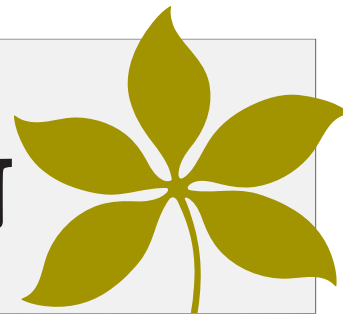


# ALUMNI CONNECTION

FALL 2020



## ENRAS COVID RESPONSE TO MEMBERS

Dear Fellow ENRAS Members,

We hope this letter finds you and yours healthy and safe during these unprecedented times. Like you, we are all grappling with the impacts of the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic. The Ohio State University Alumni Association and the Environment and Natural Resources Alumni Society (ENRAS) will continue to follow the University's guidance in our decision-making about operations and upcoming events. In some cases, events moved to a virtual format where possible. Normally ENRAS is especially active this time of year. Unfortunately we had to cancel or postpone many of our usual spring and summer in-person events and activities and it looks as if fall will be no different.

The University had to cancel all in person events up through the beginning of the Fall Semester. Some of the events that we often participate this fall are continuing to roll into a virtual format, and many of you have continued to participate. It looked like Ohio State Football was not going to happen this fall and then, it was back! It makes us all excited to see our Buckeyes play this season. Fingers crossed!

While we continue to adapt to our ever-changing social environment from Covid-19, Your ENR Alumni Society and its parent, The Ohio State University Alumni Association remain open for business. Our Executive Council members remain in constant contact with each other and the School of Environment and Natural Resources. We still have a lot of exciting events and activities brewing up for this academic year.

We have a number of ways for you to stay up-to-date with all SENR and ENRAS developments. We have social media platforms for the School of Environment and Natural Resources Alumni Society on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#), the [senr.osu.edu](http://senr.osu.edu) website, and information in this edition of the ENRAS Alumni Connection newsletter to keep you connected with us all. Through these venues, we hope to keep you engaged, offer guidance, plan social events, and keep up on the latest trends about the environment and natural resources that impact each of our specializations serving to benefit our environment and the people sharing it. We ask that you follow us for engagement information related to SENR and your alumni society. As Buckeyes, we believe in paying it forward and that is what we strive to do in ENRAS. We want you to carry on that tradition. Please stay engaged with your Ohio State family. Let us know what you are all up to and how we can support you and your accomplishments.



Classes continue at The Ohio State University. SENR, CFAES and university have worked hard to adapt to an online learning environment, and have been able to maintain field based and laboratory classes where possible. We still have students in the residences halls, living off campus and now virtually connecting with their academic programs with good success.

We would like to express our thanks to every member of our Buckeye community. You have all made sacrifices to advance the well-being of our community, even in a moment of great personal challenge. For this, we are profoundly grateful. Thank you, also, to all who have communicated your needs or shared ideas for how we can best accomplish our work in these challenging times. We appreciate your feedback and your input. We are listening, and we are working hard to find solutions as quickly as possible to the challenges that this situation presents.

We also want to offer our deepest gratitude to everybody at The Ohio State University President's office, Governor DeWine's office, Ohio Department of Health, CDC, and The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, who are on the front lines combating this pandemic. These offices, agencies, and health care centers have rapidly expanded capacity to test and serve patients in central Ohio and beyond. Clinicians, researchers, and staff are working around the clock to care for our community and conduct research into vaccines and treatments for COVID-19.

Despite the extraordinary times we are all facing now, I am confident that, by standing together as extraordinary Buckeyes, we will emerge from this moment stronger, with extraordinary spirit and more resilient. Thank you, again, for the actions you are each taking to support the well-being of all.

Respectfully Yours & Go Bucks,  
Neal Sargeant  
(2008 BS, 2012 MENR)  
ENRAS President



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## KRISTINA M. JOHNSON APPOINTED 16TH PRESIDENT OF THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY JOINS GOV. MIKE DEWINE'S PRESS BRIEFING ABOUT COVID-19 TO TALK ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY'S SAFETY GUIDELINES AND PLANS.



[Kristina M. Johnson](#), PhD, was appointed the 16th President of The Ohio State University this spring and has come out straight-away tackling strong challenges. One of them is leading and navigating the university through the changing situations and challenges presented by the COVID 19 pandemic. On September 8th, the day after Labor Day, Governor, Mike DeWine kicked off his press conference with an interview of our new president of The Ohio State University, Dr. Kristina Johnson.

If you would like to watch, here is the link to YouTube courtesy of Channel 10 News:

<https://youtu.be/0qOiSIKi8fw>

Dr. Johnson's tenure as Ohio State president started on Aug. 24, 2020, succeeding Michael V. Drake, who has served as president since June 2014.

Board chair Gary R. Heminger commented this spring, "Her range of knowledge, service and accomplishments across sectors and throughout her career is nothing short of remarkable. She is uniquely positioned to make an immediate impact – building on Ohio State's momentum and advancing our mission to uplift lives through academic excellence." In this short time she is already tackling his expectations.

Johnson has close family ties to Ohio State and Ohio. Her grandfather graduated from Ohio State in 1896, played right guard on one of the early football teams and was a member of the Tesla Club. Family lore has it that Johnson's grandfather met her grandmother on the Columbus campus.

"Ohio State has always been a special place to me – well beyond its standing as one of the most respected teaching, research and patient-care institutions in the world," Johnson said. "I am humbled to be selected to lead this great land-grant university, and I look forward to meeting with students, faculty and staff to begin our work together."

We strongly encourage you to see the full Alumni Association Article, to see her impressive lists of accomplishments, credentials and expertise. ENRAS welcomes her and is looking forward to working with our new 16th President of The Ohio State University.

Please visit the full article here: <https://news.osu.edu/kristina-m-johnson-appointed-16th-president-of-the-ohio-state-university>

## WELL HELLO MOLLY!

By Mary Alice Casey

Molly Ranz Calhoun '86 is from generations of Buckeyes. Calhoun is now president and CEO of The Ohio State University Alumni Association, which serves as the primary point of connection between the university and its graduates. She succeeded Jim Smith in the role May 1, and has worked for Ohio State for 35 years, always in the Office of Student Life, most recently as senior associate vice president.

### From Generations of Buckeyes

Molly is the daughter of Norbert Ranz '49, '52 DDS and the late Mary Welch Ranz '48, who met at Ohio State. They made a life in Norbert's hometown of Cincinnati, where Molly, her sister and two brothers grew up. In their predominantly Catholic westside neighborhood, there were Notre Dame families and the Ranz family of Buckeyes.



Ohio State ties are prized by this family. Her degree is in industrial design. She and her husband, Tom Calhoun, have three sons, Cody, who is studying medicine at Ohio State, and twins Casey, a business major, and Conner, who is working full time. All three sons were born at Wexner Medical Center and attended university child care. Other alumni include two of her siblings, nieces, nephews and her uncle George Ranz '48. (He and Molly's dad captained the baseball team in 1947 and '48, respectively, and still are one of just a few sets of brothers to captain an Ohio State sport.)



### Career Highs

While charting her path from student intern to senior associate vice president, Molly led the university's largest residential construction project, the North Residential District, and played a key role in the design and construction of the current Ohio Union.

### Favorite Hobby

A history of photography class prompted her to minor in photography. That's led to her role as photographer for her sons' many sports teams.

### Fondest Analogy

"Buckeyes have this bond. I tell people it's kind of like Gorilla Glue. We should have Buckeye Glue. It doesn't matter where you are in the world, we will stick together and be there for each other."

Please visit the full article here: <https://www.osu.edu/alumni/news/ohio-state-alumni-magazine/issues/summer-2020/ohio-state-alumni-association-ceo.html>

## ▶ ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS NETWORK - CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY.

BE INSPIRED. GROW PROFESSIONALLY.

Ohio is home to thousands of environmental professionals working every day to make the world a better place. The Environmental Professionals Network (EPN) is a service of the School of Environment and Natural Resources that connects and grows environmental professionals in-person and online.

Participants in the Environmental Professionals Network can access many online services and are linked to thousands of professionals in Ohio and beyond. Professionals are thus connected in a “community” of people who share their passion for our world and its environment, natural resources, people, and communities -- local to global. The EPN will help you grow professionally and be more effective in your job, and be inspired about your career. <https://epn.osu.edu/home>

## ▶ OHIO WOODLAND STEWARDS PROGRAM

**Promoting stewardship across the woodlands of Ohio through classes, professional workshops and publications.**

Due to COVID-19 the university is under a state of emergency and we are all working from home. At this point in time all travel has been suspended until Dec. 31st. Currently, OWS is offering some virtual classes with several being led by SENR faculty. In order to keep offering you information on the topics you are interested in we are posting a variety of content under the new **RESOURCES** tab. Look for our ‘Friday’s *Escape to the Forest*’ post each Friday morning to see what’s new. <https://woodlandstewards.osu.edu/>

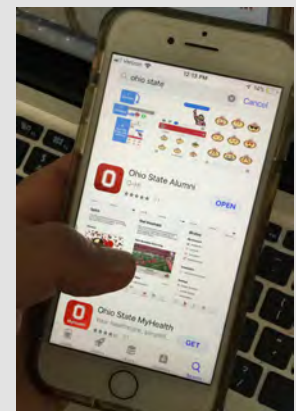


## ▶ The Ohio State Alumni App

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.

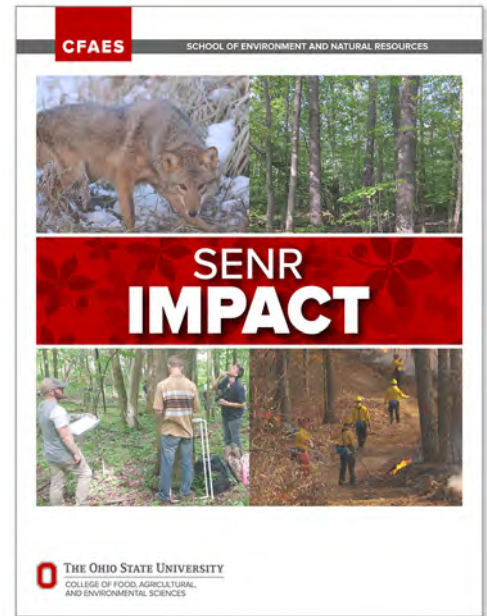


## MAKING A DIFFERENCE – SENR RELEASES LATEST IMPACT STATEMENTS

The School of Environment and Natural Resources (SENR) is pleased to release [our most recent impact statements](#). The [eight featured statements](#) represent the leadership of our faculty and staff and the successful outcomes of our students and impact of our teaching, research and outreach in 2019.

### How we made a difference:

- We helped landowners, agencies and NGOs manage their forest resources by pioneering new management approaches and education
- We facilitated networking and communication of science-based knowledge to minimize human-wildlife conflict
- We documented the linkages between people and the production and consumption of energy
- We increased energy literacy among our students and paved the way to launch an interdisciplinary graduate specialization in sustainable energy
- We investigated of the use of fire as a broad ecosystem management and restoration program and provided vital information to state resource managers on the use of prescribed fire
- We engaged our students in experiential (hands-on) learning opportunities to address employer needs and provided professional development for students
- We provided students with applied, mentored research experiences to prepare the next generation of scientists
- We engaged youth in educational and experiential environmental programs to foster a lifelong appreciation of the natural world and increase their knowledge of natural resources and environmental concerns
- We provided an engaging and inclusive network platform where environmental professionals could connect and grow professionally



## 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.



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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.

## SUPPORT OUR PROGRAMS

In celebration of our 50th anniversary, SENR has created two funds to provide support for our next 50 years. A huge part of our success and reputation is built on getting students out in the world and environment they are studying.

**We need your help to continue to better prepare students for the growing need for superb environmental professionals.**

[Click here](#) to learn how you can make a lasting impact on students' experience.

### QUESTIONS?

Email [senr50@osu.edu](mailto:senr50@osu.edu) with your questions.

## 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!



Facebook.com/OhioStateSENRAS



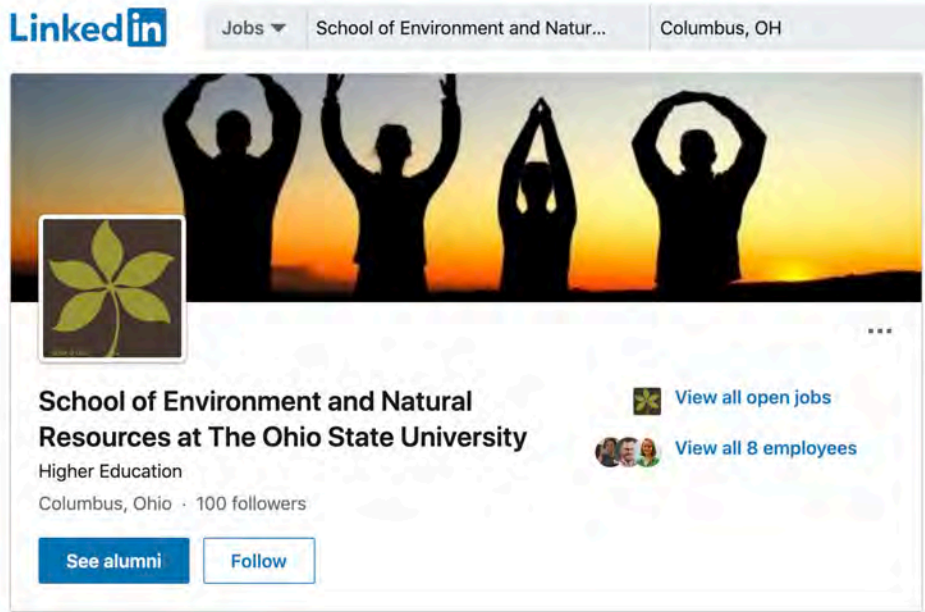
Twitter.com/ENRALumni



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

### JOIN SENR ON LINKEDIN:

<https://www.linkedin.com/school/school-of-environment-and-natural-resources-at-the-ohio-state-university/>



### SHARE A MEMORY OF YOUR TIME WITH US!



SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Share your favorite fond memories and photos of your time with the school **50 YEARS AND BEYOND** at <https://senr.osu.edu/memories>

The School of Environment and Natural Resources reserves the right to select memory and story submissions for display on the school and other ENRAS materials. The School of Environment and Natural Resources reserves the right to edit submissions for length and/or content.





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