

PRESS RELEASE**EMMA RAND NAMED
2022 DISTINGUISHED SENIOR AT
THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY**

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Emma Rand of Guilford, Connecticut, 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.

Rand, a food, agricultural and biological engineering major from New Haven 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.”

Through her involvement with the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) at Ohio State, Rand had the pleasure of hosting Engineering Exploration Day with local Girl Scouts. She recalls asking the girls at the beginning of the day what they thought an engineer looked like, and many said a man in front of a computer.

“After a whole day of stations and exploration, I asked again,” Rand recalled. “One girl raised her hand and said, ‘me and you.’ I knew I had planted a seed of possibility and imagination.”

Rand said she struggled her freshman year to find a home at Ohio State, 10 hours from family and friends. But she found her niche in SWE.

“SWE has helped me become the confident woman engineer I am today. I am extremely grateful for all the leadership opportunities, friends, and conferences I have been able to attend,” Rand said. “These experiences allowed me to network with companies, hear powerful stories from women engineers, and build friendships throughout the organization.”

She has been the SWE outreach director at Ohio State for the past two years, allowing her to share her passion with K–12 students throughout Columbus. She also is president of the College of Engineering Ambassador organization and has been a residence hall assistant.

After graduation, Rand will return to GE Healthcare, where she had one of her two internships. She will join the

company's Supply Chain Development Program and take on three roles over two years. The first rotation will start in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in July.

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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