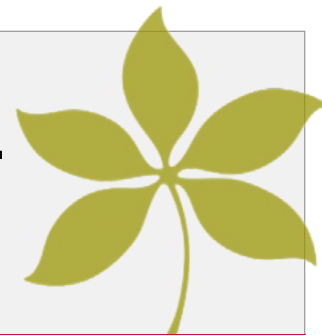


# ALUMNI CONNECTION

SPRING 2019



**The School of Environment and Natural Resources recognizes individuals with one of school's earliest honorary awards.**

Three individuals were recognized as the newest members of the Honorary 100 at a 50th Anniversary reception hosted by the School of Environment and Natural Resources (SENR) at the Ohio Union on April 8, 2019.

## The Honorees:

**Laura Fay** for tireless advocacy on behalf of the Olentangy River and students. Laura was instrumental in creating a year-long student board member position with Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed (FLOW). Three SENR students have served in that roll, a benefit to both FLOW and our students. Laura has provided insightful and engaging guest lectures during at least 12 different semesters for different SENR faculty and courses in the school.

**David Hanselmann** for his leadership in establishing and developing the Environmental Professionals Network – a network of professionals connecting as a “community,” who share their passion for our world and its environment, natural resources, people and communities. As EPN Director, David coordinated over 65 monthly EPN breakfasts and signature events. The reach



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and impact of the Environmental Professionals Network continues today with lively, compelling and informative programs.

**Dr. Rosanne Fortner** for a lifelong commitment to teaching. Dr. Fortner sees teaching as her first [and continuing] profession. She taught middle school in Virginia and has a doctorate in science education from Virginia Tech. It was teaching about water that brought Dr. Fortner to Ohio State in 1978 as a Visiting Assistant Professor in the College of Education, for work on the first Ohio Sea Grant project. After a year, she was hired into the School of Natural Resources Environmental Education and Communications program. On our faculty, she combined teaching, research and service about the Great Lakes, and became a leader in the field of marine and aquatic education.

Dr. Fortner was a Fulbright Senior Scholar in Cypress in 1999, and director of the 8-state Center for Ocean Science Education Excellence [COSEE] for the Great Lakes from 2005-2011. She chaired 15 PhD committees and 40 Masters committees, and still publishes in her field even though she “officially” retired in 2005. **To date, the Honorary 100 now has 126 members.**

## HAT - TRICK! ENR ALUMNI SOCIETY RECEIVES ITS THIRD OSUAA SCARLET AWARD! LET'S CELEBRATE AT FALLFEST!

*Hat-Trick! For the third 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 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.*



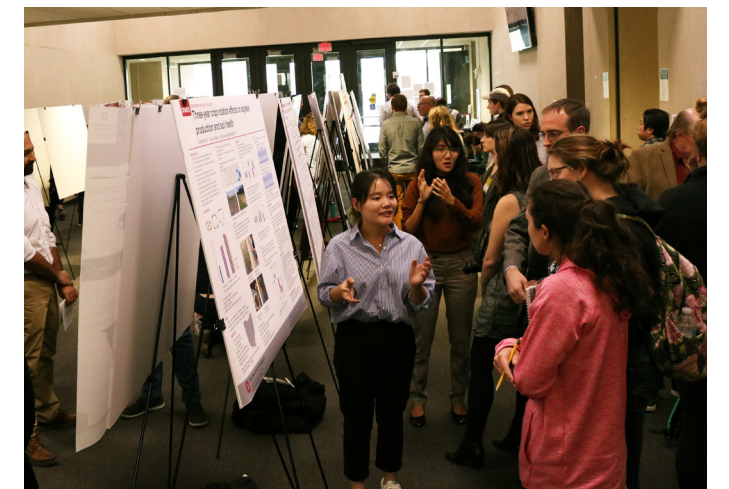
**Kristine Mount Staats** was honored by The Ohio State University with the Josephine Sitterle Failer Alumni Award at the OSUAA University Alumni Awards Reception on Friday evening, September 21. The Failer award is for alumni who exemplify the spirit of selfless caring for Ohio State students and who enhance the quality of life for students, as embodied in the the award's namesake, who was involved in a wide range of volunteer activities on behalf of the university. Representing the SENR and ENRAS were Dr. Robert Roth, SENR Professor and Associate Director, Emeritus and his wife Carol Roth (taking the picture); ENRAS President Matt Perry, Kevin McCarty, ENRAS Exec Council and Mark Giese, ENRAS ARO. A big congratulations Kristine Mount for her great service!



Group photo – University Alumni Awards: Mark Giese, Kevin M. McCarty, Dr. Robert Roth, Kristine Mount Staats and Matt Perry

**Soil Science Research Day at Ohio State:** Soil science research from across The Ohio State University was featured at the inaugural Soil Science Research Day on March 28 in Kottman Hall. A goal of the symposium was to promote soil science across all disciplines at the university and to increase awareness of its importance to the environment, society and economy.

The symposium was hosted by Christine Sprunger, Assistant Professor and soil scientist and rhizosphere ecologist in SENR and in conjunction with the spring 2019 Soil Science Seminar class. The organizing committee for the symposium originated out of the Soil Science Seminar composed of graduate students, researchers and faculty. Dr. Gary Pierzynski, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education with the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences kicked off the event with a poster symposium immediately following in Kottman Hall Lobby.



Dr. Pierzynski, who is also current president of the American Society of Agronomy shared in his keynote an overview of soil science research today and into the future.



Over the last several years, SENR has collectively tried to improve its profile by **connecting with our SENR friends, supporters, stakeholders and alumni on a more consistent basis**. Especially over the past year, we have been striving to be even more visible and to have a tangible presence at our professional events, conferences and association meetings. It is our hope that this will continue to bring greater attention to SENR and create greater pathways for our students and faculty to extend their research initiatives and enhance our outreach efforts. SENR faculty have been active in attending professional conferences, research forums and association meetings since the founding of the School.

*As an enhancement to these efforts, we are working to make a strategic effort to be highly visible at these events by providing additional resources to raise the focus on SENR and its activities. Having a SENR table at the tradeshow, hosting a reception, sponsoring a presentation and just having active presenters and participants at these professional outings goes a long way in promoting SENR and raising our prestige as an important entity to be engaged by our environmental and conservation partners.*

In October 2018, SENR faculty, students and alumni gathered for the **National Wildlife Society Conference** held up at the Cleveland Convention Center. SENR maintained a very visible presence at that event. The ENR Wildlife faculty and students helped us make a memorable impression on our friends, stakeholders and alumni that attended that event. We had a great tabletop display at the tradeshow and helped sponsor a wonderful reception amongst our Ohio partners. We had many students interested in our graduate programs stop by our table and chat with our faculty at the conference. We had a great turn out the reception as well. We had leftover ENRAS RendeZoo t-shirts, and we were able to give each of our ENR alumni attending the reception a shirt. The SENR shirts from the School were a big hit! Several of our alums put the shirts on right there at the reception. A walking advertisement for SENR!

In February 2019, the Ohio at the **Ohio Parks and Recreation Association State Conference** was held in Sandusky, Ohio. SENR helped host a reception during the conference's alumni engagement event on Monday evening during the conference. Ohio University and Kent State were the big players with us at that event. This was the second year we sponsored an alumni event at the conference and a number of our friends, stakeholders and alumni appreciated our continued connection with their professional event.

These are just a couple of examples of the types of professional activities we are increasing our engagement. Obviously, the sponsorship of these activities costs money, and we will not have the necessary time, resources or funding to be everywhere and to do everything. However, we will work to continue connecting with our friends and colleagues at these professional events and activities. As we concluded the SENR 50th Anniversary during this academic year, we will strive to continue our success in making the Ohio State University School of Environment and Natural Resources as a known and significant entity at the local, state, national and international levels. It is exciting to see the growth and prosperity of SENR. We hope to continue expanding our role in protecting our Environment and to help people understand and manage our natural resources through all of your efforts.

- Mark Giese, ENR Advancement

**Congratulations to Alumnus Steve Goodwin** (BS, Parks Recreation & Tourism Administration), who was honored with the **Distinguished Alumni Award** for his leadership in the field of natural resources conservation and management at the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences Alumni Awards and Recognition program on March 2, 2019.



The Distinguished Alumni Award gives public recognition to those who have brought distinction to themselves and the college at large through their participation, commitment and leadership. **During the past 40 years in Ohio, Steve has been a leader in the field of natural resources conservation and management.**

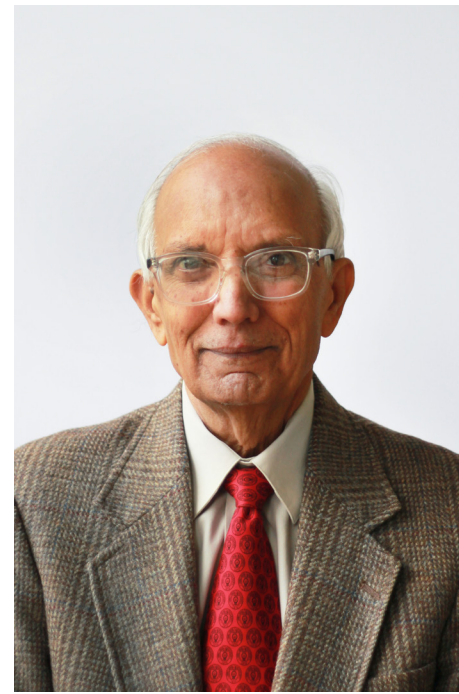
While at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Steve helped build the Division of Natural Areas and Preserves and helped establish the Ohio Scenic River Program. He was involved in the **planning of three nationally-designated scenic rivers**: the Little Miami River, Little Beaver Creek and Big Darby Creek. Following his successful career with the state, Steve focused his efforts on the non-profit land trust community, serving in a variety of capacities with Appalachia Ohio Alliance, among others. In 2015, Steve was presented with the prestigious Wildlife Conservation Award at the League of Ohio Sportsmen/Ohio Wildlife Federation Convention Conservation Awards Banquet for "outstanding achievement contributing to effective management, control, restoration or replenishment of wildlife resources in Ohio."



*He was one of the founding members of the Environment and Natural Resources Alumni Society and has served actively on the ENRAS Executive Council and in other capacities over the years. All the while, Steve has displayed a passion for protecting Ohio water and land resources.*

*Top: Alumnus Steve Goodwin accepting the award at the CFAES recognition luncheon on March 2. Left: Dr. Jeff Sharp and Steve Goodwin.*





Photos by The Japan Prize Foundation

**Rattan Lal, a soil scientist at The Ohio State University, received the 2019 Japan Prize on April 8th, considered one of the most prestigious honors in science and technology.**

Lal is the first Ohio State scientist and the first soil scientist to ever receive the prize. He is Distinguished University Professor of Soil Science at the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. President Michael V. Drake traveled to Japan with Lal for the award ceremony.

Lal, whose career in science spans five decades and five continents, was **honored for his research on sustainable soil management and its role in improving global food security and mitigating climate change.**



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.**

Congratulations to Dr. Lal!

Students and those having an impact on the student experience were **recognized at the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences Celebration of Students Live! event on April 4, 2019** at the Ohio Union Archie M. Griffin Ballroom.

Congratulations to our students and those honored for their dedication in supporting our students and academic mission. School of Environment and Natural Resources students were recognized with the following awards:

#### **Lee Johnston Leadership Award:**

Julia Linares, Environmental Policy and Decision Making

Rylie MacDonald, Natural Resource Management

*This award recognizes student leaders in the School of Environment and Natural Resources. The award is named in memory of Lee Johnston, a 1991 graduate of the School of Natural Resources, who was active in College Council and many activities in the school. Sponsored by the Lee Johnston family and administered through the SENR Alumni Society (ENRAS).*



Lee Johnston Award Photo, left to right: Kevin McCarty, Mark Giese, Rylie MacDonald, Lance Johnston, Julia Linares, Matt Perry, David Poole.





**Distinguished Senior Awards:**

Maria Fredericks, Environmental Policy and Decision Making

Matthew Griffin, Environment, Economy, Development and Sustainability

Julia Linares, Environmental Policy and Decision Making

Marie McConnell, Environmental Policy and Decision Making

Andrew Oppliger, Forestry, Fisheries, and Wildlife

*Students graduating in 2019 whose accomplishments and activities exemplify excellence in academic, research and innovation, service and involvement and influence and leadership. Recipients are nominated by their academic unit. Sponsored by CFAES Academic Programs.*

**Newcomb Scholars:**

Roman Gioglio, Environment, Economy, Development and Sustainability

Cara Walterbusch, Natural Resource Management

Valerie Gaulke, Forestry, Fisheries and Wildlife

Elena Musser, Environment, Economy, Development and Sustainability

*Newcomb Scholars are those with the highest cumulative GPA at the end of autumn semester 2018. Five students in each rank two, three and four on the Columbus and regional campuses and five second second-year students at ATI are recognized. This award is named for Dr. L.H. Newcomb, retired CFAES Senior Associate Dean. Sponsored by CFAES Academic Programs.*



**CFAES Internship Award:**

Maggie Borders, Environmental Science

*This award recognizes students who have excelled at internships within their respective fields. One award is available to each Department and the School of Environment and Natural Resources. Sponsored by CFAES Student Council.*

**Service to Students**

**Meritorious Service to Students Award:**

Laura Fay, Director of Grants at MS consultants, Inc. and Friends of the Lower Olentangy (FLOW) Board Member

*This award recognizes individuals outside the university who contribute significant time and energy in support of our students and our academic departments. Sponsored by CFAES Student Council.*

It has now become an annual tradition for ENRAS to participate with the OSUAA Student-Alumni Council (SAC) in their Dinner for 12 Buckeyes event. Dinner for 12 Buckeye events are held several evenings during the academic year at the Longaberger Alumni House. This year, ENRAS participated in the dinner event held on Tuesday, April 2.

**Dinner for 12 Buckeyes is one of The Student-Alumni Council's (SAC) signature events, with the purpose of creating lasting relationships and networking between buckeyes, past and present.** Through the dinners, students and alumni have the opportunity to connect within similar fields of interest. Traditionally, there are six students and six alumni that participate together for the dinner. This has been a great opportunity for the ENR Alumni Society to connect with our ENR student leaders. It also provides the opportunity to meet a variety of Ohio State undergraduate students and other alumni clubs and societies members from across the university.



This year, the following ENR alumni and students participated in the event: Kevin McCarty, David Poole, Tricia Evans, Ris Twigg, Matt Perry, Jade Heizer, Erik Fulton, Julia Linares, Rylie MacDonald, Hannah Comune, and Kayla Luft.



Photo credits: Matt Perry





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 three years in a row: 2016, 2017 and 2018. 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



**OHIO STATE DAY AND RENDEZOO 2019**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2019**  
**COLUMBUS, OH**

SENR and the ENR Alumni Society are participating in this event as our 2019 RendeZoo activity! Buckeyes get wild at the Columbus Zoo! Bring your Ohio State spirit to the Columbus Zoo & Aquarium. Join us for a family-friendly day at the zoo with early access to North America and Africa, brunch and exclusive Ohio State opportunities including character and animal visits, face painting, the Ohio State Band and more!

**Ohio State Exclusive activities: 8 A.M. –2 P.M.**

- 8–9 A.M. :** Exclusive access to North America and Africa
- 10 A.M. to noon:** Brunch
- 10–11 A.M. :** Face painting and costume characters
- 11 A.M. :** Animal Encounters
- 11 A.M. to noon:** Caricatures
- 12 P.M. :** The Ohio State Band and Spirit Squad
- 12:30–1:30 P.M. :** More caricatures and face painting
- 1 P.M. :** Animal Encounters

Columbus Zoo & Aquarium  
4850 W Powell Road  
Powell, OH 43065

Cost: Adult (ages 10–59) – **\$20**, Child (ages 3–9) and Senior (Ages 60+) – **\$15**  
Registration Includes parking, entrance to the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, brunch and more!  
Register here: [www.osu.edu/alumni/activities-and-events/events/2019/ohio-state-day-at-the-columbus-zoo.html](http://www.osu.edu/alumni/activities-and-events/events/2019/ohio-state-day-at-the-columbus-zoo.html)  
Already have a zoo membership? Call 1-800-762-5646 to purchase the Ohio State Day ticket.





- **Certified Interpretive Guide Workshop** - Learn how to effectively deliver interpretive programs to the public.

**Tuesdays, Sept. 3 - Oct. 29 5:30pm-8:30pm**  
**Tuesday Nov. 5th, 4:30-9:30pm (for presentations)**  
**Kottman Hall 370**

Registration deadline: August 30th, 2019.  
 For more information: <https://senr.osu.edu/node/8798>

- **Environmental Professionals Network Breakfast Club - Environmental Careers, Curriculum, and Collaborations, July 9th.** Registration coming soon at [epn.osu.edu](http://epn.osu.edu).



This EPN Field Trip, hosted at **Granville High School**, is seeking to connect high school teachers and environmental professionals statewide. This program will take the form of an educational and networking event to introduce Ohio high school teachers to careers in environmental and agricultural science. **Mr. Jim Reding** (North American Association for Environmental Education's K-12 Educator of the Year) and **Jeremy King** (Director of Sustainability, Denison University) are highly recognized for their environmental science curriculum and strategies to engage students in hands-on learning activities on a variety of agricultural and renewable energy projects. The EPN is coordinating this event

with the **Environmental Education Council of Ohio, Denison University, and the Granville Exempted Village School District**. The overarching goal of this program is to strengthen relationships and connections by linking pathways into environmental careers and providing relevant and accessible resources to educators and professionals. *Bus transportation will be provided from Ohio State's 4-H Center to and from Granville for no additional cost.*

- **Ohio State Day at the Columbus Zoo** (see previous page) Saturday, June 29, 2019, Columbus, OH
- **Ohio Woodland Stewards Workshop**- Tree Diagnostics, August 2, 2019 - 9:00am to 3:00pm Ohio State University Mansfield, 1760 University Drive, Eisenhower, Mansfield, Ohio. Registration Deadline: July 26, 2019. <https://woodlandstewards.osu.edu/events/classes>

See more events at: <https://bit.ly/2zJhVoc>



### 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/)

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. Please visit [senr.osu.edu/giving](http://senr.osu.edu/giving) 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

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 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:


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



# STAY CONNECTED!







Facebook.com/OhioStateSENRAS

Twitter.com/ENRALumni

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



The newly released **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. Wrapping up its 50th Anniversary this year, the School gives thanks to those who help make a lasting impact in the education of its students for years to come. Browse and celebrate the School’s efforts at [go.osu.edu/senrhilights](https://go.osu.edu/senrhilights) for a digital copy of the magazine.”

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.

