



Ann D. Christy, PE, Associate Dean and Director for Academic Programs in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences at the Ohio State University is being honored for outstanding contributions to the scholarship of teaching and learning and leadership of positive academic change at local and institution-wide scales.

As associate dean and director for academic programs, Christy's responsibilities include providing leadership for teaching and learning, recruitment, enrollment, retention, career services, education, and professional growth of the college's undergraduate students, as well as collaborating with faculty on teaching, learning, assessment, and curricular changes and innovations. In this role, she leads the office of academic programs which consists of over 20 staff and provides support to departments/units and students.

Christy's faculty appointment is a joint one between the department of food, agricultural, and biological engineering and the relatively new department of engineering education which she led the development of. As an instructor and as an advisor, she has been a source of encouragement, empowerment, and inspiration to over a thousand students. As one of two provost faculty fellows, Christy helped lead her university's conversion from an academic quarter system to a semester calendar. Prior to joining the faculty at Ohio State, she worked for an environmental engineering firm doing hazardous waste cleanups, and she continues to collaborate within that industry, serving on the board of directors for a local environmental consulting firm. Throughout her career, she has served as an academic change agent, achieving positive change on a large scale with semester conversion and department creation, as well as on an individual scale of one student at a time.

A 28-year member of ASABE, Christy has served as a member and leader on several committees. She is currently serving on the Board of Trustees. She also is highly involved in ABET and the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE). ASEE inducted her as a Fellow in 2019. She also served on the advisory board for the biological systems engineering department at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Christy's research in bioenergy, the environment, and engineering education has generated over 160 scholarly publications including over 50 on topics in teaching and learning. She has won numerous awards for her teaching and leadership including the Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching from the Ohio State University, ASABE's Massey-Ferguson Educational Gold Medal, and the National Award for Excellence in College and University Teaching from the US Department of Agriculture.