

**PRESS RELEASE****ALLISON RAPP NAMED  
2021 DISTINGUISHED SENIOR AT  
THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY**

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Allison Rapp of Xenia, 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.

Rapp, an animal sciences major from Greene County, was nominated by college faculty and staff who felt that she personified the award’s attributes of academic, disciplinary, and professional excellence. She specialized within her major in animal biosciences.

“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.”

Among her achievements, Rapp was named to the CFAES dean’s list for all but one of her semesters; was president of the CFAES Poultry Science Club; was a member of the CFAES Poultry Judging Team; was a teaching assistant for the CFAES introduction to animal science course; and was part of a study abroad program in Scotland, where she studied small ruminants and other food animal species.

Rapp’s hands-on learning while at CFAES included conducting polymerase chain reaction testing for animal production-related diseases; participating in necropsies and analysis of pathology cases; studying physical, veterinary, and personnel-related solutions to preventing floor eggs in cage-free poultry housing; helping manage 600,000 laying hens; and performing surveillance testing, sample collection, and analysis of reovirus events in turkey finisher flocks.

She completed internships with the Ohio Department of Agriculture’s Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory; Daybreak Foods in Lake Mills, Wisconsin; and Cooper Farms in Fort Recovery, Ohio.

Rapp, her nominator said, has “demonstrated herself to be an intelligent and determined scholar, hardworking leader and team player, selfless Buckeye, and passionate animal scientist. Her approach to learning is refreshing in that she is always in pursuit of not only fully understanding what she has been taught, but also being able to apply and build upon what she has learned.”

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Rapp “values hands-on learning opportunities that cannot always be had in the classroom,” the same nominator wrote. She “gives much consideration to cultivating the best possible education for herself.”

After graduation, Rapp is hoping to attend Ohio State’s College of Veterinary Medicine, pursuing a career in food animal medicine, but at the time of this writing, the college hadn’t announced its next admission decisions yet.

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](https://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](https://go.osu.edu/B4V2).



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