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LYNCH NAMED 2020 DISTINGUISHED SENIOR AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Patrick Lynch of Marysville, Ohio, has been named a 2020 Distinguished Senior at The Ohio State University 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.

Lynch, a professional golf management major from Union County, was nominated by college faculty and staff who felt that he personified the award’s attributes of 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.”

Department of Horticulture and Crop Science nominators Tim Kerr, internship coordinator, and Chris Walsh, assistant director of student development, wrote, “Patrick has been a pleasure to have in our program and has been a model student for others because of his professionalism, dedication to the golf industry, and overall being a very good person.”

During his time at Ohio State, Lynch was on the Dean’s List multiple times and worked to maintain a high grade point average. Outside the classroom, he interned for Scioto Reserve Country Club in Powell, Ohio, since 2017. He called the internship his most valuable learning experience throughout his collegiate career.

“For all five semesters of Patrick’s internships, he received excellent reviews based upon many attributes such as punctuality, thoroughness of work, appearance, cooperation, responsibility, and acceptance by supervisors and others,” Kerr wrote.

Lynch was a member of the Professional Golf Management Club and helped each year with the club’s First Tee of Central Ohio, a five-week clinic to give junior golfers instruction in the game. “He always did a great job working with the kids, and his passion of working with young golfers was evident by the way he interacted with them,” Walsh said.

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The summer clinic was always a highlight for Lynch. “Teaching junior golfers who show interest grows the game,” he said. “It also teaches life lessons to a younger generation.”

He also participated regularly in weekly tournaments hosted by the Professional Golf Management program. Over the course of the academic year, nine golf tournaments were held at The Ohio State University Golf Club, and three on the PGA Tour golf simulator in Howlett Hall.

“From the time Patrick entered our program, his golf game improved immensely,” said Walsh. “His participation in the tournaments, as well as practicing while on internship, has him on the verge of passing his PGA playing ability test, which he will take after graduation. This step gets him closer to completing all the requirements of becoming a member of the Professional Golfers’ Association (PGA).”

After graduation, Lynch will work at Scioto Reserve Country Club as a full-time assistant golf professional. His ultimate goal is to become a certified PGA professional.

An awards dinner to recognize all 25 CFAES Distinguished Seniors has been canceled due to COVID-19.

“The safety of our community is our top priority,” Neal said. “We are deeply sorry the planned celebration will not occur. The commitment and dedication of these students to their undergraduate education will still be recognized with a special award package that will be mailed later this semester.”

In autumn 2019, there were 2,486 undergraduate students in CFAES pursuing 22 majors and 31 minors. Learn more about CFAES academic programs online by visiting <https://students.cfaes.ohio-state.edu/>.



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