



### Important Upcoming Dates:

**Staff Meeting**—TBA, 12:00 -1:00pm at 311 Latham

**Donut Tuesday**—TBA, 8:30am at 311 Latham

**Faculty Meeting**—TBA, 3:00-4:15pm at Fralin Auditorium

**Graduate Student Lunch with Director**-TBA, 12:00-1:00pm at 311 Latham

**SPES Social**—TBA, 4:00 - 6:30pm at Rivermill

## Announcements/News:

On April 13, Ozzie Abaye taught her World Crops class on Facebook Live, cooking how to make samosas and hummus. Ozzie plans to use the online tool to connect with her students during this semesters online instruction.



### COOKING WITH “OZ”

Join Dr. Ozzie on Monday as she and her students make samosa and hummus during her World Crops course. Join and share your memories of the class and Dr. Ozzie.

April 13 | 12pm | on Facebook Live



## Announcements and News:



“Bee hotels and habitats should be maintained after installation. Tim McCoy, a Virginia Cooperative Extension associate with Virginia Tech Pesticide Programs shares his tips for backyard bee habitats. This story is part of a new Extension Master Gardener series highlighting timely horticultural issues.” Read more about it at: [https://vtnews.vt.edu/articles/2020/03/ext-entomologists-tips-for-installing-and-maintaining-native-bee-houses.html?utm\\_source=cmpgn\\_news&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=vtUnirelNewsDailyCMP\\_040220-fs](https://vtnews.vt.edu/articles/2020/03/ext-entomologists-tips-for-installing-and-maintaining-native-bee-houses.html?utm_source=cmpgn_news&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=vtUnirelNewsDailyCMP_040220-fs)

## Graduate Student Awards:

Parul Sharma and Marcela Aguilera Flores of the Vinatzer lab placed 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wendell Hutchens of the McCall lab placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Graduate Student Oral Paper Competition at the American Phytopathological Society Potomac Division Meeting held virtually on March 12.

## New Employees:

New staff member Ethan Frederick , began working in the Soil Testing Lab on April 10, in the position of ICP Spectroscopist reporting to Rory Maguire.

Zhibo Wang began a new position as a Post-Doctoral Associate on April 10, reporting to Bo Zhang.



## Publications:

Hilaire, S.S.; Bellows, B.; Brady, J.A.; Muir, J.P. Oxytetracycline and Monensin Uptake by Tifton 85 Bermudagrass from Dairy Manure-Applied Soil. *Agronomy* **2020**, *10*, 468.

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