

PRESS RELEASE**ANDREW MOFFIT NAMED
2022 DISTINGUISHED SENIOR AT
THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY**

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Andrew Moffit of Dublin, 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.

Moffit, an environment, economy, development, and sustainability major from Franklin County, 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.”

Moffit got a taste of what a career in conservation is all about while working in the mountains of New Mexico.

“Half of my time was spent using a chainsaw to remove small-diameter timber to create road corridor in the event of a wildfire,” he said. “The other half of my time was spent teaching approximately 2,500 participants how to properly manage forestry sites.”

The internship was at a Boy Scouts of America camp in the Sangre De Cristo Mountains. He returned the following summer doing much the same work, but this time managing a crew of five others.

“I’ve never had such a blast,” he said of the two internships. “I’ve taught 5,000 people from all over the country and now know all about the dynamics of a mixed-dry conifer system and what it takes to manage this type of region.”

After graduation, Moffit plans to return to the camp as camper conservation forestry director. Meanwhile, he is pursuing employment as an environmental consultant.

While on campus, Moffit has been a peer mentor and ambassador for CFAES’ School of Environment and Natural Resources. He was involved in Net Impact, a club encouraging sustainability in business.

“I’m incredibly proud of the diversity of projects and experiences I’ve involved myself in throughout my

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undergrad,” he said. “I came to Ohio State knowing that there were too many opportunities here to waste my time sitting around. So, utilizing as many different clubs, volunteer activities, academic, and professional resources as possible has left me satisfied.”

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.

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.



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