

2019 Outstanding Educator Award:



Meredith Wolfe

Environmental &
Agricultural
Technologies Teacher

Clay High School
(Oregon, Ohio)

Meredith Wolfe calls Curtice, Ohio home and attended Clay High School. As a graduate of Clay's Agricultural and Environmental Technologies program, Meredith attended The Ohio State University and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Education and later earned a Master's Degree in Educational Technology from Walden University. Meredith has taught for ten years at Fairview, Sylvania Southview and Clay High School.

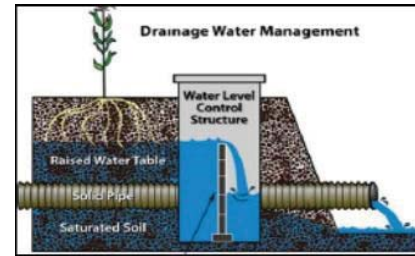
While working at Clay, Meredith's students have been involved in numerous activities to develop rigorous and relevant resumes rich with experience and skill. Meredith's students have been involved in Student Watershed Watch, Clean Your Streams, Annual Milkweed Pod Collection Drives, Tree Packing in conjunction with Lucas SWCD, Envirothon, Elementary Environmental Education, Kayaking and Water Safety Events, Job Shadowing and Placement, capstone projects, FFA Wildlife Management and Nature Interpretation Career Development Events, AgriScience Fair projects, etc. Most recently, Meredith participated in the Great Lakes Watershed Field Course in which her students travelled to Sutton's Bay, MI to participate in the Inland Seas Education Association Schoolship Program. Meredith has written several grants including earning a classroom Beepod, Labquest monitoring equipment and most recently received an Ohio EPA OEEF grant for an Augmented Reality Watershed Table in collaboration with the Lucas SWCD and several other Northwest Ohio organizations. Meredith is a Project Wet, Healthy Water Healthy People, GLOBE and Project Wild Teacher as well as a teacher leader with the Grow Next Gen organization. Meredith is currently working with the ODNR and Ducks Unlimited to support the possible development of an educational wetland facility on nearby under-utilized Jerusalem Township property. She received a 2019 Clay Career Tech Hall of Fame Award!

While not at school, Meredith is married and has two young sons, Greyson (7) and Carter (5) all of which share her love for the outdoors!

~ *Congratulations on a job well done!* ~

2019 Outstanding Cooperator Award: Kevin Ruedy

Mr. Ruedy has partnered with the USDA-NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program to install water control structures managing over 60 acres of farmland in eastern Lucas County. Water Control Structures allow farmers to manage the stormwater leaving their drainage tiles, holding back water and nutrients to support crops and improve local water quality.



2019 Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program Award Winners: Ed Gilbert III & The Herman Family



The Gilbert Marsh

Completed in 2018, the project restored 13.76 acres of wetland habitat in Jerusalem Township. A variety of wildlife has been observed in the wetland and the Gilberts plan to use the property for education and recreation.



The John Herman Wetland

Completed in 2018, the project restored 53 acres of wetland habitat and 62 acres of native grasses/flowers in Jerusalem Township. The Herman Wetland also neighbors the Carstensen Wetland, creating a corridor for wildlife.

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