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JASON HOLLICK NAMED 2021 DISTINGUISHED SENIOR AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Jason Hollick of Dublin, 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.

Hollick, of Franklin County, majors in sustainable plant systems, and 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.”

Nominator Wendy Klooster, an assistant professor in the CFAES Department of Horticulture and Crop Science, described Hollick as “a quiet but highly studious and meticulous student. He regularly earns top marks on all course assignments and exams, submits graduate-quality writing assignments, and works well with other students on group projects.”

Hollick has earned a place on the CFAES dean’s list every semester since he began his program in autumn 2017. As part of his undergraduate research, Hollick was able to design and run independent research, an experiment looking at the effects of grafting two types of basil.

Outside of the classroom, Hollick has pursued service, involvement, and leadership by participating in multiple student organizations. He has been an active member in a national honorary society for students pursuing careers in horticulture and related fields, and this year he took on extra responsibility as the organization’s vice president.

Hollick has worked at CFAES’ Waterman Agricultural and Natural Resources Laboratory since he was 14 years old and has gained a wealth of knowledge from his experience.

“I can now confidently run tillage equipment and planters, lay out research plots, and maintain orchards. I now have a myriad of other useful skills that I’ll have for the rest of my life,” he said.

After graduation, Hollick plans to pursue a PhD degree from Ohio State while working in the Kubota Controlled Environment Plant Physiology and Technology Lab on the Columbus campus.

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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