



COLLEGE OF
FOOD, AGRICULTURAL, AND
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Senior Update

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"Visiting OSU was the best thing I did to prepare me for filling out my application. I could picture myself in the stadium, in a lab and hanging out with friends in Norton House. It made writing the essays go a lot faster."

■ Visiting our college

– By Kelly Koren, Coordinator of Admissions
Your senior year is here. It's a time of great fun and big decisions. We want to help you have fun and make those big decisions all at the same time.



Visiting colleges is the best way to find the one that "fits" you best. After all, you probably wouldn't buy a pair of shoes without trying them on. College should be no different. When you visit various campuses, your initial impressions may be reinforced or forever changed. Be forewarned, our Buckeye spirit is highly contagious.

The College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences hosts an "Experience OSU for a Day" program (EOFD). When you come to campus, you'll get a sneak peak at college life at Ohio State. A current student and you will attend class, eat in the dining commons, and explore campus.

■ What is *Senior Update*?

The *Senior Update* is our college's way of providing potential Buckeyes the information they need to make decisions about their future. Our college's admissions coordinator, Kelly Koren, produces this monthly newsletter to keep you up-to-speed on information you need to guide

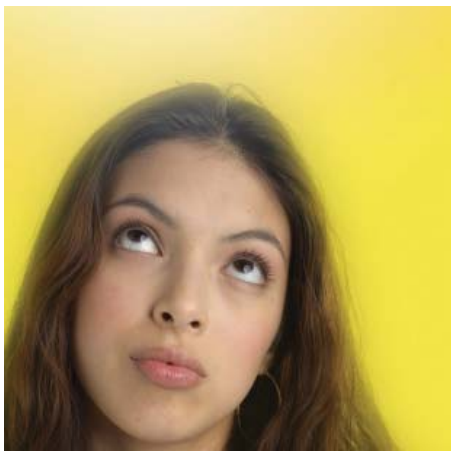
After your shadowing experience, we'll arrange for you to meet with a faculty member or advisor. They really do want to hear about your interests and answer your questions. So, please share your excitement and concerns with them.

Family members and friends are welcome to come visit campus with you. They will tour campus and have lunch with an administrator while you shadow a student.

EOFDs are offered any weekday that classes are in session. You can schedule a visit on-line at cfaes.osu.edu/visit or call 614-688-4659.

If a one-on-one visit isn't for you, we also offer Real World Visit Days where we organize activities such as a mock lecture, hands-on lab experiences, and interaction with alumni. These days are categorized by interest areas. So, you'll be visiting campus with others who have similar interests as you.

your college decision-making. She will share lots of information about our college and Ohio State in general that will be helpful as you get ready to become a Buckeye. Please direct questions or suggestions about the monthly *Senior Update* to Kelly Koren at koren.10@osu.edu.



Senior Year

Your senior year of high school is full of firsts and lasts. Planning ahead will help you make the most out of all of them.

Senior to-do list

– By Kelly Koren, Coordinator of Admissions

Your senior year will be super busy, but there are several important things to remember when you're college-bound.

October

- Take and/or retake the ACT/SAT. Even if you already have a high score, every point could qualify you for larger scholarships. The October test date is Saturday the 28th.
- Visit colleges. A great on-line search to help you decide where to visit is collegenet.com. To find out about our visit programs log on to cfaes.osu.edu/visit.

November

- Set a goal to apply to all the colleges that interest you by December 1. This will help make sure you get all the scholarship information you need on time. At Ohio State, the sooner you apply the sooner you know if you're accepted. It typically takes 8-10 weeks for a decision to be made.
- Morrill Scholarship Program applications are due December 1. Any student may apply for these scholarships which are designed to enhance the geographic, ethnic, and socioeconomic diversity of Ohio State. Applications are available at oma.osu.edu/recruitment/.

February

- Apply for scholarships and financial aid by March 1. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

determines your need-based aid and our college's scholarship application will determine your merit-based aid from the college level. You can find the College Scholarship application on-line at cfaes.osu.edu/scholarships.

April

- Most universities will require that you notify them of your decision of where you will go to college by May 1. Housing contracts begin to be mailed out in mid to late March. They are mailed in the order in which you pay your acceptance fee. This year the CFAES Learning Community in Norton House filled as of May 5. So, don't procrastinate.

June-August

- The Ohio State University requires a two-day orientation. You will have a choice of up to six dates to choose from, so don't worry about it conflicting with family vacations and camps.

September

- Move-in Date for autumn 2007 is Sunday, September 16.

All Year Long

- Have fun.
- Keep your grades up.
- Don't plan to get senioritis. A solid academic schedule speaks volumes about your dedication to studying.





**Applying to college is nerve-wracking!
You pour your heart into an application and
then just have to wait and see.**

Creative Writing

Standing out can be a good thing. Your college essays should reflect the real you and what makes you unique. Don't discount the "easy answer." If you are probably the only one who will answer the question a certain way, you have hit the bull's-eye!

College application tips

– By Kelly Koren, Coordinator of Admissions

DEADLINES: First and foremost, make sure you know the application deadlines for each application you're filing. For instance, at Ohio State the application deadline is February 1, but to be fully considered for all scholarships and the honors program, your application needs to be complete by December 1.

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS: When writing your short answers, make sure you answer the questions completely. Many questions have two parts and applicants often forget to answer the second part. It seems simple, but many applicants forget. Don't be shy about having a friend, teacher, or parent proof your application. A second pair of eyes will catch things that you have become "immune" to. Make sure you hit spell check as well.

TRANSCRIPTS: Don't forget to leave your school's college counselor time to print and mail your transcripts. It may seem like

a simple process that shouldn't take much time, but multiply that "simple" process by all of the college-bound students in your school and then again by all of the colleges that they are applying to.

TEST SCORES: Your ACT or SAT scores play a major role in your admission decision. They also help Ohio State offer you needed services. To make your admission decision, Ohio State can use the test scores your high school guidance counselor provides or those provided by the testing agency if you mark OSU as one of your top choices. If your test scores were not sent by ACT or SAT and you are admitted to Ohio State, we will request that you have your official results sent. This is so we can get all of the information you provided ACT or SAT when you registered and the more detailed results of your scores.

THE REVIEW: Application review at Ohio State takes 8-10 weeks.

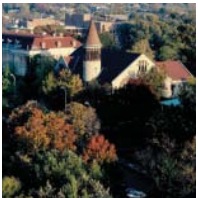
Tradition and History Corner

Fall quarter classes always begin on Wednesday at Ohio State. Freshmen move into the residence halls the Sunday before classes start. The entire first week is called Welcome Week and there are all sorts of activities to help students settle in. Monday morning incoming freshmen meet to learn the fight song and those people in the college office who will help them succeed at Ohio State. They then go together to St. John Arena to celebrate being a Buckeye with all the new freshmen.



We Welcome Every One

We welcome every ONE



Our college wants to help you explore your interests and prepare to enter the career of their choice. You could be the one who reduces the threat of disease. Discovers alternative energy sources. Manages food and fiber systems. Helps solve world hunger. Advances society through education and communication. Designs solutions to environmental problems. Builds better living and leisure spaces. And that's just the beginning.

When some people hear the word "agriculture" they assume they don't want to be part of this college. Consider for a moment that agriculture is the nation's largest industry. People always need to eat, have clothing, and live in some sort of home. Agriculture is currently leading research studies on health and alternative energy sources. Please take a moment to read what Dr. Newcomb, senior associate dean, has to say about the need for diversity in our college.

We welcome everyone. There are several reasons. Fundamentally, it is the culture of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. Our goal is to be the "friendliest college on campus." We intend to meet that goal.

Maybe more importantly is the fact that the future of food, agricultural, and environmental sciences depends more than ever on a rich diversity of human capital. Difference is an asset. Difference brings to problem-solving and scientific breakthroughs a variety of ways of making progress. Our differences allow us to perceive, process, and express differently. This enlarges the range of possibilities.

We need you whether your background is urban, suburban, or rural. We need the insights your upbringing allows you to grasp. Difference in ethnic background, gender, and socioeconomic status matters—it adds value to the educational experience for all.

We truly hope you will select the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences as the place you choose to help make your dreams come true.

– Dr. . Newcomb, Senior Associate Dean



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