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Dear Sultana,

I wanted to make sure you saw this newsletter below that includes both the EducationUSA news as well as your recent BAS honor. My congratulations to you once again.

All the best,
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Around the Oval

This Week in the Arts and Sciences • October 6, 2021

This week with appreciation

During the month of October, we celebrate the impact of Arts and Sciences student scholarships and share our deep gratitude to the donors who make them possible.



Biology major thrives thanks to John D. and Marguerite M. Sullivan Scholarship

Katie McGreal, a senior biology major who is also minoring in bioethics and global public health, has held [several roles during her time as a Buckeye](#). She is a member of Ohio State's 2021 Homecoming Court, conducts research at The James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute and is heavily involved in club swimming, where she serves as nationals coordinator. She's grateful for the John D. and Marguerite M. Sullivan Scholarship, which allows her to focus on her commitments and experiences.



Kline Family Scholarship provides clear path for neuroscience major

For **Evan Baugh**, a fourth-year undergraduate student studying systems and behavioral neurosciences, the Kline Family Scholarship affirmed his decision to come to Ohio State and is [helping him realize his goals of becoming a doctor](#). He has spent his time at Ohio State gaining valuable leadership skills through the Program for Advancing Scholarship and Service (PASS) and volunteering at the Wexner Medical Center.

This week in the media



The Columbus Dispatch: Banned Books Week has new meaning for Columbus author whose novel was challenged

Ashley Perez, an assistant professor in comparative studies, published *Out of Darkness* when the Black Lives Matter movement was starting to make us reexamine racism in the U.S. Now, several Texas school districts are considering [banning Perez's book](#), a young adult historical fiction novel about the 1937 New London School gas explosion, which reveals an increasing trend of challenging books that focus on racial issues.



Canton Repository: What you need to know about Ohio's congressional redistricting: Will new rules curb gerrymandering?

New voter-approved changes to the Ohio Constitution [limit gerrymandering tactics](#) such as drawing irregularly-shaped districts. But **Richard Gunther**, professor emeritus of political science, notes that a map reflecting Ohio's statewide voter preferences would lead to Republicans having a veto-proof majority in the Statehouse.



The New York Times: Glimpses of How Pandemic America Went Back to School

The College of Arts and Sciences was highlighted in NYT's expansive back-to-school feature showing how [reopening K-12 classrooms and university lecture halls](#) has been over the past few weeks. The Times visited a contemporary dance class led by **Momar Ndiaye**, an assistant professor in dance, and took some great photos of students in motion.

This week in research and creativity



When to break from the herd to make a better decision

A new study shows that we're more inclined to make our own decisions after we see group members start to [hesitate about their choice](#). "The findings have implications for group behavior in politics, finance, fashion – any situation where there might be herd behavior," **Ian Krajbich**, co-author of the study and an associate professor of psychology and economics, said.



'An artist's duty' — Miller '19 paints to reflect the times, celebrate Black joy

Francesca Miller, an art education alumna, creates art that [depicts moments of beauty and dignity](#) experienced every day in the BIPOC community. From building murals to commissioned product designs, Miller's art has shaped who she is as an artist and made an impact on the community.



Threatened rattlesnakes' inbreeding makes species more resistant to bad mutations

Despite being added to the Endangered Species Act in 2016, eastern massasauga rattlesnakes aren't in as much danger as you would think. "The breeding limitations of small, isolated populations might be [accompanied by an evolutionary advantage](#) of being able to elbow out genetic variants that get in the way of survival," said **H. Lisle Gibbs**, professor of evolution, ecology and organismal biology at Ohio State and senior author of a new study.



Deadly auto crashes more likely during pandemic lockdown

A study by researchers in the **Department of Geography** discovered that, at the beginning of the pandemic, incapacitating and fatal auto collisions more than doubled because of speeding and reckless driving. Learn more about the study's [crash results and recommendations](#) to make urban roads safer.



New \$15 million NSF grant launches Ohio State Imageomics Institute

The Imageomics Institute, led by faculty from the **Translational Data Analytics Institute**, will give interdisciplinary scientists and engineers [a space to collaborate on data-intensive research](#). Imageomics uses machine learning techniques to notice specific biological traits in photos of living organisms, helping to capture and refine our knowledge of many species.



Professor Angus Fletcher speaks at the Chautauqua Institution

In August, the Chautauqua Institution (CHQ) invited **Angus Fletcher**, a professor of English and a story scientist at Ohio State's Project Narrative, to give a keynote speech because of his book "Wonderworks: The 25 Most Powerful Inventions in the History of Literature" and unique work [exploring how art and brain function relate in understanding stories](#).



Voices of Excellence: Plants can move: Maria Miriti tells us how

Maria Miriti, an associate professor of evolution, ecology and organismal biology, uses experimental and demographic methods to address factors that regulate plant populations and communities. She joins David Staley, host of ASC's Voices of Excellence podcast on [Soundcloud](#) and [iTunes](#), to discuss her research, which has stretched from desserts in the Joshua Tree National Park to the Amazonian tropics to grasslands.

This week in recognition



Alumni Make Met Debut in Historic Opera

School of Music alumni **Cierra Byrd '15** and **Calvin Griffin '11** make their Metropolitan Opera debut in "[Fire Shut Up in my Bones](#)," an opera by Grammy Award-winning jazz musician and composer [Terence Blanchard](#), based on a memoir by Charles M. Blow. Follow the story of a young Black man defeating his burdens and making a better life. You can see a live performance from the Met in HD on Oct. 23 at Crosswoods Cinemas or the former Lennox AMC.



Sultana Nahar Becomes Fellow of Bangladesh Academy of Sciences (BAS)

The Bangladesh Academy of Sciences (BAS) inducted **Sultana Nahar**, a research professor in astronomy, as an expatriate fellow at its annual general meeting in September. Becoming a fellow shows that the academy believes Nahar has made significant contributions to science and will be an active ambassador of BAS for years to come.



Katy Lenz receives 2021 Early Career Alumni Award

Katy Lenz, an associate professor of psychology, received the 2021 Early Career Alumni Award from the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences at Indiana University for her outstanding research program focused on understanding the impact of early life experiences on brain health and disease.

Ohio State highlighted by EducationUSA at U.S. Embassy in Bangladesh

An information session for Bangladeshi prospective students and researchers interested in attending The Ohio State University [provided more information on](#)

[admissions, U.S. visas and funding](#) from special guests. Vice Provost Gil Latz gave interesting facts about the university and then a few Bangladeshi faculty members took the mic. **Sultana Nahar**, a research professor in astronomy and the event's organizer in collaboration with EducationUSA, talked about research opportunities in astronomy and international outreach programs. Some students — Wahidur Rahman, Imran Jahan, Shah Mahmud Chowdhury — also shared their experiences with research and learning at classes, activities and the impact of Bangladesh Student Association on networking with peers and enriching culture.

Second annual Diversity Mini Case Study Competition an outstanding success

The Center for Career and Professional Success hosted its second annual Diversity Mini Case Study Competition on Saturday, Oct. 2. The competition helps students develop necessary skills for addressing professional issues of discrimination, systemic racism and exclusion, or scenarios where employees need to respond to actions or words from their employer.

The winning team consisted of four Arts and Sciences students:

- **Allison Dang**, a senior studying in sociology
- **Hale Tobin**, a junior studying biochemistry
- **Troylonda Bachus**, a senior studying African American studies, history, and political science
- **Mya Baynes**, a freshman studying neuroscience and pre-medicine

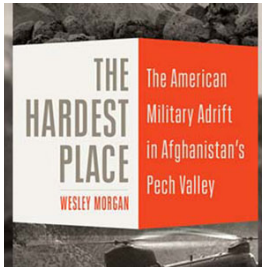
This year, the winning case focused on gender discrimination in the workplace, and, similarly to last year, was based on documented situations. In this case, an imaginary company hires a new HR professional with 25 years of experience to bring in fresh talent. The new HR professional is only the third female among 200 leaders in senior management. She experiences significant resistance to bringing on an additional female employee and finds herself deterred from the interview process.

Ohio State's School Of Communication Honors Diversity

The **School of Communication** embraces and maintains an environment that respects diverse traditions, heritages, experiences and people. The school seeks to [recognize, understand and welcome the contributions of diverse groups](#) and the value group members possess as individuals. In addition to taking coursework focused on

diversity, equity and inclusion issues, students can also participate in The Black Advertising and Strategic Communication Association (BASCA), The National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) and The Holt Official Watch List (HOWL).

This week in events



The Hardest Place - The American Military and the War in Afghanistan

In his newest book, *The Hardest Place: The American Military Adrift in Afghanistan's Pech Valley*, military affairs reporter Wesley Morgan writes about the reality of the war on terror from the perspectives of Americans and Afghans who have dealt with ongoing military presence for nearly two decades. Join us for a discussion on the book and the war's lasting impact.

Oct. 7 | [Learn more](#)

Symphonic Band and Wind Symphony

Oct. 6 | [Learn more](#)

Looking for Hamlet, 1603: Artist Talk

Oct. 6 | [Learn more](#)

China's Liftoff: Satellites and Global Governance

Oct. 7 | [Learn more](#)

Book Salon: "The Hospital"

Choral Collage

Oct. 10 | [Learn more](#)

The Hunt for Other Worlds and Life in the Universe

Oct. 11 | [Learn more](#)

Ideas of Race and Racism in History

Oct. 12 | [Learn more](#)

Afghanistan: Insights from History and Political Science

Oct. 14 | [Learn more](#)

by Brian Alexander

Oct. 7 | [Learn more](#)

Fall Break Writing Retreat

Oct. 14-15 | [Learn more](#)

Mid-Semester Student Works

Oct. 7-8 | [Learn more](#)

**Looking for Hamlet, 1603
(Virtual)**

Through Oct. 17 | [Learn more](#)

Looking for Hamlet, 1603

Through Oct. 8 | [Learn more](#)

**COMPAS Colloquium:
Markets and the Family**

Oct. 8 | [Learn more](#)



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