

ALUMNI CONNECTION

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RendeZoo 2016

An ENRAS special event at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, May 21st, 2016



The forecast for Saturday, May 21 may have been chilly and wet, but we had a great turn out at our RendeZoo event at the Columbus Zoo & Aquarium. The event was tailored to alumni, faculty, staff & grad students and their families. Individuals were given discounted admission and a free meal at the Heart of Africa venue. The venue was a beautiful location with a private balcony looking out to the enclosure where giraffes, zebras, wildebeast, ostriches and gazelles are found.



Despite the weather we had nearly 135 individuals come out to the zoo and the Heart of Africa. They enjoyed a barbeque style meal and watched a slideshow of events going on in the School. Danielle Ross, ENR alumnus and Vice President of Education at the Zoo spoke on "What is Happening at the Zoo." We also were able to host a raffle to benefit the School of Environment and Natural Resources Scholarship Fund. After the luncheon, patrons were able to enjoy their day at the zoo. We hope to make this a yearly event so keep an eye on our social media and your emails for details to come.



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CFAES 2016 Banquet

On Thursday, April 7th, the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences came together in the Archie M. Griffith Grand Ballroom of the Ohio Union to recognize achievements within the college. The theme of the evening was "Roaring Recognition."

Before the 1920's inspired evening kicked off a group of SENR alumni, staff and students met at Woody's Tavern within the Ohio Union. The group gathered for the chance to unwind after a day of work and prepare for the forthcoming banquet. We would like to thank everyone for coming out and mingling with us.

The Newcomb Scholars are a group that are recognized for their academic achievements. The top 5 students based on cumulative GPA are named Newcomb Scholars. They are classified by rank or year in school, Rank Two is Sophomore, Rank Three is Junior and Rank Four is Senior. Out of the 15 scholars from the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences 5 were from the School of Environment and Natural Resources. In Rank Two we had Environment, Economy, Development & Sustainability major Cheryl Fladung from Somerset, Ohio. At Rank Three we had Environment, Economy, Development and Sustainability majors Annaliese Koontz from Cincinnati, Ohio and Mara Momenee from Toledo, Ohio. Rank Four was Environment, Economy, Development & Sustainability major Sammie Keitlen of Evergreen, Colorado, and Environmental Sciences major Jordan Reding of Chagrin Falls, Ohio. Congratulations to all.



Lastly we had four students honored with the Lee Johnston Leadership Award. The Lee Johnston Leadership Award is given to students that show exemplar leadership skills within the school. From being a student mentor to a strong club president, these individuals are nominated by faculty, staff & peers to receive recognition and a scholarship for their efforts for the school. This year's recipients were Senior Environmental Science major Emma Brown, Senior Environmental Science major Nick Doarn, Senior Environmental Science major Ella Weaver, Senior Natural Resource Management major Taylor Windatt. We would like to congratulate all of our award winners this year.

ENRAS Helps Families during the Holidays

During the month of December, ENRAS collected toys and money to help out families that are struggling. ENRAS used their Alumni Holiday Gathering held at COSI After Dark to collect gifts and donations for the families. These families have children with extreme life threatening health conditions. The effort from the society was tremendous and heart lifting to say the least. ENRAS came together and provided these families with gifts that would have been unattainable to get on their own. Because of ENRAS, a few children had the Christmas of their dreams, but it didn't stop there. The families also received groceries and toiletries to help bring some sense of normalcy in their homes. The families certainly were surprised and thankful for our effort to help give them a great holiday. These children are facing a battle of life and death. Everyone in the Alumni Society and ENR staff deserves a standing ovation for a great turnout and group donation.



Featured Alumnus



John R. Foltz receives the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences 2016 Young Professional Achievement Award

John was recognized with the College's Young Professional Achievement award, which recognizes young men and women for their early professional accomplishments. The luncheon was held March 9, 2016 at the Ohio Union Performance Hall on the campus of The Ohio State University.

John is a 2006 graduate of The Ohio State University, who earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry, Fisheries, and Wildlife in the School of Environment and Natural Resources and a Master's Degree in Biological Science Engineering from Washington State University.

John serves as the Lead Entity and Regional Technical Team Coordinator for the Snake River Salmon Recovery Board in Dayton, Washington, where he manages and reports on habitat project funding, coordinates the Lead Entity Citizens Committee and the Regional Technical Team and manages the Habitat Work Schedule Reporting Database. John is an Associate Fisheries Professional in the American Fisheries Society.



Be on the lookout for old friends and faculty that are featured!



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We like to keep our information as up-to-date as possible when it comes to our alumni. Please take a second to follow the link below 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.

<https://connect1.osu.edu/alumni/osuaa-login?bm=1033047074>

Career Bootcamp

Hosted by the Environment and Natural Resources Alumni Society, the Career Bootcamp 2016 went off without a hitch on January 26, 2016 at the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center. Thirty-two students representing all five of SENR's majors and multiple graduate student programs along with 19 alumni professionals presenting created a good turnout for a cold January evening.

Mike McNutt was the master of ceremonies for the evening and added a bit of humor to the evening. Panelists this year were J.J. Domiano, Holly Tucker, and Mark Dilley. The panelists answered prepared questions from Dilley who also opened up the floor for students to ask questions of their own. Following the panel, students and professionals broke up into small groups to have one on one conversations and to ask the big questions about their given field. This was quite a success with many students staying past the end remarks to keep talking with the professionals.

We would like to thank all the alumni that volunteered to be on our panel and small group leaders including: Joseph Campbell, Mike McNutt, Mark Dilley, Brent Repenning, Brent Macolley, Danielle Balduff, J.J. Domiano, Holly Tucker, Ric Queen, Matt Perry, Reina Tyl, Tricia Evans, Lori Monska, Eugene Braig, Mark Giese, Gary Comer, Larry Peck and Melissa Turpenning.

Career Bootcamp is an opportunity for students to connect with alumni and get insight on what it is like to work in their given area of study. Without fail each year, a group of amazing alumni volunteers offer up their time to speak with students that are wanting the inside scoop on their field. 2017's Career Bootcamp is tentatively set for the last week of January 2017.

If you are interested in being an alumni participant please contact us at ENRAS@osu.edu.



Young Alumni

The School of Environment and Natural Resources' Young Alumni group continues to hold small, informal gatherings for alumni under the age of 30. This winter, the group went on a short hike at Highbanks Metro Park, braving single digit temperatures to explore the trails and view the bald eagle nest from the observation deck. The group also met in April at Seventh Son Brewery for a happy hour, and meets every month at the Green Columbus "Green Drinks" events, held on the third Wednesday of the month. These events often feature networking for the first hour, and some light programming in the second, featuring leaders in the Columbus environmental community.

The Young Alumni group is looking to meet the needs of recent graduates and other alumni still establishing their careers and professional goals. The group plans to continue happy hours and outdoor events, and is open to other ideas for gatherings. We are seeking feedback and anyone interested in getting involved. If you would like to be added to the Young Alumni mailing list, or are interested in assisting the Young Alumni committee, please send an email to Nolan Rutschilling at Nolanrutschilling@gmail.com.



Director Profile: Fred P. Miller, 1994-1998



From its conception in 1968 the School of Natural Resources (later the School of Environment and Natural Resources) has had many distinguished and talented men serve in the important role of director of the school. This is no exception when considering the school's director from 1994-1998, Fred P. Miller

Dr. Miller earned his Bachelor's, Master's and PhD all in Agronomy from Ohio State, in 1958, 1961 and 1965 respectively. After receiving his PhD he served in faculty and administrative positions in agriculture at the University of Maryland (1965-1982) and the University of Arkansas (1982-1986). He then came back to the Buckeye state and served as the chair of the Department of Agronomy in 1986. He continued in this position until in 1994 when an administrative reorganization within the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences resulted in the dissolution of the agronomy department and the transfer of the soil science faculty and programs to the newly reconstituted SNR.

At the point of the dissolving of the agronomy department into SNR, Dr. Miller became the director of the school. With this transition Dr. Miller was tasked with merging the soil science program into the already existing SNR programs. Within the first year of the integration, Dr. Miller was faced with the complication of a reduced faculty due to multiple early retirements of senior faculty. He spent his remaining time as director making substantial progress in refocusing the school's programs and rebuilding the faculty. He stepped down from the director position in 1998.

Dr. Miller was also involved in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences shift to an "ecological paradigm" in the mid 1990s. The "ecological paradigm" concept has guided the School since its inception in that it has had faculty focusing on production of natural resource commodities in an economically viable framework with added emphasis on protecting environmental quality and addressing the human component.

After stepping down as director, Dr. Miller took on the role of regular SENR faculty status until his retirement in 2000. He moved to Scottsdale, Arizona where he remained active in many professional and social activities. Dr. Miller was a Fellow of the American Society of Agronomy, Fellow of the American Association for Advancement of Science and a member of the Soil Science Society of America serving as president from 1990-1991. In 2004, he was named a CFAES Distinguished Alumni. Dr. Miller passed away in June 2011 while on a rafting trip through the Grand Canyon. He was 75 years old.

Dr. Fred P. Miller impacted the School of Environment and Natural Resources with the integration of Soil Science into the curriculum. Today, four of the five majors are required to take soil science classes, blending environmental practices with those of agronomy. Through these classes and the establishment of the Fred P. Miller Fund, Dr. Miller's legacy lives on.





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.

<https://www.osu.edu/alumni/membership/become-a-sustaining-member/>

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

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 and programs in the School of Environment and Natural Resources.

FEATURED ENDOWMENT FUNDS

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| 313978 | School of Environment and Natural Resources Scholarship Fund |
| 306591 | The Ohio State Fund for the School of Environment and Natural Resources |
| 600329 | The Barnebey Family Scholarship Fund |
| 605470 | Olentangy River Wetland Research Park Program Endowment Fund |

OTHER ENDOWMENT AND GIFT FUNDS

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| 601755 | John F. Disinger Endowment Fund |
| 604840 | Nikki Meifert Memorial Fund |
| 606319 | Elizabeth C. Sawtell Fund |
| 607329 | Triplett-Vandoren No-Tillage Fund |
| 646815 | T. Davis Sydnor Endowed Scholarship |
| 664987 | Fred P. Miller Fund |
| 666375 | Schiermeier Wetland Fund |
| 647128 | Dr. Robert W. Teater Endowed |
| 302232 | SNR Staff Support |
| 305921 | Rural Sociology |
| 308031 | Shade Tree Evaluation |
| 309710 | Wetlands Research |
| 310207 | Mitsch Memorial |
| 314223 | Youth Beat Radio |
| 314160 | Association of Ohio Pedologists Scholarship Fund |

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Important Dates/ Events

Saturday, September 3rd

ENRAS Tailgate @ 10:00 a.m and
Ohio State vs Bowling Green
football game @ 12:00 p.m.

Friday, September 9th

OSUAA Club and Society
Leadership Symposium at the
Fawcett Center @ 7:30 a.m.
registration

Friday and Saturday, Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st

OSU Homecoming weekend and
CFAES Fallfest prior to the Ohio
State vs Rutgers football game @
12:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 13th

National Parks Adventure Film in 3D
at COSI



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