

Press Release

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Wilber Named 2019 Distinguished Senior at The Ohio State University

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Amy Wilber of Delmar, Maryland has been named a 2019 Distinguished Senior at The Ohio State University's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

“The Distinguished Senior Award is the most prestigious undergraduate award in CFAES, recognizing the top graduating seniors from each of the academic units on the Columbus campus,” said Steven Neal, CFAES professor and associate dean for academic programs.

Wilber, a sustainable plant systems major from Wicomico County, Maryland, will be honored at an on-campus awards dinner on March 27 where all 25 distinguished CFAES seniors will be recognized.

The CFAES Distinguished Senior Award honors academic, disciplinary and professional excellence.

“One of the hallmarks of our College is an emphasis on student success, and it is heartwarming to see it exemplified through the accomplishments of our students,” Neal said. “Recipients are our future innovators and leaders who have already made an impact within the academic environment at this university and beyond.”

David Barker, professor in the Department of Horticulture and Crop Science and a Wilber nominator, wrote, “Amy has taken every opportunity during her academic career to gain industry experience in the turf industry. During her first summer, she moved to Birmingham, Alabama to intern on a golf course. During her second summer, she moved to London to intern at The All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, a prestigious facility and home to the premier grass tennis courts in the world.”

Wilber also sought out opportunities to work alongside faculty as they conducted their research. She worked at the Ohio State University Turfgrass Research Facility maintaining research plots and the surrounding turf areas. She also worked in the Ohio State turfgrass science office, where she helped facilitate a daylong Sports Turf Short Course and helped organize a weeklong summer camp introducing middle school students to STEM in turfgrass science.

She has participated in CFAES Student Council and is actively involved in the Turf Club, serving as both president and Student Council representative. She helped plan the annual golf tournament to raise funds for Turf Club activities. Through her involvement in the club, she has been able to network with several sports turf managers and golf course superintendents in Ohio.

Wilber received a number of scholarships from the Central Ohio Golf Course Superintendents, Ohio Turfgrass Foundation, the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA), Columbus District Golf Association, and the Ohio Sports Turf Managers Association.

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She received the MacCurrach Award through the GCSAA's Scholars Competition. The MacCurrach Award is the second place award in the competition and is funded by the Professional Golfers Association (PGA) Tour.

Wilber is also an active member of H2O Church, where she volunteered with "She Has a Name," a human trafficking organization, and a community garden located in the Linden neighborhood.

After graduation, Wilber will attend graduate school and conduct research on warm-season grasses.

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