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NEW FRONTIERS UPDATE December 2023

Season's greetings! On behalf of OSU Agriculture, I want to wish you happy holidays! As we celebrate the achievements and accomplishments in 2023, we anticipate numerous opportunities in 2024, including the completion and grand opening of the New Frontiers Agricultural Hall.

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Our faculty, staff and students are winding down another semester, and I'm so proud to be a part of the OSU Agriculture family once again. It's been incredibly rewarding to meet so many of our Ferguson College of Agriculture students and have a front-row seat to their successes.

Recently, the [OSU Livestock Judging team won its 23rd national championship](#) at the 2023 North American International Livestock Exposition, and the OSU Horse Judging team was named reserve world champion senior college team during the 2023 AQHA World Championship Show. In addition, [Amara Jackson](#), an agricultural communications and agribusiness junior, was named president of the National FFA Organization.

This year we launched a [Journey to New Frontiers video series](#) where we follow three students on their college journey and capture their perspectives on the construction of the new facility. I encourage you to watch the videos to learn more about these students and their highlights from the fall semester.

Together, we are embarking on New Frontiers!

Warmest wishes,

Jayson Lusk
Vice President and Dean
OSU Agriculture

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Click on each photo for more information and additional building progress images.



Time-lapse Video

View the progress made during the previous month in the time-lapse video below.



Drone Video

View the drone video below of building construction taken in December 2023.

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Facility Fast Fact

The New Frontiers Agricultural Hall will include **25,855 square feet of new research lab space** with labs being stacked vertically in the southern wing to facilitate intensive infrastructure sharing. The research labs were designed to be **modern shared facilities**, which are flexible and can be rearranged to accommodate research needs while encouraging collaboration.



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"I hope the new Dairy Bar brings some nostalgia to current students and creates memories that connect them to the Ferguson College of Agriculture forever. I'm looking forward to taking all my grandsons to the Dairy Bar for a sweet treat." – **Dana Bessinger, OSU Masters of Agriculture, '10**

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Featured News



Dean's Dialogue

OSU Agriculture launched a Dean's Dialogue series Nov. 30 focusing on vital conversations in the agricultural industry.

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Innovation Park

The Innovation Foundation at OSU has released a vision plan for a reimagined, 678-acre collaborative research park in Stillwater.

[Read More about Innovation Park](#)

National Champions

The OSU Livestock Judging team continues to break records by winning its 23rd national championship.

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National FFA President

Amara Jackson, a Ferguson College of Agriculture student, was named president of the National FFA Organization.

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The New Frontiers campaign has raised more than \$50 million, reaching the fundraising goal in record time! Click the button below to learn more about New Frontiers, including building features, donor stories, how you can support the project and more.

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