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ATI EVENTS

News Across Campus

ATI Announces New Director and Distinguished Staff Award Winner

ATI Director Announced

Chris O. Igodan, an administrator and professor at the University of Fort Hare, South Africa, and an Ohio State University alumnus, has been selected as the new Director of The Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute and Associate Dean of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences.

"We searched the world over to find the best individual for this important position. I believe that Chris Igodan is the person who can take this already excellent Institute to an even higher level," said Dr. Bobby D. Moser, Dean of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences.

Igodan, 46, is currently Dean and Professor of agriculture at the University of Fort Hare, a leading educational institution in South Africa. Its alumni include former South African President Nelson Mandela. In addition to his administrative duties, Igodan teaches courses in community development, research methods, and agricultural extension and rural sociology.

Prior to his appointment at the University of Fort Hare, Igodan held positions with the International Livestock Research Institute in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. He also taught vocational agriculture at Sun Coast High School, Riviera Beach, Fla.

Igodan has authored or co-authored 45 journal articles, conference proceedings, technical reports and books. He was named a Salzburg Fellow in Sustainable Agriculture in 1996; was a member of a 12-person U.S.-South African delegation to the World Bank on rural restructuring in South Africa in 1996; and is a member of the South African Society for Agricultural Extension, the Association for International Agricultural Education and Extension, and the South Africa Farming Systems Research and Education Association.

Igodan earned his doctoral degree from Ohio State in 1984 with a major in agricultural extension/rural sociology and a minor in educational administration. He received his master's and bachelor's degrees in agronomy from Northwest Missouri State University in 1980 and 1978, respectively.

Congratulations Dr. Igodan!

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Distinguished Staff Award

ATI's own, **Norman Stanley**, was selected as one of twelve OSU Distinguished Staff Award recipients for the year 2000. Ned Cullom, from OSU's Office of Human Resources, and two committee members, visited ATI May 8 to make the announcement and present Norman with a gift tin of Cheryl's cookies. A luncheon will be held June 7 in Columbus where recipients will receive a $1500 cash award and special recognition trophy.

Greg Ferrell submitted the award nomination with letters of support provided by Representative Ron Amstutz, Dr. Bill Anderson, and Dr. Arnold Mokma.

Award recipients were selected for the following kinds of contributions:

- Significantly improving or enhancing the quality of work life in ways that make a substantial difference for their colleagues.
- Contributing to outstanding and sustained improvements in customer services to faculty, staff, or students.
- Developing creative solutions to problems that result in significantly more effective, efficient University operations.

Congratulations Norm! We're proud of you!

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Office of the Interim Director

This is an exciting time at ATI. A new leader will join us in September. I'm looking forward to working with Dr. Chris Igodan to lead this college into the 21st Century. Between now and his arrival, I expect to communicate with him often to keep him apprized of what's happening so there will be no surprises when he arrives. Also, I plan to consult with him regarding the major issues. I will be working hard to make this transition as smooth as possible.

I'm also looking forward to resuming my duties as Assistant Director. There are many challenges facing ATI at this time including the North Central assessment "mandate," the Ohio Board of Regents "report card," and diversity on this campus. We will be opening the CEED and the opportunity for distance delivery of instruction needs attention--hopefully we are successful with our proposal for federal funds to assist us with faculty development. We will be launching our self-study for the next North Central accreditation evaluation. We are entering into a heightened level of international activity with faculty and student exchanges in the planning stages. We have a heightened level of interest in working collaboratively with other colleges/campuses. Perhaps the most important concern needing special attention is the tenure and promotion of our faculty where we have seven members going through various reviews this fall. Each of these items is exciting in, and of, itself because it is a relatively new endeavor for this Institute. However, collectively, they combine to make for an exciting time in the growth of Ohio State ATI.

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Congratulations to Mike Borger, Ron Borton, Jill Byers, and Norman Stanley for receiving the Excellence Award from NISOD (National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development). Mike's award was based on his teaching excellence, Ron's on his advising, Jill on her service to ATI in being recognized as the Outstanding Staff person in 1999, and Norm's service to ATI since the beginning of time.

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Congratulations to Norm Stanley for being selected as one of twelve people to receive the University's Distinguished Staff Award. At a spur-of-the-moment reception on Monday, May 7, Mr. Ned Cullom (who drove from Columbus) presented Norm with a gift, announced he will receive a plaque, and a $1500 cash award at the special Awards Luncheon on June 7.

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International activity continues with working on Memorandum of Understanding with two colleges: Aalborg Technical College, Denmark (Kaj Pharsen's college), and Myerscough College, England, and planning for a visiting professor for a year-long study at ATI/OARDC.

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Institutional Services

Michael Jones has been hired as our new General Manager for the CEED. Michael will be arriving June 1 and is coming from a position as Assistant Vice President and Corporate Food and Beverage Director of B.F. Saul Company. Michael will be moving from the Falls Church, Virginia area, and is anxious to begin the marketing and planning for the CEED facility.

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I want to thank everyone for the support and congratulatory comments regarding the Distinguished Staff Award. I was completely taken by surprise and humbled by your presence and this significant honor. ATI is a great place to work thanks to you, the students, and our mission.

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Just a reminder that the ATI Outstanding Staff Award nominations and letters of support are due by August 1, 2000. Please send your nominations to the attention of Norman Stanley. The committee will review and make the selection for announcement of the award at the September Faculty/Staff Appreciation Awards.

Admissions Office

Visit Day Successes: We did it again....ALL of us. Thanks to each of you who spent time preparing for and participating in VisitATIon Days this year. We topped last year's total attendance by 17%, with a total attendance at all four programs of 1,619 people (of whom 946 were students, the rest parents and educators). Our April Saturday numbers were lower than expected, probably due to the marvelous spring weather, but we still had 274 participants.

Photo Shoot: Another big thanks to all of you who assisted with our photography efforts on May 9 and 10. The process of updating photos for publications takes lots of time and effort from countless people--some of whom were students late to classes because we tied them up before a camera! Thanks for understanding their tardiness, if it happened. We tried to get an e-mail message out to the campus prior to the photo shoot, but the server was apparently down that day and the message never "sent."

ATI/DeLaval Programs and Publication: On the printing press this week is a new technology brochure about the Associate of Technical Studies options in Dairy Equipment Service Technician and Dairy Farm Supply Specialist. We will soon be providing this brochure to all prospective students interested in our Dairy programs. DeLaval, Inc. (formerly Alfa Laval Agri, Inc.) is collaborating with us in this promotion and has produced a video about these careers which we will be providing to Ohio ag classrooms.

New Power and Equipment Scholarships: At the recent Ohio FFA Convention we were proud to present $1,000 scholarships to the top individuals in the Ag Mechanics and Small Engines Skills Contests held on our campus each year. This year's winners are Jon Bauman from Sterling, Ohio, and Erik Hucke from Somerville, Ohio. This scholarship is currently funded with new monies contributed by Dale Leppo, one of Greg's Power and Equipment Advisory Committee members. Thanks to Greg Gordon, Becky Rader, and Barbara LaMoreaux for helping with the details of the scholarship. We hope these two students will indeed enroll and succeed here.

Numbers: As of May 7, we have received 487 applications for Autumn '00, down 35 (6.7%) from last year at this time. (And it's breaking my heart!) We have 448 admits, and 276 acceptance fees paid.

Continuing Education

Linda Houston completed an Effective Presentations training program at Rubbermaid in April. Company feedback indicates an interest in another series of the same training later

this summer.

Monsanto has confirmed another session of Cow College, the week-long dairy training program, beginning June 5. Wesley Greene and Royce Thornton share the teaching load for this group of industry employees.

The Certified Landscape Technician test site will be going through some changes soon. Construction of the actual site and testing stations is scheduled for mid-June.

The Gerstenslager Company has confirmed the desire for another year of "Gerstenslager TEC." The 2000-2001 academic year will make the third year for the credit course partnership offered on-site by Ohio State ATI and the University of Akron-Wayne College. Speaking of Gerstenslager TEC, Ohio State ATI and Wayne College received the Ohio Continuing Higher Education Association's 2000 Program Excellence Award for this partnership.

Café Carmen

Jeannine Snyder will be away from Café Carmen from May 21-24. During this time, no catering will be available; however, the Café will be open for business other than catering. Thank you.

Development Office

CEED

We received another major pledge from a local company for a group room in the CEED.

MORE POWER

Dale Leppo, Leppo Equipment in Tallmadge, Ohio, presented a gift to the power and equipment program. Half of this gift will be awarded as scholarships to winners of the FFA skills contests, and the other half will be set aside as a pending endowment in which additional gifts will be asked from members of the power and equipment industry.

Dave Kahler, Vice President and CEO of Ohio-Michigan Equipment Dealers Association (OMEDA) made both a personal gift and a gift on behalf of OMEDA to this Power and Equipment Scholarship Endowment.

Horticulture

Rita Roberts, ATI student in Greenhouse Production and Management, was recently awarded the following academic scholarships:

- Men's Garden Club of Akron - $1,000
- Garden Club of Ohio - $2,000
- Wayne County Women's Network - $500
- ATI Alumni Scholarship - $500

Congratulations, Rita, on being recognized for your outstanding academic performance.

Public Relations

ATI's Business Training and Educational Services equipment dealership training program was the cover story of the May 2000 issue of "Outdoor Power Equipment" magazine. A copy of the article is attached.

Tech Prep

Dan Voltz recently served as a reader/evaluator of numerous $30,000 Tech Prep grant proposals from high schools programs across Ohio. Seven grants will be awarded. We hope schools in our consortium are successful in having their proposals approved. Linda Houston is applying for an Early English Assessment Composition Program (EECAP) grant with Tech Prep schools as partners. Tech Prep is definitely a partnership of education and business. We are thrilled the faculty and business representatives play such an active part!

Buckeye Career Center's Environmental program placed first at the State Tech Prep

Showcase held recently at the State House Atrium. The students, faculty, and teachers from the Ohio State ATI Tech Prep Consortium are becoming leaders in this educational reform movement.

Upward Bound

Upward Bound mourns the loss of Christopher Miller, an Upward Bound student from Orrville, as a result of a car accident on April 29.

Gail Miller and Victor Adegbola attended the Annual OAEOPP (Ohio Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel)Conference in Columbus, April 16-18.

Gail Miller was a presenter at that conference with the OAEOPP Technology Committee. The Committee unveiled the website it had created by working together through computer meetings without ever seeing another committee member in person.

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ATI Friends Receive Degrees

Sherry Ferrell

Sherry received an Associate Degree in Business Management - Accounting Option, from the University of Akron - Wayne College, on May 13. Sherry graduated with an outstanding 3.8 gpa.

Congratulations Sherry!

Happy Birthday, Sherry

(May 15)

Joy Juersivich

Joy, former Academic Affairs staff member, graduated May 13 from The University of Akron with a Baccalaureate of Science degree in Nursing. She also minored in Psychology and Business Management.

Joy's husband, Denny, was also previously employed by ATI's as Groundskeeper.

Congratulations Joy!

GOOD EYE SIGHT

"How was your golf game, dear?" asked Jack's wife Tracy.

"Well, I was hitting pretty well, but my eyesight's gotten so bad I couldn't see where the ball went."

"But you're seventy-five years old, Jack!" admonished his wife, "Why don't you take my brother Scott along?"

"But he's eighty-five and doesn't even play golf anymore," protested Jack.

"But he's got perfect eyesight. He could watch your ball," Tracy pointed out.

The next day Jack teed off with Scott looking on. Jack swung, and the ball disappeared down the middle of the fairway. "Do you see it?" asked Jack.

"Yup," Scott answered.

"Well, where is it?" yelled Jack, peering off into the distance.

"I forget"