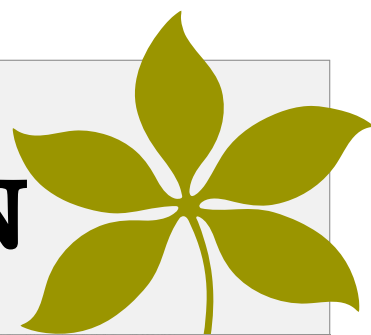


# ALUMNI CONNECTION

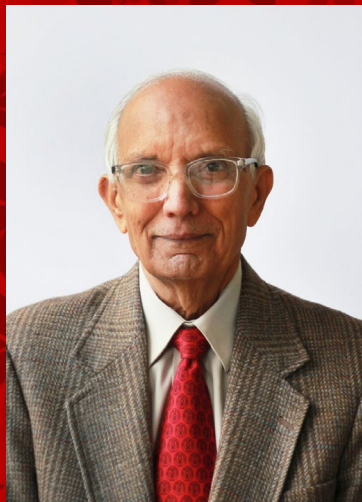
AUTUMN 2019



**Rattan Lal '68 PhD Agronomy, 1968 • ALUMNI MEDALIST AWARD RECIPIENT FOR 2019**

Alumni Medalist Award; This is the single highest honor bestowed by The Ohio State University Alumni Association. It is presented to alumni who have gained national or international distinction as outstanding representatives of their chosen fields or professions, bringing extraordinary credit to the university and significant benefit to humankind.

**Known the world over for his groundbreaking work on global issues, Rattan Lal treasures his ties with Ohio State students and colleagues.**



*By Lynne M. Bonenberger  
By Todd Jones*

**Rattan Lal's** humility belies his world-renowned career achievements, but his passion for scientific research about agriculture is always in clear view.

The Ohio State Distinguished University Professor of Soil Science studies how sustainable soil management can address the global issues of food security, water quality and climate change. At age 75, he continues to work seven days a week.

"We must enhance awareness about the importance of soil to humanity and to the environment," says Lal, who was recognized for his contributions to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change that shared the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize with former U.S. Vice President Al Gore. "We must make sure we manage soil properly, that we do not take it for granted."



*Congratulations to Dr. Lal on another distinguished award! The Japan Prize, is awarded annually to scientists and engineers from around the world who have made significant contributions to the advancement of science and technology, thereby furthering the cause of peace and prosperity of mankind.*

Lal '68 PhD spreads that message constantly, sometimes through keynote addresses that attract audiences from around the world and sometimes one Ohio State student at a time. In his 33rd year as a faculty member in the university's College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, he continues to teach undergraduate and graduate students, conduct research with and mentor doctoral candidates and postdoctoral fellows, and write books and journal articles.

***"There is no more revered, more impactful soil scientist in the world today."  
– Ohio State President Michael V. Drake***

*"The thing I think is most admirable about Dr. Lal is that he has used the opportunities that he's had here at Ohio State to advance science in a way that changes the world around him,"* says Ohio State President Michael V. Drake.

In April, Lal earned the Japan Prize, one of the most prestigious honors in science and technology. Never in its 34-year history had it gone to a soil scientist. A year earlier, Lal received the Glinka World Soil Prize from the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization and the GCHERA World Agriculture Prize from an international confederation of higher education associations.

"The Japan Prize and other awards are a recognition of the work of all my colleagues, the students, the visiting scholars, the post doctorates and research scientists," Lal says. "I clearly did not get those awards on my own. It is my association with Ohio State that makes me a very unique person."

Lal showed his appreciation for Ohio State by donating all \$540,000 in prize money from the three awards to an endowment supporting the university's Carbon Management and Sequestration Center, which he founded and directs.

"Ohio State has been a great institution that has provided me the environment in which I have been able to thrive and contribute knowledge to address global issues," says Lal, who was born in West Punjab, India (now part of Pakistan).

Lal always wears an Ohio State tie with pride whenever he travels, and he does so now as the humble recipient of this year's Alumni Medalist Award — the highest honor bestowed by The Ohio State University Alumni Association.

"It's a great privilege and matter of pride and honor," says Lal, whose wife and four children also are Ohio State graduates. "Being recognized by your home institution, your own colleagues and peers, that is very unique and special."



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## OSU, 2019 Alumni Awards Ceremony

Friday, September 20, ENR Alumni, Faculty, Staff and family gathered to see the Ohio State distinguished University Professor of Soil Science, Rattan Lal, (PhD, Agronomy, 1968) receive The Alumni Medalist Award. We were proud to be there to watch Dr. Lal receive his award and help him celebrate with his family. There was an opening reception at the Fawcett Center before the Award Ceremony. A following reception was at the Longaberger Alumni House. The Ohio State Student String Quartet offered music while gourmet food in several styles were offered at different stations in tandem with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and food trays made their way through the festivities. It was a spectacular celebration for honoring our university Alumni Awardees.



The reception after awards ceremony at the Longaberger Alumni House; Kevin M. McCartney, Dr. Linda Labao, Mark Giese, Mary Ann Webster, Dr. Rattan Lal and Jon Gerken



## ENR ALUMNI SOCIETY RECEIVES ITS FOURTH OSUAA SCARLET AWARD!

*For the fourth year in a row, the ENR Alumni Society received the OSUAA Scarlet Level Outstanding Alumni Society Award. This is the highest award level that The Ohio State University Alumni Association gives to its Alumni Clubs and Societies.*

*We are very proud of the dedication from our ENR Alumni in their work to serve the School of Environment and Natural Resources, our students, the college and university, our communities and our environment.*



OSUAA Alumni Leadership Symposium, 2019: Mark Giese, Matt Perry, Mary Ann Webster, Ric Queen, Ellen Crivella and Neal Sargent



## ENRAS PARTICIPATES IN OSUAA CLUB & SOCIETY LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM

Members of the ENRAS Executive Council attended the 2019 Alumni Club and Society Leadership Symposium held by The Ohio State University Alumni Association (OSUAA) at the Fawcett Center in early September. This is always a great event for Ohio State alumni leaders to come together for learning and sharing ideas. The Symposium provided a variety of interactive sessions supporting the programs and activities of our many alumni clubs and societies connected with The Ohio State University. The Franklin County Alumni Club hosted a reception at the Longaberger Alumni House on Thursday evening. The Ohio State Alumni Association provided both breakfast and lunch for the alumni attending Friday's symposium including a Friday evening alumni social with a variety of food and drink to close out the event. It was a productive and fun event for the alumni participating and a great way to kick off another academic year with the university.





## ENRAS Participates In CFAES Celebration Luncheon and Farm Science Review



LONDON, Ohio—The 57th annual Farm Science Review, held September 17 - 19 drew 114,590 visitors during its three day run featuring new technology, best farming practices, vendors, environmental and conservation demonstrations,

career fair, and more than a hundred educational talks.

The College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences hosted its annual CFAES Celebration Luncheon on the grounds of Farm Science Review. It was a grand affair with remarks from CFAES Dean Cathann A. Kress, Ohio State President Michael V. Drake, and Ohio Governor Mike DeWine. SENR Professor, Dr. Rattan Lal, was also recognized by Dean Kress at this event for being selected for the 2019 Japan Prize and the OSUAA Alumni Medalist for 2019.



*CFAES Celebration Luncheon, 2019: Neal Sargent, Tricia Evans Hellman, Mark Evans, Mary Ann Webster and Ric Queen*



**Mark your calendars for next year's  
Farm Science Review  
September 22 - 24, 2020**

### Demonstrations at the Gwynne Conservation Area at The Farm Science Review



*Eugene Braig, a SENR Extension program director and ENRAS Board Member presented "The Concept of Cover: Managing Structure for Pond Fisheries at the Gwynne Conservation Area ponds."*

## FLOW NEEDS ENRAS MEMBERS TO HELP WITH SERVICE PROJECT ON OCTOBER 19

**Saturday, October 19th – 11 a.m. -2 p.m.**

**Carmack Woods Restoration**

The CFAES Alumni Society, ENRAS and the Undergraduate Student Government are collaborating with FLOW and the Ohio State Seeds of Service students in planting native trees and shrubs in Carmack Woods. FLOW and the Undergraduate Student Government from The Ohio State University are working on the restoration of Carmack Woods which is 6.5 acres of woods, streams and wetlands on Ohio State's West Campus.

Volunteers should park at the Carmack Lot to the north of the woods. FLOW will provide working gloves, shovels and everything else you need!



**Contact: Cindy Plummer,**  
plummer.303@osu.edu



**Friends of The Lower Olentangy Watershed** - Who are we? Our mission is to keep the Olentangy River and its tributaries clean and safe for all to enjoy, through public education, volunteer activities, and coordination with local decision-makers. Please visit us on Facebook or <http://www.olentangywatershed.org>.

**Celebrating Ohio State's Sesquicentennial; This fall kicks off the 150th Anniversary of this great Land Grant University. So throughout 2019 – 2020 several events will help us celebrate.**

### Sesquicentennial Events

**OCT. 15, 2019**

**Think Beyond: An Academic Summit Series**  
Reimagining Teaching and Learning

**Location:** Ohio Union - Columbus Campus

**JAN. 28, 2020**

**Think Beyond: An Academic Summit Series**  
Urban Universities & Thriving Communities

**Location:** Ohio Union - Columbus Campus

**MARCH 21, 2020**

**Sesquicentennial Community Open House**

Help us mark our anniversary weekend. Additional details coming soon!

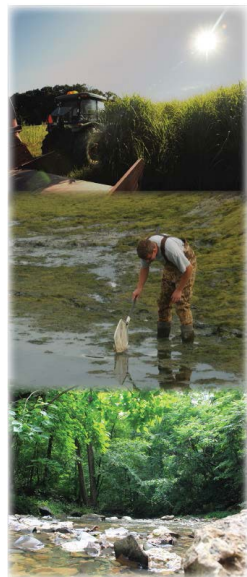
**Location:** Thompson Library - Columbus Campus



## EPN • Environmental Professionals Network Upcoming Events

### Tuesday, October 8, 2019 EPN Breakfast

#### Controlling Nutrient Runoff and Protecting Water Quality: Ohio's Latest Programs and Policies



Registration is open for the Tuesday, October 8 EPN Breakfast program, *Controlling Nutrient Runoff and Protecting Water Quality: Ohio's Latest Programs and Policies*.

**Dorothy Pelanda**, director, Ohio Department of Agriculture; **Laurie A. Stevenson**, director, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency; and **Mary Mertz**, director, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, will discuss nutrient runoff management in Ohio, the programs and policies demonstrating

effectiveness, and collaborative efforts to improve water quality, including the newly launched H2Ohio initiative.

This panel will be moderated by **Dr. Cathann A. Kress**, vice president for Agricultural Administration and dean, College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences at The Ohio State University.

### Tuesday, November 19, 2019 EPN Breakfast

#### The Future of Conservation Funding

This EPN event will focus on the future of Conservation Funding including trends associated with declining fees from hunting and fishing licenses and other conservation funding mechanisms. The program will also look at the “nuts and bolts” of a statewide conservation funding plan including common and unique aspects of Ohio’s current political and geographical landscape. Presenters will include **Collin O’Mara**, President and CEO of the National Wildlife Federation; **Naomi Edelson**, Senior Director, Wildlife Partnerships, National Wildlife Federation; and **Kendra Wecker**, Chief, Division of Wildlife, ODNR.



**National Wildlife Federation**

For both of these and upcoming events visit:

<https://epn.osu.edu>

## Get Ready for CFAES FALLFEST, 2019!

SENR Alumni, faculty, staff, family and friends with the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences celebrate CFAES FALLFEST on Saturday, October 5th in conjunction with The Ohio State University Homecoming.

Buckeyes face the Spartans of Michigan State University at 7:30 p.m. in Ohio Stadium. Expect delicious tailgate fare, excellent entertainment and some CFAES camaraderie. We will be celebrating the anniversary classes from 1969 and 1994. The FALLFEST Tailgate runs until 6:30 p.m., one hour before kickoff at 7:30 p.m. is at the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center.

### CFAES Fallfest 2019



Homecoming events will run from Friday, October 4 through Sunday, October 6, 2019 so here is the schedule:

**Friday, October 4th** – Enjoy the Homecoming Parade and cheer on the CFAES student club floats. Parade begins at 6 p.m.

**Saturday, October 5th** – FALLFEST, 2019 Celebration

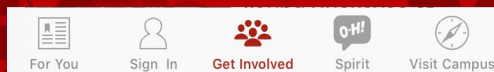
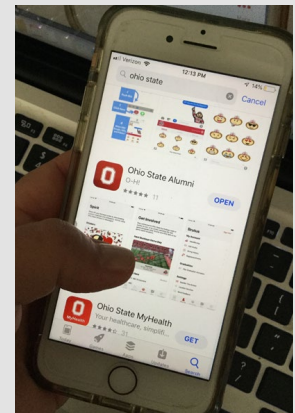
**Sunday, October 6th** - The University will host a luncheon to celebrate the Class of 1969 at the Ohio Union.

## The Ohio State Alumni App

It is here now... the new Ohio State Alumni App! The School of Environment and Natural Resources Alumni Society has its own link on the App to where you will be able to keep current on Society information and activities. Checking on your membership status and keeping it up to date is a click away. Many innovative features have been added to help you navigate parking, restaurants, lodging and finding your way around campus and Columbus. You can add Ohio State art stickers to your conversations and dress your phone with Buckeye ringtones and media.



To find the OSU App go to your App store and search Ohio State Alumni. (There are other Ohio State themed Apps so look specifically for "Alumni"). Then follow download instructions.



### For You

for news, events and to watch Pres. Drake discuss the history of the University on PBS series, *Columbus Neighborhoods*.

### Sign In

to keep your membership current, check your status, get tickets and sign up for events.

### Get Involved

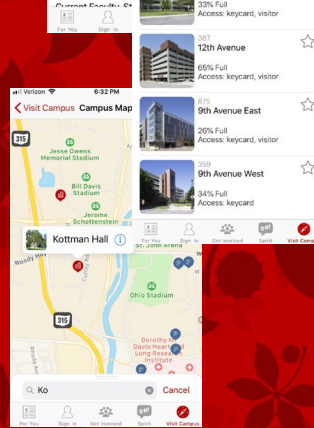
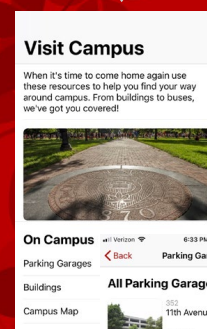
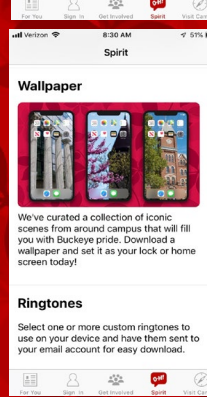
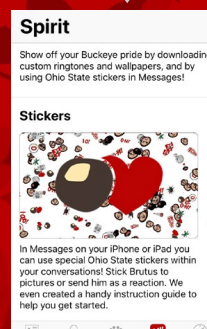
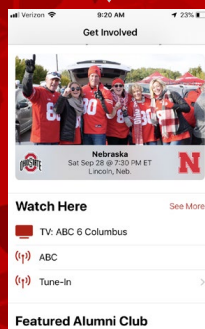
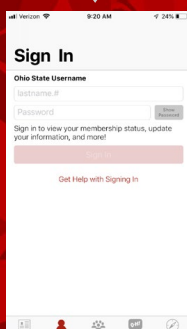
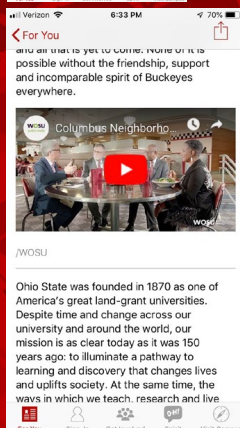
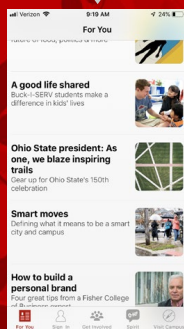
to see next Game Day detail and find ENR Alumni Society Page and other clubs & societies.

### Spirit

to find Ohio State art, stickers, wallpaper, ringtones and other fun things.

### Visit Campus

to find your way around campus, find parking availability, restaurants, shopping and game day/event traffic alerts.







The Environment and Natural Resources Alumni Society (ENRAS) is a non-profit society affiliated with The Ohio State University Alumni Association. ENRAS represents graduates from the School of Environment and Natural Resources and promotes the following:

- **Advancing the professions in the fields of the environment and natural resources.**
- **Augmenting the educational and career development of graduates, students, and others associated with the school.**
- **Promoting the education, growth and development of its students, faculty, staff, and alumni, friends, stakeholders and supporters affiliated with the School of Environment and Natural Resources.**

ENRAS publishes this document, the Alumni Connection, a bi-annual newsletter, and maintains a social media presence on Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter with the goal of connecting SENR alumni, friends, stakeholders and supporters. An Executive Council with representation from different majors and graduating classes of the School of Environment and Natural Resources provides leadership to the ENR Alumni Society. The ENR Alumni Society has received the OSUAA Scarlet Level Outstanding Alumni Society Award four years in a row: 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019. The Scarlet level is the highest award level that the Ohio State Alumni Association gives to its Alumni clubs and societies. We are very proud of the dedication from our ENR Alumni in their work to serve the School of Environment and Natural Resources, our students, the college and university, our communities and our environment.

#### ALUMNI GIVING:

**1,216**

made a gift in the 2017  
Fiscal Year (12%)

**\$700,809**

in giving in the 2017  
Fiscal Year

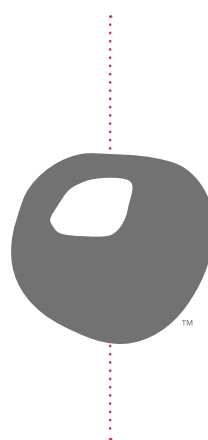
#### ALUMNI FACTS:

**60%**  
living in Ohio

**9,865**  
living alumni

**1,496**

current Sustaining Alumni  
Members



## BECOME A SUSTAINING MEMBER

Alumni who renew their commitment to Ohio State each year by making tax-deductible gifts of \$75 or more to the university program(s) of their choice become Sustaining Members.

[www.osu.edu/alumni/membership/become-a-sustaining-member/](http://www.osu.edu/alumni/membership/become-a-sustaining-member/)  
or access on

### The Ohio State Alumni App

All SENR graduates are members of both the ENR Alumni Society and The Ohio State University Alumni Association.



Environment and  
Natural Resources  
Alumni Society

Be sure to download the  
The Ohio State Alumni App  
which will make checking  
and keeping your member-  
ship up to date an easy task.

## HOW CAN I JOIN?

A Sustaining Member is an alumnus who donates \$75 annually to the Ohio State fund of their choice. Our sustaining member community supports the people, projects and priorities of the university and stays connected to Ohio State by making a difference. Gifts may be made to any area of Ohio State, including the Alumni Association, scholarships, Pelotonia, the Wexner Medical Center and more.

As an ENR Alumnus, we would like you to consider one of our ENR funds (listed below) that will directly benefit students. Please visit [senr.osu.edu/giving](http://senr.osu.edu/giving) or the **Ohio State Alumni App** to make a donation today.

### SENR EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING FUND 316175

Supports curricular and co-curricular learning outside the traditional classroom to provide hands-on real world experiences for students in the School of Environment and Natural Resources.

### SENR WILDLIFE FUND 316176

Supports wildlife related education, research or outreach in the School of Environment and Natural Resources. Funds will enhance the quality of undergraduate and graduate education related to wildlife and support innovative research and outreach efforts to enhance wildlife conservation and management.

### SENR SCHOLARSHIP FUND 313978

Supports scholarship awards for undergraduate students in the School of Environment and Natural Resources.

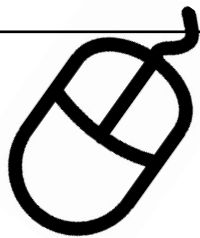
## Update Your Alumni Information

[go.osu.edu/enralumupdate](http://go.osu.edu/enralumupdate)

We like to keep our information as up-to-date as much as possible when it comes to our alumni. Please take a second to follow the link above to give us your most current information. It will allow us to keep you up-to-date with all things happening with ENRAS and the School of Environment and Natural Resources.







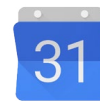
## STAY CONNECTED!



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Twitter.com/ENRAumni



Google Calendar: <https://bit.ly/2zJhVoc>



The **School of Environment and Natural Resources Highlights magazine** shares the recent impact of the School's research, teaching, and extension/outreach missions, as well as recent accomplishments by staff, faculty, students, and programs. Browse and celebrate the School's efforts at [go.osu.edu/senrhighlights](http://go.osu.edu/senrhighlights).

### Share a Memory

We would love to hear the memories you have of your time with the School. We are still collecting your submissions at <https://senr.osu.edu/memories> in an effort to bring the community together, past and present, by sharing fond experiences. The School of Environment and Natural Resources reserves the right to select memory and story submissions for display on the school and celebration website and other celebration materials. The School of Environment and Natural Resources reserves the right to edit submissions for length and/or content.



