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CSU Extension opens regional offices across the State of Ohio

WILBERFORCE, OH – Expanding its programming across the State of Ohio, Central State University Extension (CSUE) has opened regional offices managed by newly hired coordinators.

Justin Barhart has been named the CSUE Northwest Ohio Regional Associate.

CSUE Associate Director Siddhartha DasGupta, Ph.D., says regional offices will allow the organization to provide educational programming specifically designed to meet the needs of the communities it serves across Ohio.

“CSUE understands that each community in Ohio is unique and has special needs that can benefit from our programming in agriculture/natural resources, family and consumer science, 4-H and youth development as well as community and economic development. CSUE programming is specifically designed to meet the needs of underserved and underrepresented populations in Ohio. I’m excited to have Justin Barnhart join our team.”

Barnhart received his undergraduate degree, cum laude, in education with a minor in political science and history.

He has previously served as a Bowling Green State University Telefund-Trainer/Supervisor; State Grassroots Operations Director for Ohio/Rick Santorum for President Campaign; Campaign Manager, Ohio House Republican Organizational Committee; Senior Legislative Aide, State Representatives Jim Buchy and Jim Zehringer; and Village Administrator, Village of Leipsic.

Barnhart has served as president of the Agriculture Education Foundation, as well as an intern for Congressman Bob Latta.

A member of multiple professional organizations, Swallow is a 2020 recipient of an Honorary Indiana FFA State Degree.

Other regional offices and coordinators include:

*Seth Swallow, Southwest Ohio

*Leslie Horner, Southeast Ohio

*Kelly Beers, Northeast Ohio

For more information about any CSUE programs across Ohio, visit www.centralstate.edu/csueextension.

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