

ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS NETWORK

Coordinated by Dr. Joe Campbell and Ms. Nicole Jackson, the Environmental Professionals Network (EPN) is a service of Ohio State's School of Environment and Natural Resources. This network **connects environmental professionals** both in-person and online. EPN hosts monthly breakfast programs focused on innovative and pressing environmental topics, such as: controlling nutrient runoff and protecting water quality, achieving clean energy goals, and pests and invasive species.

Through this network, participants also have free access to many online networking capabilities, such as marketing, querying, information sharing, and more. Participants are also encouraged to create and share content such as job postings, reports and event announcements.

In its seven-year history, over **2,600 unique individuals** have participated in an EPN breakfast program and this year the EPN surpassed a milestone of **2,000 online participants**. Co-sponsored events this year included partnerships with various local, state and regional organizations including the Ohio Environmental Council, Ohio Hospital Association and the Water Management Association of Ohio.

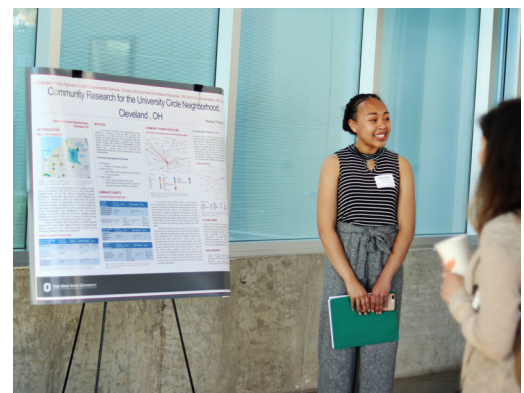
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR:



Top: 570 members of the community attended our April 2019 evening Signature Event "Women in Conservation" featuring Frances Beinecke (former President of the Natural Resource Defense Council and Winner of the 2007 Rachel Carson Award), Michelle DePass (CEO of the Meyer Memorial Trust and a former senior official at the US EPA's Office of International and Tribal Affairs), and Heather Taylor-Miesle (Executive Director for the Ohio Environmental Council).

Right: Marcelo Bonta (Founder of J.E.D.I. Heart) led a two-day training on Pursuing Equity and Inclusion within Environmental Organizations with over 50 Ohio-based environmental professionals in February 2019.

Bottom: EPN hosts forums for students to present independent research, student organization and capstone projects, including Marissa Thomas (Class of 2019).



This past year, **688 unique individuals** attended an EPN breakfast program, including **360** new breakfast program attendees and **167 students**.

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EPN: A YEAR IN REVIEW

Sept. '18-July '19



September 2018: The Lake Erie Impairment Designation- What Does it Mean and What Can We Learn From Other Watersheds?



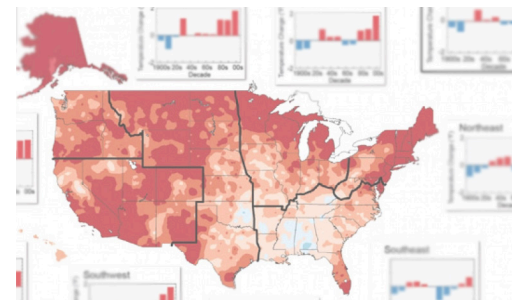
October 2018: Healthy Planet, Healthy Patients- Hospitals Reduce Their Environmental Footprint



November 2018: Let's Make Biking Work! An Integrated Transportation Approach to the First and Last Mile of Your Daily Commute



December 2018: O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree, How Sustainable Are Thy Branches? A Spirited Exploration of the Environmental Trade-Offs Between Real vs. Artificial Winter Holiday Decorations!



January 2019: Climate Action- Our Local Response to a Global Challenge



February 2019: Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion in the Environmental Movement



March 2019: Emerging Contaminants and Our Water Resources



April 2019 Signature Event: Women in Conservation- A Conversation with Frances Beinecke and Michelle DePass



May 2019: Building Relationships to Increase Prosperity and Well-Being in Ohio Communities



July 2019: Environmental Careers, Curriculum, and Collaborations