

## PRESS RELEASE

# OHIO STATE CFAES NAMES 2020 DISTINGUISHED SENIORS

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Twenty-five students have been named 2020 Distinguished Seniors at The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

The award honors top graduating seniors on the Ohio State Columbus campus who exemplify the CFAES mission in areas such as academics and scholarship, research and innovation, service and involvement, and influence and leadership.

“The Distinguished Senior Award is the most prestigious undergraduate award in CFAES,” said Steven Neal, CFAES professor and associate dean for academic programs. “Recipients are our future innovators and leaders who have already made an impact within the academic environment at this university and beyond.”

Listed below are the Distinguished Seniors, including their academic units, majors, and hometowns.

### **Department of Agricultural Communication, Education, and Leadership**

Caleb Hickman, agriscience education, Mount Vernon, Ohio  
Meredith Oglesby, agricultural communication, Hillsboro, Ohio  
Marlee Stollar, agriscience education, Marietta, Ohio

### **Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics**

Mary Buehler, agribusiness and applied economics, Anna, Ohio  
Katie Garen, agribusiness and applied economics, Mount Sterling, Ohio

### **Department of Animal Sciences**

James Constantino, animal sciences, Poughkeepsie, New York  
Kady Davis, animal sciences, Carrollton, Ohio  
Caleb Rykaczewski, animal sciences, Mentor, Ohio  
Emilia Sgambati, animal sciences, Farmington Hills, Michigan  
Hailey Snyder, animal sciences, Boardman, Ohio

### **Department of Entomology**

Hannah McKenzie, entomology, Westerville, Ohio

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#### 2020 DISTINGUISHED SENIOR AWARD

### **Department of Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering**

Asaad Ahmad, construction systems management, Columbus, Ohio

Matthew Klopfenstein, food, agricultural and biological engineering, Marysville, Ohio

Tanner Matthews, agricultural systems management, Ohio City, Ohio

Louis Mezzopera, construction systems management, Chardon, Ohio

Rex Tietje, agricultural systems management, Deshler, Ohio

### **Department of Food Science and Technology**

Simone Fishel, food science and technology, Dublin, Ohio

Jenna Fryer, food science and technology, North Syracuse, New York

Megan Gregg, food science and technology, West Chester, Ohio

Amber Zehringer, food business management, Greenville, Ohio

### **Department of Horticulture and Crop Science**

Patrick Lynch, professional golf management, Marysville, Ohio

Rose Vagedes, sustainable plant systems, agronomy, Fort Recovery, Ohio

### **Department of Plant Pathology**

Isaac Knowles, plant health management, Marysville, Ohio

### **School of Environment and Natural Resources**

Callia Tellez, environmental policy and decision making, Dayton, Ohio

Lauren Trapani, environment, economy, development and sustainability, Old Orchard Beach, Maine

An awards dinner to recognize all 25 winners was planned for March 25, but 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; however, this honor and these students remain an important focus of our college. Their commitment to their education and dedication to their time as an undergraduate student will still be recognized with a special award package that will be mailed to each student.”

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

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