

**PRESS RELEASE****CORA DORMAN NAMED  
2022 DISTINGUISHED SENIOR AT  
THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY**

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Cora Dorman of Croton, Ohio, has been named a 2022 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 and director of academic programs.

Dorman, an agribusiness and applied economics major from Licking County, was nominated by college faculty and staff who felt that she 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.”

In their nomination of Dorman, undergraduate program leader Anna Parkman and academic adviser Kassie Kurzhals, spoke to her motivation to pursue studies and a career in ag business.

“Growing up, her family’s income relied solely on agriculture—both crops and livestock. She experienced first-hand the financial challenges that come with farming,” they wrote. “Cora is passionate about working to overcome those challenges by helping farms and businesses succeed financially.”

While making the dean’s list every semester, Dorman has served many student organizations. She served as an officer for the Alpha Sigman Upsilon agricultural sorority, was a member of the Agribusiness Club, and was global committee chair for the Mount Leadership Society Scholars Program. She also volunteered at Huckleberry House.

“Serving as a weekly volunteer for Huckleberry House, a home for at-risk and homeless youth, has provided me with a great sense of success and self-accomplishment,” Dorman said. “I was able to make a direct impact on the Columbus community and gain a greater understanding of social issues. It was a great opportunity to provide support and make a positive impact on Columbus youth.”

Dorman served as an undergraduate teaching assistant for the agricultural communication class, Publication Design and Production. She interned with AgriGold and Witten Farm Market & Greenhouse.

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“Experiences gained from internships allowed me to bring real-world examples into the classroom, which improves classroom discussion and future career marketability,” Dorman said.

That career marketability starts with a job after graduation as an account officer at AgCredit in Mount Gilead, Ohio.

“I will be assisting farmers and rural Ohioans with their financial and loan needs,” she said. “In the next few years, I plan on continuing my education by receiving a master’s of business administration while continuing to work. I hope to maintain an active role in my family’s grain and livestock farm.”

Due to persisting impacts of the pandemic, celebration of this year’s CFAES Distinguished Seniors took place during a by invitation reception at the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center on The Ohio State University’s Columbus campus on Wednesday, March 23, 2022. At the recognition celebration hosted by CFAES dean and vice president for agricultural administration Cathann A. Kress and associate dean and director of academic programs Steven Neal, recipients were presented with special award packages. A YouTube video recognizing the award recipients on the Ohio State—College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences YouTube channel was also released on that same day. View the recognition video at [go.osu.edu/CFAES2022DSA](https://go.osu.edu/CFAES2022DSA).

While this year’s recognition took on a varied format from previous years for the 2022 recipients, Neal said, “We were pleased to be able to acknowledge their commitment to their education and dedication to their time as a student in CFAES by recognizing them with the YouTube video, and via social media and professional networking platforms.”

In autumn 2021, there were 2,859 undergraduate students in CFAES pursuing 22 majors and 34 minors. Learn more about CFAES academic programs at [go.osu.edu/B4V2](https://go.osu.edu/B4V2).



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