

## PRESS RELEASE

# OHIO STATE CFAES NAMES ITS TOP 26 SENIORS

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Twenty-six seniors have received the most prestigious undergraduate award at The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

The Distinguished Senior 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 2022 recipients are our future innovators and leaders who have already made an impact within the academic environment at this university and beyond,” said Steven Neal, CFAES professor and associate dean for academic programs.

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

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

Madison Allman, Community Leadership, Chillicothe, Ohio  
Maryellen Bliss, Agriscience Education, Ashland, Ohio  
Mallary Caudill, Agricultural Communication, DeGraff, Ohio

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

Cora Dorman, Agribusiness and Applied Economics, Croton, Ohio  
Tyler Zimpfer, Agribusiness and Applied Economics, Anna, Ohio

### **Department of Animal Sciences**

Sarah Lehner, (double major) Animal Sciences and Agribusiness and Applied Economics, Delaware, Ohio  
Elizabeth Ohl, Animal Sciences, Alexandria, Ohio  
Ashley Stroud, Animal Sciences, Spencer, Ohio  
Bailey Ward, Animal Sciences, Oak Hill, Ohio

### **Department of Entomology**

Camden Dezse, Entomology, Dublin, Ohio

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

Shannon Dixon, Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering, Palm Bay, Florida  
Mackenzie Lange, Construction Systems Management, Commercial Point, Ohio  
Emma Rand, Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering, Guilford, Connecticut  
Preston Sheets, Agricultural Systems Management, Cortland, Ohio

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

Meegan Gould, Food Science and Technology, Cincinnati, Ohio  
Thania Ortiz Santiago, Food Science and Technology, Toa Alta, Puerto Rico  
Lydia Tantalos, Food Science and Technology, Manlius, New York  
Emily Thimmes, Food Science and Technology, Piqua, Ohio

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

Avery Brewer, Sustainable Plant Systems, Hudson, Ohio  
Ava Forystek, Sustainable Plant Systems, Dublin, Ohio

## Department of Plant Pathology

Isabella Borrero, Plant Pathology, Tampa, Florida

## School of Environment and Natural Resources

Gautam Apte, Forestry, Fisheries & Wildlife, Shaker Heights, Ohio

Danielle Hutchison, Natural Resource Management, Lewis Center, Ohio

Alisa Mancini, Environmental Science, Girard, Ohio

Andrew Moffit, Environment, Economy, Development and Sustainability, Dublin, Ohio

Katherine Oriyo, Forestry, Fisheries & Wildlife, Reynoldsburg, Ohio

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's recognition of the CFAES Distinguished Seniors will occur on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, via a YouTube Premiere video beginning at 7 p.m. on the Ohio State—College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences YouTube channel. Vice President for Agricultural Administration and CFAES Dean Cathann A. Kress will recognize award recipients during this special event.

“Because the safety of our community is our top priority, we will gather virtually,” Neal said. “However, this honor and these 26 students remain an important focus of our college. Their commitment to their education and dedication to their time as an undergraduate student will be recognized via social media, professional networking platforms, and the YouTube Premiere video. We invite everyone to view the video on March 23.”

In autumn 2021, there were 2,400 undergraduate students in CFAES pursuing 23 majors and 34 minors. Learn more about CFAES academic programs at [go.osu.edu/B4V2](https://go.osu.edu/B4V2).

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