

Recognition Award Purpose Statement:

The *CFAES Distinguished Senior Award* honors academic, disciplinary and professional excellence in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES). It is the most prestigious undergraduate award in CFAES, recognizing our top graduating seniors each year from each of the academic units on the Columbus campus. The selected students' accomplishments and activities have benefited their communities, their academic unit, the college, the university, and/or their future profession.

The award honors students who exemplify the CFAES mission in areas such as academics and scholarship, research and innovation, service and involvement, and influence and leadership. Recipients are our future innovators and thinkers who have made an impact in and outside the classroom – those who inspire us with their passion, pursue opportunities, rise above challenges, and epitomize our core values: excellence, diversity and inclusion, and integrity.

Students must be a CFAES undergraduate major who will graduate in the Spring, Summer, or Autumn semester during the calendar year, with a strong academic record. Nominations are to include the student's examples of service, employment, involvement, research, and academics. Other considerations: notable achievements, unique challenges, overcoming adversity, growth as a person and as a professional, and/or meaningful impact(s) on the unit, university or community. Instances of how the nominee's involvement has influenced their plans after graduation is also a consideration for this award.

