Best Food Forward Shifting Paradigm in Addressing Food Insecurity

With food insecurity continuing to impact Ohio State and both rural and urban areas across Ohio, the work of student-founded and led nonprofit Best Food Forward (BFF) to connect students and the greater community to healthy, nutritious food is more critical than ever. Follow the link below to learn about the first annual retreat that convened BFF’s founders, current leaders and Board of Directors to discuss the organization’s systems approach to addressing food insecurity.

Read the Story

FarmsSHARE Wraps Up Second Year of Connecting Communities to Fresh Produce
FarmsSHARE — Farms Serving Health and Racial Equity — has wrapped up a second, even more fruitful season in 2021. The program helps growers get their produce into community markets, with a focus on serving BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and people of color) growers, host organizations and residents. FarmsSHARE is led by the Ohio Farmers Market Network and Columbus Public Health's Center for Public Health Innovation and Local Food System Strategies Team, with administrative support and recruitment of BIPOC growers from InFACT. Read about the successful second season at the link below.

Wishing You a Warm and Meaningful Holiday

All of us at InFACT wish our partners, affiliates and other friends the warmest and most meaningful of holidays this year. As this may be the last time we will share such wishes, we’d like to add that our stated mission of transforming the way we grow, process and distribute our food, leading to vibrant, sustainable and resilient agriculture that places nourishing food at the center of just and vital communities in Ohio and beyond is far from being achieved and will be critical to the health and rejuvenation of our society in the years to come. To this overarching goal, we as individuals will continue to strive with all the strength and resources
especially at the beginning of what promises to be a very consequential year for our university, our nation and the world. Best to all of you always!

InFACT Core Values

- **Innovation, leadership** and **ecological awareness** in our academic endeavors and engagement with communities.
- **Equity** and **social justice** for all.
- **Diversity, transparency** and **continuous improvement** in farming and food systems.
- **Scientific discovery** balanced with **Indigenous knowledge** to honor diverse sources of knowing as well as generations of students, teachers, communities, families and farmers working together.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**OEFFA Conference Scholarship Applications for Persons of Color, Beginning Farmers and Specialty Crop Growers**
- Click here for scholarship application for persons of color
- Click here for scholarship application for beginning farmers
- Click here for scholarship application for specialty crop growers
  
  Rolling application deadline with awards beginning January 3, 2022

**MarketReady Producer Training at OSU South — Piketon, Ohio**
- January 26, 2022 (Register by January 21, 2022)

**43rd Annual OEFFA Conference: Rooted and Rising (Hybrid event)**
- February 12, 2022 Online
- February 17-19, 2022 In-person in Dayton, Ohio

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Groundskeeper at Methodist Theological School in Ohio**

InFACT’s good friends and strategic partners at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio (MTSO) in Delaware, Ohio have set a new standard among educational institutions by working to transform most of the open space on their campus to a farm program known as **Seminary Hill Farm**. They are now hiring a Groundskeeper position to assist with maintaining an overall sustainability program on campus, including interacting with the
Arizona State University School of Sustainability Tenure-Track Assistant Professor
The School of Sustainability in the ASU College of Global Futures is seeking applicants for a Tenure-Track Assistant Professor in Sustainable Food Systems. SOS – Empowering Transformations for a Thriving Sustainable World. Learn more [here](#).

**FUNDING & OTHER OPPORTUNITIES**

- **NSF’s Cyber-Physical Systems**
  **Deadline:** December 31, 2021

- **NIFA’s Specialty Crop Research Initiative**
  **Deadline:** January 21, 2022

- **Osteopathic Heritage Foundation’s Healthy Food, Healthy Franklin County Request for Proposals**
  **Letter of Intent Deadline:** January 28, 2022

- **NSF’s Growing Convergence Research**
  **Deadline:** February 7, 2022

- **EPA’s Research to Reduce Consumer Food Waste in the U.S.**
  **Deadline:** February 9, 2022

*Learn More About Funding Opportunities*