

PRESS RELEASE**PHILIP EBERLY NAMED
2021 DISTINGUISHED SENIOR AT
THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY**

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Philip M. Eberly of Wooster, Ohio, has been named a 2021 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.

Eberly, a food science and technology major from Wayne 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.”

Eberly identified his most valuable learning experience as studying abroad in Brazil for six weeks with Alpha Zeta Partners agricultural honorary. “The length of the experience allowed me to immerse myself in the culture and adapt to a new environment. Overall, studying abroad developed my global perspective of the food and agricultural industry, and gave me lifelong memories,” he said.

He also completed three internships, first as a quality assurance intern with Hilmar Cheese Company, Inc., Hilmar, California, followed by a beverage flavor applications intern with MANE, Inc., Lebanon, Ohio, and finally a research and development formulation intern with the J.M. Smucker Company, Orrville, Ohio.

Among Eberly’s many achievements are being named to the CFAES dean’s list and being named an Alpha Zeta Partners agricultural honorary, a CFAES Ambassador, an American FFA Degree recipient, a Food Science and Technology peer mentor, the president of the Food Science Club, a member of the Citation Needed student organization, an Experience Ohio State for a Day host, and a FarmHouse-ATZ Fraternity member and vice president of administration.

Developing a food product from concept to prototype gave Eberly the greatest sense of accomplishment as a student. “I had the privilege of developing three products with three different teams of talented

individuals,” he said. “These products included ‘Cranberry Blasts’ for Ocean Spray’s product development competition; ‘Breakfast Beef Jerky’ for the product development capstone class; and ‘Tropicookie’ for the smart snacks for kids product development competition by the Institute of Food Technologists Student Association.”

Eberly singled out Mary Kay Pohlschneider, senior lecturer in the CFAES Department of Food Science and Technology, for her impact on him. “She is an example of what every student hopes for in a professor: caring, passionate, and relatable. She goes above and beyond to help students understand and navigate food science as a professor, advisor, and coach. I am grateful for her guidance over the years and hope to one day emulate her wisdom,” he said.

After graduation, Eberly plans to attend graduate school to pursue his master’s in food science with the end goal of entering the industry in research and development, product development, or sensory science. First, he will complete one more internship this summer working as a nutrition product development intern with Archer-Daniels Midland Company in Erlanger, Kentucky.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year’s recognition of the CFAES Distinguished Seniors occurred via a YouTube Premiere video on Wednesday, April 7, 2021. Beginning at 7 p.m., CFAES dean and vice president for agricultural administration, Cathann A. Kress, recognized award recipients on the Ohio State—College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences YouTube channel. View the celebration video at go.osu.edu/CFAES2021DSA.

“Although we could not gather in person, this honor and these 25 students remain an important focus of our college,” Neal said. “Their commitment to their education and dedication to their time as a student in CFAES was recognized with the YouTube Premiere video, and via social media and professional networking platforms. A special award package will also be mailed to each top senior.”

In autumn 2020, there were 2,457 undergraduate students in CFAES pursuing 22 majors and 32 minors. Learn more about CFAES academic programs at go.osu.edu/B4V2.



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