cody considers to be his mentors during his college career. Cody has been actively involved in both the ACEL and the FAFE departments, and he will cherish the opportunities that these departments have given to him. Here is what Cody has to say about Dr. Mann and Mr. Giorgi, "These individuals have devoted countless hours to my education and my overall well-being. One of my greatest goals in life is to graduate from college. I could not accomplish this without the mentorship of these individuals. They have been by my side throughout my entire academic career. They have never steered me in the wrong direction. They have challenged my way of thinking for the better. They have helped me cultivate meaning and purpose for my career. Personally, and professionally, I have become a better person and educator because of them. I will be forever grateful for their mentorship, guidance, and support that they have provided me throughout my academic career."